

### NorthWestern Energy Donates \$125,000 to MSUN Auto/Diesel Center



On Tuesday, January 13, NorthWestern Energy presented MSU-Northern with a gift of \$125,000 to sponsor the library in the new Auto/Diesel Technology Center.

"At NorthWestern Energy, we make significant investments in infrastructure, with the goal of improving our utility system for decades to come," said NorthWestern's Chief Executive Officer Bob Rowe. "Our gift to MSU-Northern is an investment in educational infrastructure that will help students and families for decades to come."

"We are very grateful to NorthWestern Energy for their support of our new Auto/Diesel Technology Center. They are a valued partner and have supported Northern on campus boards, grants, and the employment of our graduates," said Greg Kegel, Chancellor of MSU-Northern. "NorthWestern Energy's level of support is going to help make this project a reality."

Thanks to NorthWestern Energy's gift, the college is on track to begin the building process in the spring of 2015. The new Automotive/Diesel Technology Center will be located where the current Automotive/Davey Pioneer Building is located.

## MSU-Northern Announces New Head Football Coach

During the break, Aaron Christensen was named Northern's new Head Football Coach. He is already on campus planning and recruiting for next year's football season.

"My family and I are excited for this great opportunity and look forward to becoming part of the Havre community. As the Head Football Coach, I plan on working to bring a physical, disciplined, and hard-working team to MSU-Northern and put a team on the field that will make the college proud. I look forward to getting to work," said Christensen.



Before coming to Northern, Christensen was the Offensive Coordinator and Recruiting Coordinator at Missouri Valley College. Christensen has coached at the NAIA level for over 10 seasons. During this time, he has been able to work as a Running Back Coach, Video Coordinator, Passing Game Coordinator, and Wide Receivers' Coach. He has been part of four consecutive HAAC Championships and four NAIA Playoff appearances over the past four seasons (including a NAIA Semi-Final Appearance in 2012). Christensen has an M.A. in Management from Lindenwood University and a B.A. in Management from Si Tanka Huron University.

This selection was made after an extensive nationwide search that garnered 62 applicants and four finalists who were brought to campus for personal interviews. "I was very impressed by the quality of the candidates, and I am excited that Aaron has joined the team," said Christian Oberquell, MSU-Northern's Athletic Director.

"Aaron brings a great football knowledge and background to MSU-Northern. His hard-nose exciting brand of football, we feel, will take us to the next level. Aaron wants to win and he also understands Havre and our region and also has great recruiting ties across the country," explained Oberquell. Welcome to the Northern family, Aaron Christensen!

## Webers to Join Northern Lights Wrestling Team

This past August, after the "trip of a lifetime" to Germany, brothers Brandon and Matt Weber of Forsyth, Montana faced the sad reality that their European tour with Team Montana may have been the last time they would wrestle on the same team. The Weber brothers won championships together, grew up on the AAU circuit as teammates, and then wrestled the Germans, side by side. After years as teammates, would their athletic lives, educations, and careers finally separate them?

Brandon graduated from Forsyth last year with three individual state titles and four finals appearances and finished his prep career an amazing 200-9, setting the Montana record for most victories. In the fall, he went to school at Miles Community College and studied Ag Production/Animal Science. One day he wants to run a ranch.

Matt is looking to join Montana's list of 23 four-time state wrestling champions this year. He won the 138-pound division at Forsyth's Matador Invitational Saturday, racking up three pins along the way and a major decision victory in the title tilt. He hopes to one day become a U.S. Navy Seal to serve his country and travel the world like his wrestling coach and father Scott Weber once did.

Though it seemed like their brother-duo wrestling days were over, the pair recently signed national letters of intent to join the Montana State University-Northern wrestling team next year. Both brothers are looking forward to their time at Northern. They were drawn to the college due to the solid agricultural program for Brandon and the criminal justice opportunities for Matt as well as the Northern Lights Wrestling Team's reputation and closeness resulting in a "family feel."

"We are really excited about it. To me, this is a big deal for Northern," said Thivierge, a four-time NAIA All-American for the Lights with a national title in 2002 at 184 pounds. "There are not many times you get a four-time finalist and three-time state champ, and his brother is going for his fourth title. There are not too

many times you sign them both." Northern looks forward to welcoming the Weber brothers to Havre, the campus, and the mats as they join a team of dedicated athletes as brand new shining Northern Lights. Read more: [http://billingsgazette.com/sports/high-school/wrestling/weber-brothers-hoping-to-light-it-up-for-msu-northern/article\\_1428a615-158e-5720-80b9-e89297703f7d.html#ixzz3M0kz0ehi](http://billingsgazette.com/sports/high-school/wrestling/weber-brothers-hoping-to-light-it-up-for-msu-northern/article_1428a615-158e-5720-80b9-e89297703f7d.html#ixzz3M0kz0ehi)

## **Dr. Fred Smiley to Receive National Teacher Education Award**

Dr. Fred Smiley, who was recently promoted to the rank of Full Professor of Education by Montana State University-Northern, has received news regarding a national award. He has been nominated for the Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education. This coveted honor is named after the former Director of the American Association for Teacher Education (AACTE). The annual award recognizes distinguished service for the development and promotion of outstanding practices at the collegiate, state, or national level, and it will be announced in March, 2015. Dr. Smiley teaches MSU-N courses in foundations, educational psychology, content area literacy, culture, and special education, and he does so in both traditional and online formats. This past year, besides his own online journal he started four years ago, as well as some sponsored research in teacher compassion fatigue, he has co-authored a chapter in a text and edited for four journals in teacher education. At the end of the fall (2014) term, he set up and edited a series of student-authored annotated bibliographies for Native American Studies, which has just been accepted for use by the Montana Office of Public Instruction and is now being readied for book submission and publication. Well done, Dr. Smiley. You make Northern proud.

## **Silver Wolf Enterprises Donates to Plumbing Program**



Over the past eight years, Silver Wolf Enterprises has donated numerous water heaters, ice makers, stainless steel commercial fixtures and faucets, forced air furnaces, on demand water heaters, and water softeners that allow MSU-Northern's plumbing students to install the newest equipment in the plumbing labs. Silver Wolf Enterprises has made yet another generous donation this year. These donations allow Northern's plumbing program to grow at no cost to the students. Northern thanks Silver Wolf Enterprises for all they've done. Their donations over the years total to about \$25,000.

## New Workout Equipment Available on Campus



MSU-Northern's Fitness Center has acquired new equipment. The new setup includes: five pairs of Olympic spring collars, two Olympic EZ curl bars, three 255-lb. Olympic plate packages, one Roman chair, one preacher curl bench, one triceps rope, one flat/incline/decline bench, one slant board, two Olympic bars, and two half cage red rock frames for lifting weights. The equipment comes from Iron Company of Cucamonga, CA and is the result of a previous plan to furnish the fitness room with two separate sections- cardio and weights. Now students have the ability to bench 255 lbs. per bench. About 40-50 students use Northern's Fitness Center per day. If you haven't tried a workout routine in the center yet, now's the perfect time to start. It's a new year, and there's new equipment. Visit Northern's Fitness Center soon.

## We Love Northern Ball Tickets



The 29th annual "We Love Northern Ball" is only three weeks away, and ticket sales are in high gear. This year's ball will take place on February the 7th, and the theme is "the Roarin' 20's." It will feature authentic 20's cuisine and dancing to the music of "Blind Luck." We are going back to our original format of dressing up (20's attire) for an evening filled with excellent food, auction items, live music, dancing, and, of course, fun.

This event is one of Northern's primary fundraisers for new and returning student scholarships. Many of the students who take advantage of these scholarships are some of the sharpest students at Northern but they rarely qualify for athletic scholarships or federal financial assistance. This money often makes the difference between staying at Northern and dropping out of school.

Rachel Dean and Jim Bennett have graciously agreed to co-chair this year's event. They are helped by a dynamic committee of community and staff members who have lots of new ideas for this year's event. Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee if you have questions, or would like ideas for your basket. They are more than willing to help you out.

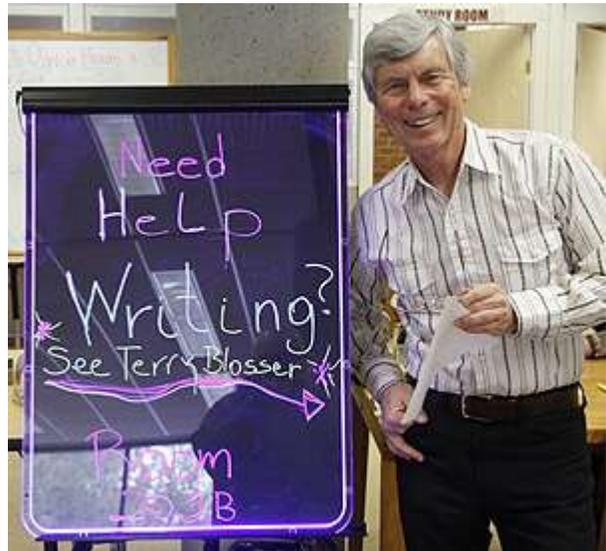
Tickets are \$50/person or reserve a table of 8 for \$400. Call us today at 265-3711 and get your ticket to reserve your place at one of the best events of the season.

### **Free Ball Raffle for Classified Staff**

For the next two weeks we are going to be giving away tickets to the Ball. Each week we will draw two names of classified staff members who will receive two free tickets to the Ball. Please stay tuned to next week's as the winners will be announce through the NNN.

## Students, Need Help with Writing?

Northern students, do you want a bit of a boost in your writing and study skills for this semester? If so, here's some good news for you: you can get help at the Learning Success Center in the Vande Bogart Library. Former MSU-N writing professor Terry Blosser has returned this semester to offer student tutoring 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Students can drop by the library anytime during these hours or set up an appointment for a Friday morning session. In a new Learning Success Center outreach program, Terry will also be embedded in two classes to serve as a writing consultant. In coordination with the class professors, he will provide brief class presentations on reading and writing skills and advise students how to enhance their written work. For more information, call 265-4133.



## Student Leaders Wanted

It's that time of year again during which we ask faculty and staff to encourage students to become student leaders on campus. There are ten Student Ambassador and twelve Resident Assistant positions available.

Applications are now available at the SUB Info Desk and in the Admissions Office (Cowan 213) and are due Friday, February 13, by 5 p.m.

Students are encouraged to attend one of the following information sessions:

- \*Monday, January 26 at 6 p.m. in the Morgan Lounge
- \*Tuesday, January 27 at 12 noon in the Fireside Room (SUB)
- \*Wednesday, January 28 at 6 p.m. in the Morgan Lounge

Candidates will need to be available for both an individual interview (conducted on February 25 and 26) and group process held on Friday, February 27.

For more information please contact Kristi Peterson (Ambassador positions) and Dave Bokor (RA positions).

## Blackout Bingo Winner

The winner of last week's blackout bingo was Whitney Aschim. All "regular" bingo winners received grab bag prizes, and Aschim received a 7" Android 4.2. Be on the lookout for the next fun bingo event.

## Announcements

### MSU-Northern Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day

#### Have You Confirmed Your Attendance?

Students, please make sure you've confirmed your attendance for Spring 2015 in order to avoid late fees and being dropped from your courses. If your attendance is not confirmed by Friday, January 16, 2015, your account will be assessed a \$40 fee.

This task may be completed one of two ways:

- If you have a credit balance or are paying in full, you may confirm your attendance online, using your myInfo account.
  - Enter Secure Area: User ID & Password

- Student Information Tab
- Student Records - Web Bill Summary
- Select a Term (Spring Semester 2015)
- Confirm Attendance - this option will only show up if you have a credit balance or if you have paid in full (you may have to refresh this page after you make your payment for the button to appear)
- If you owe or plan to use the installment method, please confirm by turning in your Student Insurance & Payment Form to MSU-Northern Business Services.

Please visit MSU-N Business Services (Cowan Hall, Room 207) today or call 406-265-3733 if you have any questions or concerns.

## Upcoming Events

### An Evening of Book Readings - Jan. 16

The Havre Historic Post Office (306 Third Avenue) is offering an "Evening of Book Readings" by authors reading their work alongside the musical accompaniment of Fort Benton's Ross Rettig. The event will take place on Friday January 16, 2015 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Margy Bernstein will read from her new book of poetry, the second edition of *The Poet and the Wolf* selected by the Montana Historical Society for their permanent collection. N.B. Miller will also read excerpts from his latest political thriller, *A Shipment of Arms*. A conversation and question and answer session will follow the readings. Admission is free, and there will also be refreshments.

All profits from the sale of signed copies of the books (\$16 each) will go to the H. Earl Clack Museum Foundation. Please call Erica Farmer at (913) 991-2105 for additional information.

### MAT Opens New Show "9-Circles"- Jan. 16



In spring 2006, Private Reeves receives an honorable discharge from the army, returns home to Texas, and wakes up in a prison cell. On trial for brutal war crimes committed in Iraq, Reeves will not (or cannot) explain his motives. And everyone, from his lawyer to his pastor to the public, latches on to a different story. Mirroring Dante's *Inferno*, this fierce psychological drama ventures into the darkest corners of both the war and the mind -- in hopes of light on the other side. This play will be showing on the following dates: January 16-17, 22-24, 29-31 in the MSU-Northern/MAT Theatre. The doors and backstage lounge

open at 7:30 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors. This play contains adult language and content; audience discretion is advised.

## **Martin Luther King Day Celebrations - Jan. 19**

MSU-Northern will be celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy with two different events. The one today is prepared particularly for the Northern community. The event will include a reading of King's famous speech along with an analysis of his legacy, abstract art inspired by King, and gospel/soul music. The Food Court will be serving soul food from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Thank you to Becky Toth and her staff for planning to host and serve at this event.

Monday's celebration will be held with the idea of inviting all families and organizations in the Hi-Line. Please help us to spread the word. The event will happen on the actual holiday, Monday, January 19, thanks to the sponsorship of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Hope World Wide, and Montana Campus Compact. The event will include items from the previously mentioned MSUN celebration along with trivia about King's life and contributions and a performed dialogue called "De-stereotype Me." Everyone from the community is welcome to attend from 10 a.m. until noon in the SUB Ballroom.

## **Karaoke at Northern - Jan. 21**

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee is presenting "Karaoke" at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The dates will be January 21, February 18, March 18, and April 15. The last night of the semester we will have a competition and award the best karaoke singer a \$100 gift certificate.

Karaoke apparently first appeared in the amusement quarter of Kobe, Japan, where it became popular among businessmen in the late 1970s. It gained widespread popularity in the U.S. in the late 1980s. It is usually featured at bars, where patrons can perform on a stage and sing popular hits by reading lyrics electronically displayed on a monitor. A video film often accompanies the music. Come on out and join in on the fun!

## **James Hersch in Concert- Jan. 29**

The Associated Students of Montana State University -Northern are proud to present singer/songwriter James Hersch on January the 29th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.

Hersch will be in our community for two days providing his outreach music to various venues: Northern Montana Hospital Care Center, St. Jude's School, the Eagles Manor, Highland Park Elementary School, in the Northern classroom and working with our student leadership groups. Hersch is dedicated to community service through music and to helping students realize that as they reach out in friendship to those around them, they CAN make a difference in the world.

"I want to sing where it matters. I've made a career out of finding any chance to sing about the lives of people and play in the hearts of those who want (need) connection. In all the ways music moves us, I want to be right there. I want to be about music's power to reach us, hold us and keep us together."

For over thirty years guitarist James Hersch has been quietly building a repertoire of work that puts him squarely on the edge of acoustic music's importance in North American culture. James has a rare mixture of straight forward musical talent, humor and sensitivity that allows him to create songs that speak to what is common in all of us.

Hersch, a native Minnesotan, has twelve album credits to his name and has become known for his story song releases "BackTracks" and "Innerweather" (strictly acoustic: just James, his voice and his guitar). Hersch has been nominated for National NACA Coffeehouse Entertainer of the Year several times and has been a finalist at the international Kerrville Folk Festival. He is a 'Telly' award winner for his original sound track for the 2009 PBS documentary, "Paving the Way: The National Park to Park Highway". Hersch's REACH WITH ME residencies have become a useful outreach program among colleges, churches and communities. The program has been honored with the Harry Chapin Award for Contributions to Humanity by the National Association for Campus Activities.

Join us on January 29, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom for a "Night with James." This event is free to MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff. Admission for community adults will be \$5 and students \$3.

[www.reachwithme.com](http://www.reachwithme.com)

## Weekly Articles

### **Vintage Northern**

By Val Hickman

In the early 1930s, the Shakespeare classes of Miss Skinner held an Elizabethan banquet and musical evening each year. In 1934, the event was held on December the 7th in East Hall. The candle lit hall was decorated for the holiday with many fir trees. Among the elaborately costumed lord and ladies of her majesty's court were many characters of Shakespeare's plays. The court dined on partridge pie, vegetable marrow, toad-in-the-hole, arrow roots, and plum pudding. For the diners' entertainment, a student presented George Bernard Shaw's, "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets." To close out the evening, the group sang songs of the Elizabethan era and played games pertaining to Shakespeare.

### **FROM THE CAREER CENTER**

By Mary Heller

Are your students prepared to begin in their careers? Do they have a top-notch resume and cover letter ready to send to employers? Are they ready for those nervous-wracking interviews? Do they know the protocol for sending "thank-you" notes to the employers they interview with and when to make follow-up phone calls for jobs they've applied for? Please send them to the Career Center for help so they are prepared long before graduation in May!

It would also be wise for our students to have their resumes in shape long before the Spring 2015 Career Fair that is set for Monday, February the 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you'd like your students addressed personally on these topics, please ask Mary Heller to come into your classroom so she can give advice and encourage the students. Students are also more than welcome to come to the Career Center for help.

### **@ Your Library**

By Vicki Gist

Did a family member of yours attend Northern Montana College during 1953-1973? Thanks to the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Montana State Library, the yearbooks for these years are now available to be browsed online at the Montana Memory Project. To look at a yearbook, simply go directly to the Montana Memory Project

(<http://mtmemory.org/cdm/search/collection/p16013coll49/order/date>) or click the Montana Memory Project link on the Vande Bogart Library's Database page (<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/DbDescript.htm>).

Select the yearbook that you want to browse, and you can go page by page to get a sense of what campus life was like at that time. You can also look for people using the search box. The newer yearbooks (1974-2007) will be available online later this year. In the meantime, if you want to look at any of the print yearbooks, they can be found in the stacks downstairs in the library. The yearbooks are a fun way to take a trip down memory lane!

## Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Last month on December 31, 2014, Ajha Edwards broke the single game rebounding record of 22 when she pulled down 25 rebounds. This record was previously held by 2000 Northern Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Barb FilipowiczVanderMars. VanderMars set the previous record December 14, 1982, making it the oldest Skylight record until Edwards surpassed in on New Year's Eve. VandeMars had held the record for 32 years 17 days or 11,705 days. Here's an interesting side note: VanderMars set the former record as a true freshman while playing for another Northern athletic hall of famer, Loren Baker.

Edwards also earned the National NAIA division I player of the week for her efforts. As of January 12, 2015 she is leading the NAIA women's division I in field goal percentage at 61.1%.



## Grammar Gal

By Kimmi Boyce

### Common Word Usage Confusion

I recently read the article "32 Incorrectly Used Words that Can Make You Look Bad" by Jeff Haden. The title drew me in, and the content did not disappoint. I have used words incorrectly in so many circumstances, but I am always longing to learn, so I am hoping to commit these word pairs to memory. We cannot fix grammar problems if we are not even on guard against them, so here are a few gems I pulled out of the article for your mental grammatical toolbox:

Adverse vs. averse- adverse: harmful or unfavorable; averse: having a strong dislike or opposition to something

Compliment vs. complement- compliment: (as a verb) to express praise or adoration; complement: to add on and enhance

Elicit vs. illicit- elicit: to draw out or evoke; illicit: forbidden by law

Imply vs. infer- imply: to strongly suggest (done by the writer or speaker); infer: to deduce or conclude (done by the listener or reader)

You can find the article, in its entirety, here: <http://www.inc.com/jeff-haden/32-incorrectly-used-words-that-can-make-us-look-stupid.html>