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This Week on Campus

Torgerson's Donates Jackets to PAS Club



Torgerson's, a fourth generation Montana farm implement company, recently provided MSU-Northern's Postsecondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Club with jackets. Tom Welch and Bill Danley serve as the PAS Club advisors and are most appreciative of Torgerson's generosity in supporting the club and providing the jackets. Welch said, "The National PAS motto is: 'Uniting Education and Industry in Agriculture,' and this is an excellent example of the motto at work."

PAS is a campus club for those interested in agriculture or related fields and currently has about 25 members. The PAS club participates in a number of activities that revolve around developing leadership, fundraising for the National PAS Convention, supporting agriculture and engaging in campus and area activities.

New Pool Tables in Mackenzie Hall



The newest addition to the lounge area in Mackenzie Hall consists of two brand new pool tables. These tables were much needed, as the old ones were difficult to play on due to broken bumpers. Housing and Residence Life provided the funds for the equipment and installation which occurred on January 20. The pool tables are ready for use. Anyone can use them, but the preference goes to students who live inside the residence hall, because it's an entertainment convenience for them. There is no sign-up or cost necessary for using the pool tables. Just use them, have fun, and take care of the equipment. MSUN will be planning pool tournaments in the near future, so practice your skills on the new pool tables, and get ready for some competition.

Cheff Named NAIA National Wrestler of the Week

Northern Lights wrestler, Toby Cheff was recently named the NAIA National Wrestler of the Week based on his performances from January 12 - 18. Ronan, Montana native Cheff wrestles at 285-pounds and is a junior at MSUN. Cheff's recent accomplishments include: a 5-0 record, including three pins, enroute to the 285-pound title at the Missouri Valley College Invite Jan. 16 - 17, pinning top-ranked Gabi Musallam of Missouri Valley in 5:12 in the semifinals to advance to the title bout, securing a 3-1 win over No. 9 Daniel Mueller of Missouri Valley, and sticking Jacob LaRue of Benedictine (Kan.) (1:08) and George Portillo of Northwestern (Iowa) (5:00) at the tournament. This achievement marks the first weekly award of Cheff's career. Well done Toby Cheff! You make Northern proud.



Student Leaders Wanted

It's that time of year again during when 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).

Flag Flying in Memory of William Erickson



Yesterday, Northern hoisted the flag that was given by the military to the family of William Erickson when he passed away in December of 1975 from cancer. This flag was recently given to Northern by his children to fly in memory of their father until it can be flown no more. So this month, every time you see the flag flying in front of Cowan Hall please remember William Erickson, a man who gave so much to make Northern the institution we enjoy today.

Erickson was the Administrative Vice President under Joseph Crowley at Northern Montana College. Before coming to Northern, he graduated from the Stockell High School. After he graduated from college at Bozeman with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, he received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Minnesota. He taught chemistry in Belgrade, became the high school principal and then superintendent before going to Helena to work for the Office of Public Instruction (OPI). Where he became the deputy superintendent of Public Instruction under Harriet Miller, while working for OPI, he was responsible for setting up the Montana High School Vocational.

He was a ham radio operator and was in charge of the MARS program - Military Amateur Radio System, a group of ham radio operators who, in the event of an emergency (attack or natural disaster), would be able to get the word out through other operators in the rest of the state. This was important before cell phones came into existence!

Two of his 3 children graduated from NMC with degrees in education. Erickson earned his pilot's license during his time at Northern. He was an avid stamp collector and owned a stamp company, Everell Stamps. He purchased 4 Seasons Hobbies in Havre after his retirement from NMC.

This Year's First Monthly- Karaoke at Northern

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee is presenting "Karaoke" at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. This Thursday marked the very first karaoke night at Northern this year. Many fun-loving students came out to try their best singing karaoke tunes. There were many laughs and rounds of applause as goofy and talented students took the stage. If you missed out on January's karaoke night, never fear. There will be three more chances this semester, and the last night of the semester there will be a karaoke showdown to determine the best karaoke singer who will win a \$100 gift certificate.

The dates of the upcoming karaoke nights are: February 18, March 18, and April 15.

Northern Celebrates Martin Luther King Day



MSU-Northern celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy with a two-fold celebration. On Friday, January 16, during the noon hour at the food court, students Will Reichle, Jennifer Marshal, and Monique Wodarel, read the transcript of the speech "I Have a Dream." Next, Professor Jamie Underwood, talked about Dr. King's life. Underwood explained how Dr. King's principles guided his life and work. "He was destined for greatness, to change the world despite his youth," said Underwood. The celebration included soul food and, thanks to the participation of the KNMC 90.1 FM, classic soul music.

On Monday, January 19th, a group of MSU-N volunteers who included faculty, students, staff, and community volunteers organized the celebration with the exhibition of the "I Have a Dream Speech," in addition to other activities such as a trivia game about Dr. King's legacy, and a word art exhibition based on one word abstract paintings of culturally diverse words inspired by Martin Luther King speeches. This exhibition was sponsored by "The Girls;" they are a group of young artists from Havre Middle School and Havre High School and are mentored by artist Vince Woodwick. Lastly, the MSU-N Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) sponsored a written dialogue about diversity titled "De-stereotype me." Participants were challenged to break a stereotype. The response has been very favorable, particularly from the student community. About 75 people attended this celebration. The art and the silent dialogue board will be rotating through the different MSU-N buildings.

Todd Defends Dissertation

Congratulations are in order for Joseph Todd, Instructor in Elementary Education, who successfully defended his dissertation on December 19, 2014. As of January 9, 2015, the revisions to his dissertation were approved. His degree from Montclair University is an Ed.D. in pedagogy and philosophy and will be posted the end of this month. Dr. Todd's dissertation title is: "Archetype of Freedom: The Dialectic of the Phantastical Imagination." Congratulations, Dr. Todd! You make Northern proud.

Students: Get help with your writing assignments!

Visit writing tutor Terry Blosser in the Library,
Monday-Thursday 11-1 and 5-7, and Fridays by appointment

This week's writing tip: Better writing on class projects and exams begins with better reading habits to improve your comprehension. For example, start with "pre-reading" to help build a mental map of a textbook

chapter: Think about the chapter title; read the first few paragraphs of introduction; thumb through the pages noting topic headers and read the first paragraph of each; then read the conclusion. Pause frequently to think about your personal connection to the topics and how you may agree or disagree. Now you're ready for a deeper reading.

For more help with reading and writing topics, drop by the Learning Success Center in the Library.

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.

Announcements

2015-2016 Scholarship Applications Deadline is January 30

Attention all continuing students: Your last day to apply for Northern scholarships is Friday, January 30. We encourage you to apply online by logging into Banner Web-MyInfo, but you also have the option to complete a paper version of the form, located on the Financial Aid page of the MSUN website. Last year we awarded over \$180,000 in continuing student scholarships. Please contact the Financial Aid Office, at 406-265-3787 with any questions. Don't miss this opportunity to earn scholarships for all your achievements!

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

MAT's Second Week for Show "9-Circles"- Jan. 22



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 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.

James Hersch in Concert- Jan. 29



The Associated Students of Montana State University -Northern are proud to present singer/songwriter James Hersch on January 29 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," says Hersch.

For over 30 years guitarist 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. He 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 Thursday January 29 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.

For more information check out www.reachwithme.com.

Weekly Articles

Vintage Northern

By Val Hickman



Last week, in my haste to finish the NNN I forgot to attach this picture, sorry... So I have decided to run the article again, this time with the picture. - Jim Potter, NNN editor

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.

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Have you tried the OneSearch box on the library's webpage? If you are not sure where to start looking for information, try OneSearch. With this Google-like search, you can find books and articles on your topic. OneSearch searches over 100 different databases (including the library catalog) in a single search. Simply type in your search terms and browse the results. You can refine results by selecting from the options on the left side of the screen. OneSearch provides access to full-text and call numbers for print items. When using OneSearch from off-campus, you will be required to type your NetID username and password into an authentication box before accessing full-text books and articles. Give OneSearch a try, and remember that you can always go directly to any database from the library's database page (<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/DbDescript.htm>). If you have any questions, stop in the Library and talk with Belinda Potter, Reference Librarian, or with any other library staff member.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

This past weekend the Lights Wrestling team took fourth at the Missouri Valley College Invitational. Both Ethan Hinebauch and Toby Cheff won individual titles, with Hinebauch named as the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament. Both went 5-0, with Cheff earning three pins and Hinebauch earning four. Hinebauch now has an impressive career record of 146-14 with 103 pins (NNN TidBit calculations). This places him third on the all-time win list for Northern and makes him the current career record holder for pins at Northern.

Hinebauch has shattered the old pin record of 85 and increases his total each time he hits the mat. For more Northern wrestling records please go to: <http://www.msun.edu/athletics/wrestle/quickfacts.htm>

Wrestling unattached in first college wrestling tournament, Brandon Weber, took third place with a 4-1 record. Also of interest, Brandon holds the Montana High School record for wins in a career with 200. For more Montana High School wrestling records please go to: <http://www.mhsa.org/Records/BoysWrestlingRecords.pdf>

The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Microsoft Office & Clip Art

If you use clip art in your Office programs you may have noticed that "Office.com" is no longer listed as a site to search. In December Microsoft retired its Office Clip website and now uses Bing Images. While the search will, by default, show images that are licensed under "Creative Commons," users now have the responsibility to find out the copyright status & comply with it by going to the website the image is found on (a link is provided to the site an image is on when you click on an image). But you should know that images licensed under "Creative Commons" still have conditions attached. For example, an image may be available for commercial and non-commercial use, but you cannot alter it and must give credit to the creator of the image.

Although not as handy, you can always use Google or Bing to do image searches. They both have search tools you can use to attempt to make sure you are not violating any copyright usage rights. On Google image search, click **Search Tools** and **Usage Rights** has a list of options to select from. Bing's image search tools are displayed by default and usage rights options can be found under License. There are some sites, like openclipart.org, that have copyright free clipart - *"All Clipart on Openclipart are available for unlimited commercial use. That means you may use the clipart commercially, for education, for church, for school, for your job, or even to manufacture products globally."*

Just remember that, as with anything on the Internet, there are no guarantees that anything is truly copyright free.