

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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*This Week on Campus*

## Northern's Wrestling Team Heads to Nationals



Last weekend the Lights wrestling team hosted a tournament that would determine which schools' athletes will make appearances at the national competition in Topeka, Kansas. The Lights showed up and showed off, securing three individual titles (Toby Chef, Garrett DeMers, and Ethan Hinebauch) and ended up with six wrestlers qualifying to take part in the national tournament. Our Lights will compete in Kansas on March 6-7, so stay tuned for updates on how they fare at nationals.

## Serbia Flag Joins Northern's Collection



During the 1990's MSU-Northern had a bustling international student population. The international club that grew from that diverse population decided to donate each member's flag to the college to symbolize his or her country's presence at MSUN.

Today Nikola Ivanovic (from Belgrade, Serbia) is part of MSUN's student body. After examining the collection of flags in the Vande Bogart Library's entryway, Ivanovic realized his country was not represented. Northern sought to change that and adequately honor Ivanovic's time here, so a Serbian flag has been added to the colorful array hanging in the breezeway. Northern is excited about this addition, and hopes to add many more flags in the years to come.

## Grease opens tonight



Montana Actor's Theatre and Tilleman Motors is pleased to present the delightful musical, Grease. The show takes place in California during the summer of 1959 when greaser Danny Zuko and goody two-shoes Sandy Olsen from Australia, fall in love over the summer and never expect to see each other again. When they both discover that they're now attending the same high school, social differences challenge their romance. However the Danny at school is different from Danny at the beach. He is the leader of the T-Birds, a leather clad gang, and has a reputation to keep up. He can't be seen to fall in love with just one chick! Sandy is upset and seeks solace with some of her new friends - a female gang called The Pink Ladies. In the end their love prevails.

The play is written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey and is directed by Rachel Dean and Donald Mayer. The show will run for the next three weekends (Feb.17-28, March 5-7 & 10-14) in the MSUN/MAT Theatre. Doors & Backstage Lounge Open at 7:30 p.m. the show begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20/Adults, \$15/Students/Seniors. MSUN Students are free with valid MSUN ID.

## National TRIO Week



This week Student Support Services celebrated National TRIO Week, February 23-27. According to the 1986 Congressional resolution, National TRIO Day is meant to focus the nation's "attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the necessary investment if they are to become contributing citizens of the country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made." In support of this resolution, the SSS wanted to give back to their students and champion the needs of the Havre Food Bank by hosting a chili lunch for their program participants. Students, faculty, and staff were asked to bring a donation (whether monetary or food) to the event. The chili feed was great fun and a big success SSS thanks everyone who helped celebrate National TRIO Week.

## Melissa Edwards to Present at Quality Matters Conference in April

Quality Matters is a quality assurance peer-based group that is nationally renowned for its strides in improving online education. MSU-Northern's Curriculum Director, Melissa Edwards, proposed a presentation for the upcoming Quality Matters Conference "Designing for Impact" and was chosen to present. The conference will take place April 9-10 in Seattle, WA, and Edwards will attend and present her talk entitled, "Badges? We Ain't Got No Badges!" Edwards will represent Northern during the theatre-style presentation block (which includes the presentation plus a question and answer

period). Congratulations Melissa Edwards! You make Northern proud! Check out more about Quality Matters at: [www.qualitymatters.org](http://www.qualitymatters.org)

## **Hutchins to Present at XLI Conference**

Caleb Hutchins, an instructional designer and D2L support person at MSU-Northern Extended University, will be presenting at the upcoming XLI Conference in Helena this March. Hutchins's presentation will be about "Branching Course Design," individualized online course content that changes based on the choices or performance of each student. 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/sessions.html>

## **Heather Thompson to Present at XLI Conference**

Northern's own Heather Thompson has been accepted to present at the XLI 2015 Conference at Carroll College in March. The title of his presentation is "Adjunct Faculty- Lost On-line." This will be Thompson's first presentation at a higher education conference, and she is beyond excited for the opportunity to represent Northern in this way. The session listing can be found at: <http://xli.carroll.edu/sessions.html>

## *Upcoming Events*

### **The Need is Constant. Give Blood, So Others May Live - Mar. 3**

There will be a blood drive on Northern's campus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. It will be held that Tuesday in the SUB from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. You can sign up online or contact Sherry Kegel at 265-3599, and she will be happy to sign you up.

Thanks, in advance, for taking the time to give blood and help save lives!

### **Women's Suffrage Lecture and Reception - Mar. 4**

Sponsored by the MSU-Northern's Cultural Diversity Center, Vande Bogart Library and Chancellor's Lecture Series, the university will host "History of Women's Suffrage in Montana" with Dr. Anya Jabour on Wednesday, March 4. Her presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium - Applied Technology Center, followed by a reception at 7:30 p.m. in the library. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Dr. Jabour's lecture offers biographical sketches of some of Montana's most significant women reformers such as Jeannette Rankin, the Missoula pacifist who voted against U.S. entry into both world wars; Hazel Hunkins, a Billings woman who went to federal prison for picketing the White House on behalf of suffrage; Maggie Smith Hathaway, who pioneered child welfare legislation in the state; and Helen Piotopowaka Clarke, the first Native American woman elected to public office in the Montana Territory. Jabour is a professor in the History Department and a past co-director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the University of Montana. In 2013, Professor Jabour was named the University of Montana's Distinguished Scholar.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700. Please visit the website to see the Spring 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series: <http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2014/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

### **Women's Basketball Playoff - Mar. 6**

Northern will be hosting a women's semi-final playoff game on Friday March the 6th at 7 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Monday morning at 9 a.m. in the athletic office. Students will be allowed 1 free ticket per game and must have a current student ID. Students must pick up their ticket before 5 p.m. on Friday. Tickets will be \$10 for adult and \$8 for students/seniors/kids. Tickets will be available at the athletic office only from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Season tickets and passes are not valid during playoff games.

## Men's Basketball Playoff - Undecided

The conference games this Saturday will determine if Northern will get to host the first round of the Men's playoff games. If we do get to host a game it will be on Wednesday March the 4th at 7 p.m. Those tickets will also go on sale Monday at 9 a.m. Students will be allowed 1 free ticket per game and must have a current student ID. Students must pick up their ticket before 5 p.m. on Wednesday March the 4th. Tickets will be \$10 for adult and \$8 for students/seniors/kids. Tickets will be available at the athletic office only from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Season tickets and passes are not valid during playoff games.

## Hi-Line Regional Science Fair - Mar. 10

The Hi-Line Regional Science Fair will be held at the MSU Northern SUB on March 10. Grades 5-12 students from Culbertson to Chester to Turner will attend to compete for awards, prizes, and recognition. This fair has been held on the campus for twenty-four years. Approximately 150 students will be interviewed by judges several times throughout the day, starting at 9 a.m. The morning session of judging ends at about 12:30 p.m. with the afternoon judging beginning at 1:30 p.m.. The projects are open to the public starting at about 3 p.m. when judging is complete for the day.

Awards are slated for 4:30 p.m. in the Hagener building and are open to the public. Grades 5 through 8 students are eligible for cash prizes and awards. High school students can vie for a chance to win prizes, cash awards, and an all-expense paid trip to ISEF, the International Science and Engineering Fair that will be held this year in Philadelphia, PA. Other regional fairs in the state are held in Great Falls, Butte, Billings, with the state fair held in Missoula. The coordinator for the event is Mel Schwarzbach, a teacher at Big Sandy High School, and the judging coordinator is Mardy Demarais, a retired teacher from Malta High School. If you're interested in judging, please contact Mardy at 406-390-5693 or [mdemarais@yahoo.com](mailto:mdemarais@yahoo.com).

## Free Movie Night - Mar. 18

Northern's Ambassadors are hosting a free movie night on Wednesday, March 18 from 7-9 p.m. in the Hensler Auditorium. The Ambassadors will be providing free pizza and beverages. The title of the film is *Blackfish*, a documentary on how SeaWorld gets their whales from captivity. Come to this fun and informative event to hang out with friends and learn more about our world.

## Upcoming Faculty Workshops

### Lunch and Learn - Mar. 2

Are you interested in learning more about the diversity within the students, staff, and faculty at MSUN? If so, please bring your lunch and join us for our first monthly "Lunch & Learn" to increase awareness and education about LGBTQIQ (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and questioning) individuals and issues on campus. Margaret Mahoney will be facilitating a conversation on terminology, definitions and usage of language about LGBTQIQ identities.

Mahoney joined MSUN as a criminal justice faculty member last fall. She holds a BS in criminal justice from Eastern Kentucky University, an MS in justice administration from the University of Louisville, and is a doctoral candidate in criminology at the University of Delaware with specialization in sociology of gender. Following Mahoney's talk, attendees can share some topics of interest for possible discussion during the April Lunch & Learn, and we will discuss our mission and goals as we look towards fall of 2015. This event will take place on Monday, March the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:15 p.m. in the SUB Fireside Room

Contact Cristina Estrada Underwood x.3589 or Amber Spring x.3783 for more information.

### Tech Snacks: Release Conditions - Feb. 27

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Release Conditions. Learn how to use "release conditions" in D2L to control how and when each student sees content, quizzes, dropboxes and discussions. Guide the learning process, or make sure they understand a concept before moving on to the next. Cut down on excuses about not reading the syllabus or missing reading material before taking a quiz! Tech Snacks is happening today, Friday, February 27, 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 2:00 p.m.

## Montana XLI Conference - Mar. 12-13

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## Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops and certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

## Weekly Articles

### Writer's Café Menu Tip:

By Terry Blosser



Instructors and employers will judge you by how you write. Researchers have identified 20 writing errors that college students commonly make. Here are a few... Using the wrong word-you must know how words are used in context, so don't trust spellcheckers. Be careful of words such as "there" and "their" that spellcheckers miss. Check for unnecessary or missing capitalization of words. Be aware of unnecessary shifts in verb tense-be consistent. Proof your writing for run-on sentences that need punctuation. Tip: to boost your writing credibility, Google the Stanford University, "Top 20 Errors in Undergraduate Writing" report.

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

### @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Starting Monday, March the 2nd, the Vande Bogart Library will be hosting the "Leading the Way--Montana Woman Suffrage & the Struggle for Equal Citizenship" exhibit. This is a 5-panel exhibit which chronicles the civic history of women in Montana. Montana women seized their right to vote in November, 1914, when suffrage was extended to most women in the state. The Mansfield Library of the University of Montana created the exhibit to help celebrate this important centennial. The exhibition will be viewable in the library through March.

Please join us on Wednesday, March the 4th, for a program by Dr. Anya Jabour entitled "History of Women's Suffrage in Montana." Dr. Jabour will be speaking at 6:30 p.m. in the ATC Hensler Auditorium. Following her presentation, there will be a reception in the library at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Jabour's program and the exhibit are being sponsored by the Montana State University-Northern's Cultural Diversity Center, Chancellor's Lecture Series Committee, and the Vande Bogart Library.

### Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Congratulations to Corbin Pearson who became the 18th Northern Lights basketball player to reach 1,000 career points this last weekend. Also congratulations to Toby Chef, Garrett DeMers and Ethan Hinebauch for winning regional wrestling titles in their respective weight classes.

Keep an eye on A'Jha Edwards who is only six rebounds away from breaking Stacie Barker's single season rebound record of 266.