

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

Northern Student Clubs Host BBQ Fundraiser



MSU-Northern's student clubs hosted a fundraising barbeque this weekend. It featured booths from various campus clubs, and a full pork barbeque meal. The event was a time to strengthen campus-community relationships and raise money for the I.O.C. fund which helps all the clubs coordinate events.

MSU-Northern Bookstore Updates



The MSU-Northern Bookstore staff welcomes all students, staff, and the general public to visit the newly remodeled store. It was a very busy summer during the renovations, but well worth it based on the ongoing positive comments from returning students and staff. The new carpet, new spacious front counter for dual cashier stations, and new sturdy metal displays have created an updated look and a welcoming atmosphere. During recent years, customers have expressed an interest in additional brand name apparel. The bookstore is now offering more NIKE selections plus Colombia, Ping, and U-Trau.

Need a snack or a cold beverage? They have that covered with Coca Cola products, Minute Maid juices, Dasani Water, Monster drinks, candy, jerky, trail mix, crackers and chips. Looking for MSUN logo merchandise? They have apparel for all ages, vacuum insulated tumblers, mugs, water bottles, tote bags, backpacks, stadium seats, BBQ utensil sets, oven mitts, holiday ornaments, golf towels, golf tee and ball sets, small footballs, ice scrapers, umbrellas, portfolios, hats, gloves, and much, much more! Their textbook prices are market competitive and the textbook rental program has provided students with significant savings.

One of their newest products is called "Rite in the Rain," which is a wood-based recyclable product that does not turn to mush when exposed to water, mud, grime, oil, grease, or even when washed in the washing machine. The notebooks and pocket-sized note pads are not only useful for campus studies but also for everyday use in ranching, landscaping, plumbing, and construction.

The MSUN Bookstore is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will be open for the upcoming hometown football games on Saturday, October 24 and November 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bookstore accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

Northern Chi Alpha Secures 2nd Place in Competitions at Fall Retreat



Northern's Chi Alpha club took twenty people to fall retreat in Glacier National Park this past weekend. During the retreat, the campuses of Tech, UM, UM-Western, Carroll College, and MSUN took part in friendly campus competitions consisting of an ultimate frisbee tournament, gross food challenge, board games, and trivia. Northern came in second overall, having won the title of ultimate frisbee champions, taking second in trivia, and offering their level best in the board games and food challenge. Tech took home the traveling trophy, but Northern aims to win it next year.

Student Spotlight- Chelsea Mavencamp

By Kimmi Boyce

Chelsea Mavencamp is an MSU-Northern student with a heart for animals. This summer she decided to develop her skills and passion for animals by working alongside a Malta veterinarian through Northern's co-op experience. Though Mavencamp's typical summer pursuits would have included reading, swimming, and watching movies, this summer she walked dogs, prepared animals for surgeries, gave vaccinations, and offered quality care day in and day out.

Her dedication to her work paid off. The staff around her noticed her determination and love for the job and poured into her all the more. Mavencamp said, "The coworkers provided such a welcoming environment and truly wanted me to learn and improve my skills." One absolutely new ability she acquired this summer was how to operate a cold therapy laser. This type of therapy is fairly new in the veterinary world but is a painless and non-invasive way to treat some animal ailments like muscular injuries. The cold laser encourages the growth of healing cells to a safe degree that will not cause harm. Mavencamp said she was excited to be able to treat various injuries using this newfound skill. She loved seeing the animals' countenances improve after receiving her care.



Mavencamp challenged herself this summer. Not only did she take on an internship instead of coasting through the summer until Northern's next semester, but she also challenged herself to work on professional

weaknesses during her internship. She wanted to become more comfortable working with the veterinarian's customers. She wanted to work well with the public, so she strove toward that goal by pursuing social interactions with the pet owners rather than shying away and solely helping the animals from behind the scenes.

Throughout her entire summer, Mavencamp had amazing experiences like bottle feeding an adorable kitten which helped it begin its life with strength. Mavencamp's co-op solidified her immense interest in the veterinary field. After her graduation from Northern, she plans to attend veterinary school and attain a degree as a doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM). From what she has demonstrated this summer, Mavencamp is well on her way to making her dreams a reality.

Important Notices

Important Dates

10/26/2015 - Last day to drop a full-semester class with a "W"

10/26/2015 - Advanced registration for spring semester 2016 begins

10/28/2015 - Last day to drop a 2nd-half-semester class without a "W"

11/16/2015 - Graduation applications due

Advanced Registration for Spring Semester 2016

Graduate and Post-baccalaureate: 8 a.m., Monday, October 26, 2015

Seniors (semester credits earned: 90 or above): 8 a.m., Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Juniors (semester credits earned: 60-89): 8 a.m., Friday, October 30, 2015

Sophomores (semester credits earned: 30-59): 8 a.m., Monday, November 2, 2015

Freshmen (semester credits earned: 0-29): 8 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2015

New students: 8 a.m., Monday, November 9, 2015

Class standing does not include fall 2015 credits.

Financial Aid Exit Counseling Sessions for Upcoming Graduates

Federal regulations require all students who receive Federal Student Loans to attend an exit counseling session upon completion of their program. MSU-Northern invites graduating students to attend one of the annual exit counseling sessions. During this session, students will learn about the following information:

- Consolidating Federal Student Loans
- Deferments
- Forbearance
- Repayment Options

If you attend classes on the MSU-Northern Havre campus, please attend one of the following sessions:

Monday, November 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab

If you attend classes on the MSU-Northern Great Falls campus, please attend one of the following sessions:

- Tuesday, November 17, 2015 from 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. in Room B124
- Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. in Room B124
- Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. in Room B124

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact the Financial Aid/Financial Success offices at 406-265-3787 or 406-265-3776.

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Meet the Student Writing Editor - Oct. 23

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Meet the Student Writing Editor. Instructors, you now have the option of integrating a 'writing editor' for your students directly in D2L. The Learning Success Center collaborated with several instructors on a similar project last spring, and the feedback from that project was very positive. Kelsey Harding (HR office) has accepted the position and is the guest of honor at this week's Tech Snacks. Come to Tech Snacks and get your questions about this role answered. We think this is a great opportunity for your students, so we hope you'll attend.

Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, October 23) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

XLi 2016

Next year's XLi Conference will take place at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme: "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

You can submit proposals for presentations at the XLi 2016 website: <http://xli.gfcmsu.edu/> Remember, faculty attending or presenting at XLi will earn professional development points toward tech rewards through MSU-Northern Extended University. Let us know if you're interested in attending or presenting; we can coordinate and assist with travel expenses.

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. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

MAT Everybody Loves Zombies, Except Ashley- Oct. 23-24, 29-31

This weekend, and weekends to follow, Montana Actors' Theatre (MAT) will present: *Everybody Loves Zombies, Except Ashley*, an original musical written by Martin Holt with music by Marjorie Holt. The show opened last weekend and will run October 23-24 and 29-31. The doors and backstage lounge will open at 7:30 p.m., and the show will begin at 8 p.m. for each performance. There will be a special matinee October 31 at 2 p.m. with the doors and lounge opening at 1:30 p.m.

Here's a snippet of what you can expect from this show: A young makeup artist working on a movie set in Montana falls in love with the lively and liberated assistant director, who in turn is in love with the arrogant and unlikable lead actor. Throw in an eccentric director, a sulky and resentful best boy, a quiet script girl with a secret side, and a cameraman who is obsessed with sandwiches, and you have the recipe for a wild romantic ride - and that's before the zombies show up.

For tickets, adults cost \$15. Seniors, students, and military can attend for \$10 each. MSUN students can attend free of charge by presenting their current I.D.s. Tickets are available at Fiveheads, Bear Paw Meats, Computer Center, Bear Paw Montana Realty, and online.



2nd Annual Festival of Nations, A Day in Colombia - Oct. 24



Join Northern for an exciting United Nations Day (October 24, 2015) with their 2nd Annual Festival of Nations- "A Day in Colombia." The dancing troupe, Mi Colombia Linda (My Beautiful Colombia), from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, will be performing traditional Colombian rhythms like cumbia, sanjuanero, and joropo. In addition to these dances, MSUN student Nicola Ivanovic will be presenting information about his country, Serbia, and Ophelia Gustafson will be representing Hawaii with a hula presentation. There will be country displays, vendors with international items, international food for sale by the MSUN Diversity Committee, and a silent auction.

This festival will take place October 24, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the MSUN Sub Ballroom. Entry for adults will be \$3, and kids can attend for \$1 each. Children under age five attend for free. There will also be free admission for those dressed in traditional international attire. All proceeds will support MSUN diversity programs. Tickets are on sale at Ben Franklin Crafts, Bear Paw Meats, and at Cowan Hall 308, Multicultural Center. For more information, contact: c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu or x 3589. This event is sponsored by The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) in conjunction with the MSUN Diversity Committee.



Pumpkin Carving- Oct. 28

There will be pumpkin carving at the Student Family Housing community center, October 28, 2015 at 7 p.m. MSU-Northern will provide the pumpkins for all attendees. Brandy Tannahill carved this "PAS Pumpkin" for a table display at last Saturday's community barbeque. Way to go, Brandy!

ASMSUN Program Council presents "Nelly's Echo"- Oct. 29

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are proud to present "Nelly's Echo" to the campus of MSU-Northern on October 29 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

An accomplished singer-songwriter and guitarist, Nelson Emokpae, also known as "Nelly," originally hails from Nigeria, Africa. He has drawn on his multicultural background and experiences to tell his story in music and lyrics. His skillful blend of soul, reggae and blues, coupled with infectious hook lines and tremendous vocal abilities, transports the listener into a musical story. Emokpae has been compared to the likes of Seal and Sting, with a little John Mayer thrown in as he mixes a little calypso, a little Afro-beat, and a lot of soul into a winning and charming style that is always a crowd pleaser.

His life journey so far has been very complex, including an appearance on Season 3 of NBC's *The Voice*, but he has found a better way. He has crafted his story into melodies dressed up with some lyrics and rhymes.

This event is free to MSU-Northern students, faculty, and staff, and the community may attend for a small fee. Entry is \$5 per adult and \$3 per student. Read more about Nelson Emokpae at www.nellysecho.com.

Sweetgrass Society Open House and Barbeque- Oct. 29

Sweetgrass Society invites the Northern family to an open house and barbeque at the Pin-N-Cue in the SUB basement on Thursday, October 29 from 6-9 p.m. Sweetgrass Society is Northern's all-nation American Indian Club and is actively involved in preserving and promoting Native culture on campus and in the community. Some of their yearly events include American Indian Heritage Week, American Indian Heritage Month, and the year-end MSUN Powwow. Sweetgrass Society is also active in general campus and community service events that don't have a Native focus. Are you interested in Native culture? Do you like to give back to the community? Do you want to meet new people, make new friends, and get involved while you are at Northern? Then Sweetgrass Society is for you. Come on out and meet the club members, their advisors, and community supporters. Everyone is welcome in Sweetgrass Society. You do not have to be Native American to be a member. This is a family friendly event, so feel free to bring your children. For more information, ask a Sweetgrass Society member about the event, or contact Sweetgrass Society's faculty advisor Jamie Underwood at 265-3526 or junderwood@msun.edu.

Campus/Community Halloween Party - Oct. 30

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will be hosting a Campus and Community Children's Halloween Party on Friday, October 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Children can participate in the fishing pond, musical chairs, beanbag toss, mini golf, marshmallow toss, face painting and all sorts of spooky games. Bring your children in their Halloween costumes, and they will have a "monster" of a good time! Super nachos and brownies will be available along with other refreshments.

Halloween Costume Dance - Oct. 30

Have you decided what you'll be for Halloween this year? Create those Halloween costumes, and come on out for a great time at our upcoming Halloween costume dance- Friday, October the 30th at 9 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. "The Hitman" DJ service will play your favorite tunes for this costume dance, and, of course, there will be snacks. Attendees can win prizes for costumes in three categories. Judges will choose the most creative, the scariest, and the cutest costumes. Your local entertainment committee, ASMSUN Program Council, will sponsor this dance.

3-on-3 Basketball Begins - Nov. 2

The Intramural & Recreation Council has scheduled 3-on-3 basketball beginning November the 2nd in the Armory Gymnasium at 8 p.m. If you'd like to participate, pick up your rosters at the SUB Information Desk.

Safe Zone Training Module II - Nov. 18

The next Safe Zone Training, module II, is scheduled for November 18, 2015, at the same time and place as module I (noon in the Fireside Conference Room in the SUB). However, in order to take this second training, participants must first have taken module I. At the end of it, they receive a decal and button that formally identifies them as LGBTQ allies. Those interested in signing in for module II, please register in advance by

contacting c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu or x 3589. For more information, also contact amber.spring@msun.edu or x 3164.

Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

This past weekend former Northern NAIA National wrestling champion (2005), Jesse Juarez, became the welterweight champion at the MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) event "KOTC - Title at the Torch". KOTC stands for King of the Cage. Jesse's match was the main event at the "Title at the Torch." He won the match by Submission with an Arm-Triangle Choke at the 3 minute and 47 second mark of the first period. Jesse is now 23-10 in his MMA career.

I would like to thank all the people who contacted or talked to me about last week's Tidbit and the two dates that were listed. First, September 8, 2006, this was the date of the first issue of the Northern Network News (NNN) and January 26, 2007 was the first issue that included the first NNN TidBit.

Since there were more than a dozen people who expressed interest in this trivia, I have selected another date and that date is April 2nd, 1985! Here are two hints 1) it has nothing to do with the college radio station or 2) it has nothing to do with the President of NMC at that time.

Please e-mail me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com if you think you know the answer!