

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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## *This Week on Campus*

### **We Love Northern Ball - Blast from the Past**



Last weekend over 300 We Love Northern Ball attendees dressed up like debutants from the Roaring 20s. The night was full of glamorous company and entertainment with the local band Blind Luck providing outstanding musical performances. Just think of how many current and future Northern students will be fortunate enough to receive scholarships due to one evening's fund raising. Northern sends out a huge thank you to everyone who made the We Love Northern Ball a success.

The Scholarship Awards ceremony is March 27th-you still have time to help a Northern student get an education that works! Use the link below and make your contribution today.

<http://www.northernfoundationalumni.com/we-love-northern-ball.html>

### **Valentine's Day Food Drive**

During the month of February, join the Northern Ambassadors in gathering food for the Havre Food Bank. There are boxes for donations located at various places around campus, and each individual can also bring a nonperishable food item to the Skylights and Lights basketball games on Valentine's Day to receive \$3 off admission. Let's spread a little love this February by giving food to those in need.

## Career Fair Boasts Record Numbers



The Armory Gymnasium was full of bustling activity on Monday, February 9 as it hosted the second career fair of the academic year. The Career Center was able to bring in 38 employers seeking opportunities to visit with students from every major offered at Northern. This is the largest amount of employers ever to attend the spring event. Approximately 250 students attended the fair and many took advantage of the time to interview with the eight employers who have openings for coops and full-time placement. The number of students attending the event this spring was higher than the Fall 2014 Career Fair.

GE Transportation and Butler Machinery were the two Gold Sponsors, while Wärtsilä, CG Ag, Frontier Electric and Electro-Motive Diesel were the Maroon Sponsors. All six employers reported that they were able to talk to many students about career opportunities. Following the event, Wärtsilä representatives informed the Career Center that they liked the venue in spring, because it helped them make a smooth transition from their fall visit to screen candidates for coops and fulltime employment.

Feedback from all employers was very positive, many stating they were impressed with how many students arrived with resumes in hand. One employer informed the Career Center that they had just attended another Montana university fair the week before and didn't have near the number of interested students stopping by their booth as they did at Northern's fair.

The Career Center would like to thank everyone for their help in setting up, and tearing down, for the big day. A special THANK YOU goes out to all of the crews in the Athletic Department, Physical Plant, University Relations, Food Services, Event Coordinator, Media Center, Vande Bogart Library, Admissions, Advising Center, Financial Aid Office, Student Support Services, IT Department, and the faculty who brought students to the fair, released students from class to attend or gave extra credit to their students who attended. All of your hard work, and willingness to give up your offices for interview rooms is greatly appreciated! Many employers and students thanked the Career Center for the extra elbow room in the gym, the nice table displays, and comfortable rooms for interviewing.

The next career fair will be held during the fall 2015 semester, with the date yet to be determined. We encourage all students to prepare for the next stream of employers who will be here at that time. Networking is a key ingredient for building your career. It's not all what you know, but also who you know. Please come to the Career Center for early preparation tips.

## Northern Starts Cross-Country

MSU-Northern recently announced their decision to begin men's and women's cross country this fall.

Northern's Athletic Director Christian Oberquell explained the two-fold reasoning behind pursuing this athletics addition. "We want to help grow our athletics programs and do what we can to help the Frontier Conference," Oberquell explained. For the Frontier Conference to be affiliated with the NAIA in cross country, six teams must participate within the Conference. Northern hopes its choice to start cross country will inspire other schools to pursue the opportunity as well. The Frontier Conference is looking for growth overall, hoping to persuade every school (within the Frontier Conference) to introduce each sport the others have so they will all compete in the same sports.

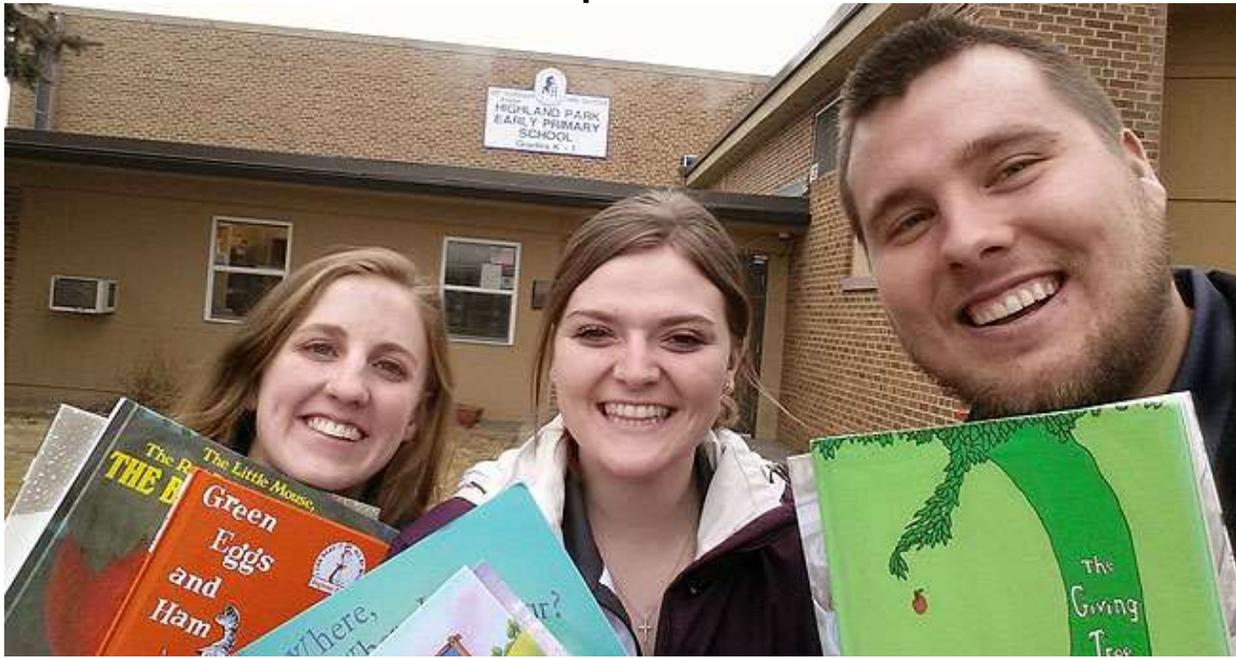
The school is aiming to recruit ten runners for the women's team and ten for the men's. They need five athletes to compete but would like to secure ten for this first season. Recruiters will scour the Hi-Line for future Lights runners, as there are strong cross country programs in and around the Havre area. If more students walk on, that will be a welcome development.

## Writer's Café Grand Opening



The Learning Success Center in the Vande Bogart Library has opened a new Writer's Café, and the grand opening occurred this past Tuesday. Attendees enjoyed a snack buffet and door prizes. The café concept is a metaphor deriving from the literary tradition of writers gathering in cafes to share ideas and discuss writing. We hope this similar comfortable setup will inspire our students to come in and work on enhancing their writing skills. The Writer's Café (with Terry Blosser as tutor) is open Monday-Thursday 11-1 and 5-7, and Fridays by appointment.

## MSU-Northern Ambassadors Help out the Schools



The MSU-Northern Ambassadors have made it a priority to support our Havre community and represent Northern in a positive way. This week, our Ambassadors visited Highland Park School and Lincoln-McKinley School to celebrate Library Lovers Month by reading aloud to students. The group also spent time at the Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen and is hosting a Food Drive this week on campus for Havre's Food Bank. If you would like to donate food items, please drop them in the food drive boxes placed around campus.

Pictured: Taylor Cumming, Tayla Snapp and Matt McKeen

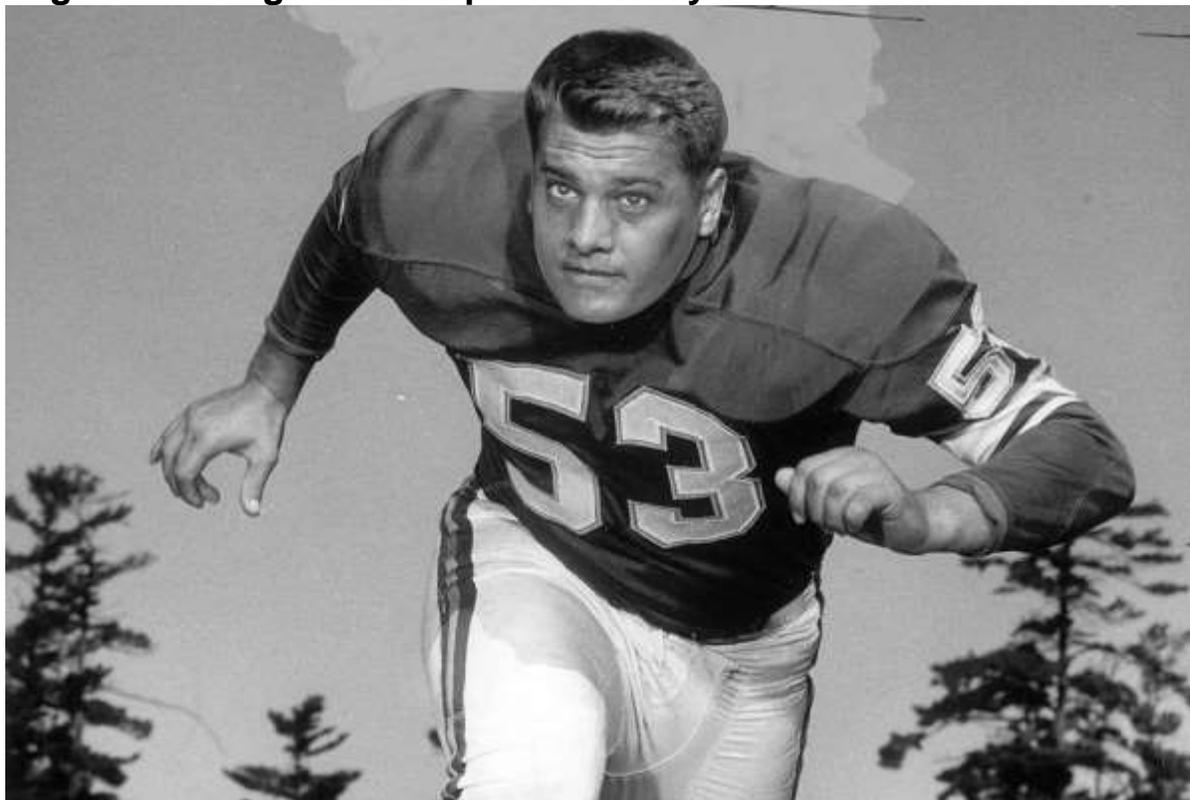
## Indian Education for All Distinction and Publication

The Indian Education for All EDU 315 (IEFA) class is an important requirement for MSU-N teacher education candidates. The State of Montana's IEFA initiative requires all teachers who teach in our state to have at least one reference to Native Americans in all lessons. Dr. Fred Smiley's fall (2014) class, with wonderful help from Sarah Pierce, the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Teaching and Learning Coordinator and Indian Education Specialist,



produced a unique final examination. Pierce communicated frequently during the term, both online and in person, offering a textbook for the class before the term commenced, but then encouraging the candidates' writing of their special final examination. For that concluding project, each candidate developed five annotated bibliographies of books, articles, web sites, movies, and quotes, and the collected and carefully-edited effort netted 187 pages. Caleb Hutchins designed the cover and table of contents, and the MUS-N Media Reprographics Office printed it. All class members received a copy of the bound manuscript they can use in their future teaching assignments, and the document was subsequently submitted for publication to OPI and is now a permanent part of their resources to help Montana teachers with various Native American-referenced lesson and curriculum aids. One important tenet of all classes for potential teacher educators is the blending of "theory-into-practice," and this class demonstrated and achieved that goal extremely well. In the picture, left to right, are Cameo Mitchell, Kristi Hickman, Mia Lane Bull, Ms. Sara Pierce (of OPI), Dr. Smiley, Cassie Taberna, Hollie Hubbard, Jennifer Fitch, Taryn Norby, Seth Jared Pomeroy, Rachelle Bennett, and Lindsay Tennant.

## Legends for Lights Participant Recently Added to Hall of Fame



On January 31, 2015, center Mick Tingelhoff of the Minnesota Vikings was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Tingelhoff played for the Vikings from 1962-1978 and started every game during that time span. During this period the Vikings won 10 divisional titles and appeared in four Super Bowls with Tingelhoff playing a key role in all the successes. He was All-Pro for seven years in a row and a Pro Bowl selection for six straight years.

This national sports news is readily available all over the Internet, but here it's being used to frame Mick's Northern connection. The Hall of Famer was a participant in the first Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree weekend in 2004 and has been back several times since. The Jamboree has led to the founding of The Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation which, to date, has contributed over \$1,000,000 to Northern's Athletic Department.

Those locals who have met Tingelhoff describe him as a gentle, humble, yet still an imposing figure, an enthusiastic competitor in the Jamboree, and a welcome visitor to our community. Congrats Mick Tingelhoff for his upcoming induction to The Pro Football Hall of Fame, and we send our thanks to him for his contributions to our school and our community.

## *Announcements*

### **Presidents Day**

There are no classes on Monday, but the offices will be open

#### **Library hours**

- Saturday closed
- Sunday closed
- Monday (President's Day) 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

## Student Excellence Award Nomination

Each year we recognize up to ten students who have demonstrated exemplary service throughout their time as Montana State University - Northern students. The Northern family can assist in identifying those students who have represented themselves, MSUN, and the community in a positive manner. Each faculty or staff member is allowed to submit up to four nominations. Thank you in advance for taking the time to nominate our outstanding students.

### Student Excellence Award Nomination Criteria:

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through their academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities
- Any current student is eligible who will have earned the equivalent of 60 semester credits by the end of the Spring 2015 semester and must have been enrolled at MSU-Northern for Fall 2014 Semester
- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75
- Previous winners are not eligible

### How to nominate a student:

- Pick up a form at the SUB Information Desk and return it to Kim Watson or
- Email Kim Watson at [kimberly.watson5@msun.edu](mailto:kimberly.watson5@msun.edu) with the following information:
  - Name of nominee
  - Email address of nominee
  - Cell number of nominee
  - Complete the following statement:

This student deserves a Northern Student Excellence Award for the following reasons:

Make sure you include your name, title, position, and identification or relationship to the student.

The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

Award recipients will be recognized on March 27, 2015 during the university scholarships and student awards ceremony. More information on this event will be available as the ceremony date approaches.

## Upcoming Events

### Northern Basketball White Out- Feb. 13 & 14

Don't forget to wear a white t-shirt to the Lights and Skylights games this weekend

The Lights will be playing Rocky Mountain College tonight, February 13, and both the Lights and Skylights will take on Carroll College on February 14. Get your white shirts with your choice of a single color logo at the MSUN Bookstore: cotton tee \$15 and performance tee \$18.

### Valentine's Dinner and Cabaret- Feb. 14

The Montana Actors' Theatre and Holden's Hotwheels are hosting a Valentine's dinner event featuring the Electric City Cabaret and martini bar. The event will take place on Saturday, Valentine's Day, at the Old Post Office downtown. The dinner event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a late night showing with cocktails at 9:30 p.m. and the show at 10 p.m. Tickets for the full dinner show are \$35 per person and \$50 for a couple. Tickets for the late night showing are \$15 a person and \$25 for a couple. You can find tickets online or at Angie's Wildflowers on 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

### Karaoke Night- Feb. 18

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee is presenting karaoke at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The next karaoke night will be February 18. Come and practice those gutsy rock star songs and moves. Remember; the last karaoke night of the semester there will be a showdown to determine the best karaoke singer who will win a \$100 gift certificate. The dates of the other upcoming karaoke nights are: March 18 and April 15.

### Paranormal Researcher & Psychic Medium "Chris Moon"- Feb. 26

Christopher Moon had his first paranormal experience at the age of seven. At the age of twelve, he had a definite psychic/medium sense, and began doing remedial paranormal investigations. At the age of 16,

Christopher decided he could no longer turn his back on what he felt he was truly meant to do. In 2004, he published his first issue of his now worldwide distributed Haunted Times Magazine. Christopher is also one of the few people who can accurately operate Thomas Edison's Telephone to the Dead and uses the device for paranormal research and investigations.

On February the 26th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, Moon, along with his mother Paulette, will present an intriguing one-hour gallery tarot card reading. Following the reading, attendees will have the opportunity to have short personal one-on-one readings from Paulette, and 40 students will be able to experience a ghost investigation in Morgan Hall and/or Donaldson Hall with Moon.

This event is free to all who dare. To be sure you are one of the 40 people to go on the ghost investigation, sign up at the SUB Information Desk prior to the event. For more information about Chris Moon, check out: [www.chrismoonpsychic.com](http://www.chrismoonpsychic.com)

## The Spring 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series begins March 4

### History, Poetry, Stories and Music!

The Chancellor's Lecture Series committee members proudly present the spring 2015 events. Designed to create campus and community-wide conversation, the Spring 2015 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series will consist of four presentations by distinguished guests. The campus community and general public are cordially invited to attend all of the lectures, and admission is free. Please mark your calendars and join us for some stimulating and entertaining lectures.

#### **Anya Jabour, PhD**

##### ***"History of Women's Suffrage in Montana"***

This lecture will take place Wednesday, March the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium with reception to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the MSUN Vande Bogart Library. This presentation is sponsored by the MSUN Cultural Diversity Center, MSUN Vande Bogart Library, and MSUN Chancellor's Lecture Series. Dr. Jabour's display will be in the library during the month of March.

#### **Tami Haaland**

##### ***"Montana's Poet Laureate Reading"***

This reading will take place on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium  
This lecture is sponsored by Humanities Montana and the MSUN Chancellor's Lecture Series.

#### **Ellen Baumler**

There will be more information on this lecture in the future. It will take place on ***"Chinese in Montana: Our Forgotten Pioneers"***

Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium.

#### **Jack Glatzer**

##### ***"One Man, One Violin and One Remarkable Concert"***

Glatzer will perform on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium.

For more information visit the Chancellor's Lecture Series website:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2014/ChancellorSeries.aspx>.

## *Upcoming Faculty Workshops*

### **Tech Snacks: Accessibility - Feb. 13**

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Accessibility. How easy is it for students with disabilities to access your online content? Learn how vision impaired students use "screen readers," how deaf students use captioning, and how you can improve their learning experience with just a few simple best practices. Tech Snacks is happening today, Friday, February 13, in the Extended University office (Cowan Hall 110) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and in the Brockmann Center conference room at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

## PASSHE Virtual Conference

Now in its 6th year, Transforming the Teaching & Learning Environment: the PASSHE Virtual Conference provides an opportunity to engage with education professionals from around the world—all from the comfort of your office or home. Over the course of two weeks in February, 60 one-hour live interactive sessions will be delivered online. Topics range from Emerging Technologies to Organizational Best Practices to Mobile Learning and more. To view session offerings and to register, click the following link: "2015 Sessions by Date" (or <http://www.passhe.edu/inside/asa/DEConf/Pages/2015-Sessions-by-Date.aspx>). Web conferences will require the use of Blackboard collaborate (a free download). Please contact Justin Mason in Extended University for more information.

## Graduation 2.0 Workshop - Feb. 19 & 20

Topics discussed at this session will include Degreeworks, transferring credits and substitutions, general education paperwork and requirements, graduation paperwork, and tips from veteran advisors for new faculty and advisors. It will be held on February 19 in Cowan Hall 112 at 4 p.m. and February 20 in Brockmann 209 at noon.

## Montana XLi Conference - Mar. 12-13

The Extended Learning Institute (XLi) is Montana's premiere distance and blended education conference. XLi is a chance for innovative educators and administrators to come together and share what they know about applied educational technology. It will take place March 12-13 at Carroll College in Helena. For more information, visit <http://xli.carroll.edu/>

## Weekly Articles

### Writer's Café Menu Tip:

By Terry Blosser



Here's how to boost your scores on short essay answer exams: In your first sentence of response to an exam question, try turning the question into a statement. For example, if the question is, "What are three qualities of effective leadership?" you might respond, "Three qualities of effective leadership are vision, determination and integrity." Your subsequent sentences would then provide definitions, description and examples to show what each of these three terms mean. Use this tip to bring focus and organization to your response.

Improve your writing assignments! Consult with Terry Blosser at the Writer's Cafe in the Vande Bogart Library, Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7 p.m., and Fridays by appointment.

### @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you looking for a good book to read on your tablet or phone? Do you want to listen to a good book while driving, exercising, or doing housework? "MontanaLibrary2Go" is a great source of popular fiction and nonfiction (including cookbooks, biographies, travel, self-help, and more) books for adults, young adults and children. As an MSUN student, faculty, or staff member you can check out 5 titles to read or to listen to. You can also place holds on titles that you wish to read in the future.

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## **Tidbits**

By Bill Lanier

Over the years there have been many Northern Alumni who have gone on to become coaches in various sports at colleges and universities all around the United States. You are probably aware that the current Northern coaches Tyson Thivierge (wrestling), Dustyn Azure (wrestling), Bill Huebsch (volleyball) and Autumn Elliot (volleyball) are Northern graduates, but they are just a few Northern Alumni who have made a career out of coaching at the collegiate level.

The most interesting duo may be the two Northern Alumni who are assistant football coaches for the Willamette Bearcats of Willamette University (NCAA III). Tanner Smith coaches the offensive line and kickers at Willamette University and played football for Northern (2003 graduate). The second is running backs coach, Darryl Smith. Darryl actually played baseball for Northern before playing for and graduating from Eastern Montana College (now MSU-Billings) in 1975. Tanner has coached at Willamette for 11 years and Darryl 10 years. Darryl is Tanner's father.

Future Tidbits will highlight others who are coaching at the college level.