

This Past Week

Chancellor Honors Sweetgrass Societies' Request

On Wednesday, November 30th, MSU-Northern's Student Senate held both a town hall meeting and a Student Senate meeting. The purpose of those meetings was to vote on an Associated Student resolution requesting that Montana abstain from sending law enforcement to engage the Standing Rock protestors, and to discuss a miscommunication regarding the painting of the Hello Walk. I realized that the issues they would be dealing with would be contentious, so I attended. I fully support providing students with the opportunity to civilly voice their opinions in a public forum. Those opinions do not reflect any official stance of the University; Northern exists to facilitate the process of bringing together diverse ideas and opinions, and to encourage unity and understanding.

I understand that there are strong emotions on both sides of the issues that were discussed.

Regarding the Hello Walk, painting the steps has been a tradition on Northern's campus for over 50 years. Every fall, the Chancellor gives recognized Clubs permission to demonstrate pride in their Club through this activity. No formal guidelines have ever been established regarding Hello Walk content. A few weeks ago, misunderstanding about content on the walk (the hashtag #NODAPL) led to the belief that it had been added to the face of one of the Hello Walk steps after the University sanctioned event, which prompted its removal.

This was not the case. In fact, the hashtag had been added by a student group as part of their participation in the Hello Walk event.

Therefore, I am granting the request of the Sweetgrass Society to restore the #NODAPL tag that was removed. The Hello Walk is a student forum and represents the opinions and platforms of the recognized student organizations on Northern's campus.

MSU-Northern students have the right to post their political opinion on campus, so long as that expression is in approved areas, communicated in a respectful manner, and does not deface state property.

These issues are not new, and we at MSU-Northern are aware that the solutions are not going to be easy. We have all learned a great deal through this process, and appreciate that these discussions are happening so that we can address the issues and move forward together in a positive direction. MSU-Northern is committed to the process of bringing all perspectives together and we encourage our students and our community to continue talking and listening to one another. We respect that differing points of view exist within our campus and in our region, and we are privileged to



be the institution that brings those views together to learn from one another.

Christmas Tree Lighting



Monday, Northern held its annual Christmas tree lighting event in the main entryway of Cowan Hall. As usual, it was a lovely event, full of warmth and holiday cheer. Jamie Duke won the drawing for the right to throw the switch during the fall orientation, and she passed it onto her twins Zachary and Zoey.

Admissions Staff Get the Campus Ready for the Holidays



Pictured: Admissions Staff: Marielle Simonson, Administrative Associate, and Terra Bremner, student worker



Pictured: Northern Ambassadors: Back Row - Landra Lucas, Eric Tibbetts, and China Bohn, Front Row - Breck Don, McKenna Barkus, and Faith Martin

The elves have been hard at work this week to "Light Up" our campus for the holiday season. Thank you to the Northern Ambassadors for trimming the official Northern tree in the Cowan Hall foyer and to the Admissions staff for decorating the display case. These groups are in charge of decking the halls each year and helping MSU-Northern kick off the holidays.

MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Holiday Extravaganza



Last night the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra presented their Holiday Extravaganza featuring Christmas arrangements made popular by groups like the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Manheim Steamroller, and the Canadian Brass. They were joined by two local dance studios, the Montana Academy of Dance and The Studio of Dance and Arts who presented excerpts from the movie *The Polar Express*, classics like *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*, and excerpts from the *Nutcracker Suite*.

Student Senate Holds Town Hall Meeting



During the last Board of Regents Meeting in Missoula the Montana Associated Students (MAS) presented a resolution that they wanted each of the campuses in the Montana University System to approve.

The MAS resolution called for support of the rights of demonstrators to peacefully protest the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota and for state and Montana officials not to send any additional personnel or tax dollars to North Dakota to assist with ongoing law enforcement efforts at sites where protesters have camped out.

Northern's Student Senate felt the best way to make the decision was to hold a Town Hall meeting to discuss the topic. In the end, 10 members voted against the resolution and six senators abstained. None of the student senators voted in favor of the resolution.

Dr. Steve Wise, MSU-Northern's Dean of Student Life, shared these insights into the meeting. "This week our Student Senate hosted the first Town Hall of the year. Our Senators and Senate leadership worked hard to ensure that community members and our guests were provided a good forum in which their perspectives could be heard. As a relatively new member of the Northern Community, I was encouraged by the carefully considered, respectful, and well-presented positions offered by those who chose to speak. In a healthy community each person is valued and their perspective welcomed. We saw that in action this at the Town Hall Meeting this week. Was it perfect? No, but we clearly showed that we care about each other by the way we listened to each other. And that, I suggest, should be celebrated. As we continue to offer these kinds of opportunities we all will become more respectful of each other, better listeners, and even more committed to creating and maintaining a campus community where each one feels they belong, that they are valued and knows that Northern could not be Northern without them."

New Radio Station Participation Class

Northern is offering a new class opportunity, COMX291 which is a radio participation class. This class will present students with the opportunity to produce and broadcast their own live weekly radio shows in KNMC's radio studio. Alongside this new class, other developments with the radio include:

- Webstreaming- Friends and family can now tune in from anywhere in the world – <http://www.msun.edu/knmc>
- Podcast creation- DJs can now record their radio shows using our USB recorder.
- Scholarships- There was \$2,500 in scholarships awarded to student DJs last school year.

Lots of exciting changes are taking place with KNMC. You can be a part of this awesome radio station by joining the class or applying to become a student DJ.

The Recognized Classifieds

By Debra Bradley and Jenn Anderson

James Corner - Night Lead Custodian with the Physical Plant is the next Classified Staff to be recognized...

James began working for the physical plant in 2013 and worked his way up to the lead night custodian. He takes great pride in his work. According to Eva Stokes, "We are thankful to have James as a part of our team with his experience and along with his leadership, a great asset to the department."

Not only is James an employee of Northern, he is also a student in his second year with the Plumbing Department. Just a side note, James loves to cook, fish, and enjoys camping. He is the grandson of Gene Corner who was a master plumber here on the campus from 1989-2008.

Christmas Tree Fundraiser

The MSUN PAS club has been selling Christmas trees again this year. Many people from the Havre community have been coming out to pick their trees and support Northern's endeavors.

Pricing for the trees are as follows: short and long needle trees available up to 8 ft. = \$30, over 8 ft. = \$40

For more information, contact:

Kasee 406-521-0298, Barry 406- 599-1891, Ethan 509-952-5620

David 406- 974-3283, Bill 406-265-4154 (campus) or Tom 406-265-4159 (campus)

Norton Pease Appointed to Third Term

Scott Norton Pease, a dedicated Northern art and graphic design professor has been reappointed to serve another term as Chair of the College of Education, Arts & Sciences, and Nursing. This recent election starts Norton's third term - he was elected in 2010, 2013, and now 2016. He has served as President of the United Way for two consecutive terms. He has served as the President and Past President of the Lions Club. For the last eight years he served and will continue to serve as Northern's representative on the General Education Council for the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. He also serves as Northern's Common Course Numbering Liaison for OCHE since 2012.

Thank you for your dedication, Norton. You make Northern proud.

BPA Hosting Holiday Candy Cane Gram



Did your Secret Santa purchase a candy cane for you? The Business Professionals of America (BPA) club is currently hosting a holiday Candy Cane Gram Fundraiser. Students were encouraged to anonymously purchase a candy cane for that someone special.

All recipients of a Candy Cane Gram will be contacted on or before Tuesday, December 6, so please be sure to check your email. The BPA club will be handing out the candy canes on Wednesday, December 7, from 12-3 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.

Happy Holidays from your MSU-Northern Business Professionals of America club!

MSU-Northern Student Receives Scholarship

Last week, Northern senior, Chelsea Mavencamp, received word that she was selected for admission into the Veterinary Program at Washington State University at Pullman, WA. Mavencamp is one of only ten Montana students accepted into this prestigious program, and her acceptance affords her the chance to study to earn a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine after four years at WSU, one of the top ranked institutions in the U.S. Student applicants for this program undergo a rigorous preparation process followed by an equally intense interviewing cycle.

Mavencamp is a local hi-line girl, the daughter of Charles and Nicol Mavencamp of Saco, MT. An active participant in 4-H, Mavencamp earned top honors for her livestock entries as well as offering great care for the animals on her family's ranch. She pursued her education at Northern due to its outstanding biology and agriculture programs which could equip her with much of the hands-on, real life experience she needed to pursue her career goals. Her undergraduate research project centered on the use of native plant sources as feed amendments, and she presented her project nationally in Savannah, GA, this summer. "Chelsea is an example of the talented students found in the local region and of Northern's ability to help these students meet academic and professional goals through personalized education programs," states Dr. Hildebrand.

Following her interview, mid-November, Mavencamp learned that she was the recipient of a Montana state tuition scholarship and an additional \$16,500 to help with tuition at WSU. Mavencamp is also applying to Colorado State University and will make a decision after the CSU application process.

An Interview with Caroline Patterson about Montana Women Writers



Caroline Patterson, author of *Montana Women Writers: A Geography of the Heart*, talks about the legacy of pioneer women writers in Montana as well as about the new female writers who are emerging in the Montana scene, nationally, and internationally. Patterson also describes her personal journey as a writer and a teacher as well as some the challenges she believes women writers currently encounter.

http://www.msun.edu/multiculturalcenter/multicultural_corner/multicultural_information/guests/guest_interview.carol_patterson.aspx

Important Announcements

MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation Accepting Nominations for Achievement Awards

The MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation is actively seeking nominations for the Founders' Excellence and Hall of Fame awards for the 2017 year, with the awards ceremony to be held Friday, May 5th, 2017. These two awards help honor Northern's brightest and most successful alumni, athletes, and friends.

Founder's Excellence is an award to deserving individuals in honor of their professional accomplishments, loyalty, and service who have enhanced the development of Montana State University - Northern. In 1976, Founders' Day was added as an NMC tradition. Over the past 40 years 101 people have been honored with the Founders' Excellence Award. Candidates for the Founders' Excellence Award must be an alum, administrator, former faculty or staff, or friend of MSU-Northern who has made a significant contribution to the development of Northern or to their chosen profession in one or more of the following areas: leadership, service to Northern, or by financially supporting Northern.

For a listing of Founders' Excellence Award recipients and additional information please visit:

<http://www.northernalumnifoundation.org/founders-excellence.html>

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes players, managers, and coaches who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at either Northern Montana College or Montana State University-Northern. Other individuals may also be recognized for outstanding and meritorious service to Northern Athletics. Before election of any person to the Athletic Hall of Fame, the selection committee requires a written nomination consisting of the following: collegiate and/or coaching records of the nominee; achievements and honors since graduation/leaving Northern; professional and service

accomplishments; other honors and awards; and a brief biography. In order for the nominees name to appear on the ballot, the selection committee must also receive three letters of support for each nominee.

For a listing of Hall of Fame inductees, nomination forms, and additional information about the Hall of Fame please visit: <http://www.northernalumnifoundation.org/athletic-hall-of-fame.html>

Although the Foundation collects nominations throughout the year, to be nominated for the 2017 class please submit your nomination by January 15, 2017. To nominate an individual for the Founders' Excellence Award or the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame please submit a letter of recommendation along with any other supporting documents to:

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MLK Day 2017 Planning Committee Looking for Volunteers

The 2017 Martin Luther King Day planning committee is currently looking for volunteers to participate in a day of service. Currently, community partners are Opportunity Link, Vista AmeriCorps, and MSUN. If you or your organization, would like to participate please contact Cristina Estrada-Underwood at 265-3859, c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu or Ben Dillon at 265-3581, AmeriCorpsVISTA@msun.edu

Order Your Graduation Cap and Gown

Are you graduating May 2017? The Bookstore now has order forms available for your cap, gown, and tassel packages. Order before March 10, 2017, to avoid a \$5 rush fee. You may also order through www.jostens.com. If you are graduating with your Master's, the online ordering will not be available through Jostens.com. Announcements are available for purchase in the store or you may customize them through Jostens.com. Click Here to download your order form.

Jump Start Your FAFSA - Before Feb. 10

More good news! The 2017-2018 FAFSA is now available. Starting this year, you can now use your prior year's completed taxes. When filling out the FAFSA, use 2015 tax information. Get a jump start on FAFSA and financial aid by applying now. Be stress-free and apply today! The link to the FAFSA is: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> Priority deadline is February 10, 2016. If you have questions, contact the financial aid office at 406-265-3787 or finaid@msun.edu.

Upcoming Activities

Student Activities - DECEMBER 2016

3rd	5 p.m.-12 a.m.	Cowboy Christmas	Gym
4th	2 p.m.	Piano and Pipes	1st Lutheran
5th-6th	8-10 p.m.	Intramurals - 3 on 3 basketball	Gym
7TH	7-10 p.m.	Northpoint Auction	Ballroom/Fireside
8th-10th	8 a.m.-11 p.m.	Native American Classic	Gym
9th-10th	4 p.m.-8 p.m.	Holiday Receptions	Chancellors House
9th-11th	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Hansel & Gretel Christmas Panto	Theatre
10th	8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Grand Holiday Expo	Ballroom
12th-14th	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Book Buy Back	Bookstore
15th	6 & 8 p.m.	Skylights & Lights Basketball vs Nuestra Hidatsu	Gym
15th-18th	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Hansel & Gretel Christmas Panto	Theatre
12-16th		FINALS WEEK	
22nd-24th	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Hansel & Gretel Christma Panto	Theatre

MSU-Northern Community Choir Concert - Dec. 3

MSUN community choir and other local musicians, will be providing a free concert on Saturday, December the 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Havre High School auditorium. Come enjoy the music!

Piano and Pipes - Dec. 4

Get in the holiday spirit with a dose of holiday music this Sunday, December 4th, at 2 p.m. It is the annual Pianos and Pipes concert featuring the MSUN Community Choir along with other local musicians. The concert will be at in First Lutheran Church, 303 6th Avenue in Havre. The concert admission is free, but you are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Havre Food Bank. Come see what musical talent thrives along the Hi-Line!

Fall 2016 Indigenous Movie Nights - Dec 5

The series, sponsored by the Native American Studies Program, showcases films written, directed, produced, and cast by American Indian & Indigenous artists and filmmakers. Each film is followed by a short discussion about the major themes and issues within the stories. Everyone is welcome. All of these movies will be in Hensler Auditorium, (in the ATC) and will begin at 6 p.m.

Mon, Dec 5 - CHRISTMAS IN THE CLOUDS

Christmas laughs, love, a vegetarian chef, and mistaken identities, on a reservation ski-resort.

Exit Counseling Sessions - Dec. 6-7

Attention fall graduates! Exit counseling sessions will be held December 6 and 7 at 5 p.m. in the library computer lab B. If you have taken out student loans while attending school, you are required to attend one of the sessions. Payment options, forbearance and deferments, and federal loan servicer will all be discussed in these sessions. If you have any questions give Karen Terrell a call at 406-265-3776 or stop in the financial aid office Cowan Hall 213G.



Fall Graduation – Dec. 8

Please join us as we honor the Fall 2016 graduates of Montana State University-Northern Thursday, December 8th at 5:00 PM in the Hensler Auditorium (ATC) A brief ceremony will be followed by a reception for graduates and their families.

Book Buy Back - Dec. 12-16

Book Buy Back at the MSUN Bookstore will be held during finals week, December 12-16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. A student ID is required and please remember to bring all CD's, DVD's, and supplemental materials that were purchased with your textbooks.

Weekly Columns

Northern Technology Snapshot

by Thomas M. Welch - Agricultural Technology Educator at MSU-Northern



Capturing Northern Screens With Color

I vividly remember how difficult it was to prepare good teaching visuals back in the 1980s. This was when color computer monitors were first arriving on our campus and the era before we had digital color projectors, color laser printers and Microsoft PowerPoint. I was able to use these early computers and first generation graphics software such as Harvard Graphics to create colored charts, colored text and even slides with variable font sizes, shapes and annotations. However, instructors were very limited in being able to print or present computer generated learning materials in color.

Having a class of students crowding around a small computer screen was not a good option, and of course, I could not print out dozens of crisp colored handouts. One solution I used was to wait until dark and use my 35mm Canon camera and a tripod to capture my computer generated presentation graphics onto slide film. I was worried that campus security personnel would find me alone, in the dark, dressed in black, and in the CAD lab, but I was able to prepare some acceptable slides (see image) to show my students via a carousel slide projector.

Later on, I was able to acquire a special film recorder camera device (see image) that was able to receive digital images from a computer and capture them onto slide film with professional results. Compared to today's presentation technologies, these methods took a lot of time as I had to wait for the film to be developed, select slides, and load a carousel. It also took appreciable time for me to explain to skeptical night campus security folks what I was up to!

@theLibrary

By: Vicki Gist

Library launches a new search tool on December 16th

Soon it will be easier than ever to locate and access library resources at Montana State University-Northern. The MSUN Library will launch a new version of the search tool that will improve how materials are browsed, searched, and discovered. The Library's OneSearch will now include the books, journals, DVDs, and other materials formerly found when searching the Library Catalog. An OneSearch search will now return print and electronic books, journal articles, reference articles, and other information.

For the past year the MSUN Library, in conjunction with other Montana Academic libraries, has been in the process of implementing the new Ex Libris Alma/Primo catalog software management system. The libraries will begin using the new system on December 16th.

During the transition time, some functionality may not be available. Please contact a library staff member for more information or to report issues encountered.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Windows 10 Tip

Draw and Write on Web pages

One of the features of the Edge browser is the ability to draw and write on web pages from within the browser. You can share your marked-up pages via email or through social networks, and you can save them to OneNote.

When you see a Web page you want to "ink," click the small icon in the upper right corner of the browser that looks like a pen and paper. There are only a few icons, so this shouldn't be too difficult to find.

The Web page will refresh and the inking toolbar will appear over the regular toolbar. On the left side of the inking toolbar, you'll see five icons: pen, highlighter, eraser, text and clip. The pen tool is selected by default, so you can just start scribbling away. If you want to change the color of your pen, click the pen icon to choose from 12 colors and three sizes.

To use a highlighter click the highlighter button. Click the highlighter button a second time to select your highlighter color and shape (six colors, three shapes).

If you prefer typing, you can use the text tool to make comments on the webpage. To do this, click the text tool button and then click anywhere on the page. A numbered pin will appear at that spot, and next to it you'll see a text box, in which you can type whatever you want.

If you want to declutter the page, you can close text boxes by clicking on the numbered pin. The pin will remain where it is, but the text box will minimize. To reopen the text box, simply click the pin again. You can also move the text box by clicking and dragging the numbered pin.

To delete both the comment pin and the text box, click the trash can icon in the lower right corner of the text box. One thing to note when you're using the text tool is that all pen and highlighter marks will appear over all text boxes.

The clipping tool will turn your cursor into a cross-hair and you can clip out a section of the page. Click the clipping tool icon, and the page will fade out until you select a section of it. Once you have a section selected, you'll see a small copy icon in the lower right corner; click this to copy your clip. You can then paste it into another program if you want to save it.

Click the eraser tool button and then click, hold and move your cursor over any inked lines (either pen or highlighter) to erase them from the screen. To erase the entire page, click the eraser tool button a second time and a menu will pop up with one option: **Clear all ink.**

Lastly, on the right side of the inking toolbar, you'll see the save and a share icons. Clicking the save icon and a menu will pop up with your save options. To share your work, clicking the share icon will open up Windows 10's sharing sidebar. At the top of the sidebar, you'll see the name of your file -- click this to choose whether to share your file as an HTML link or a screenshot. Underneath this, you'll see a list of apps and programs you can use to share your file.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

Earlier this week, Northern, Havre, and the Hi-Line lost another great one! Wanda McKinney passed away in the morning hours of Monday, November 28th. Northern has been hit hard this year with the passing of several former employees. Northern was a large part of Wanda's life. Wanda began working at Northern on September 18, 1984, and worked there until she retired on June 8, 2012. Northern was blessed to have Wanda for 28 years, long enough for multiple generations to be touched by this amazing woman. How amazing was Wanda, she worked at Northern full-time, raised a family (three children) with her husband Ruben, and earned an Associated degree.

I remember meeting her for the first time in 1986, while I did not learn her name for several years, I remembered her as the lady that ALWAYS had a smile and a kind word for everybody. As many students would learn, it was a cherished student position to work with Wanda McKinney. She was more than a boss, she was a friend, a mentor, a mother, a sister... somebody that was always there for her student workers. Faculty and staff remember her as one who would always go out of her way to assist them in what they needed from the Media Center. In many ways she enabled many faculty and staff, but she never complained as she was there to help them who in turn were helping students.

In 1995, the Student Senate awarded Wanda with their prestigious Golden "N" Award. Then 13 years later, in 2008, Wanda's daughter, Sarah, was also awarded the Golden "N" Award. It is believed to be the only mother-daughter combination, where both have been recipients of the Golden "N" Award. Just weeks before she passed away, Wanda helped her grandson, Dylan, sell over \$1,800.00 in Boy Scout popcorn. Right to the end, Wanda McKinney was there for her family.

As 2016 is winding down, please remember the smile, the love, the devotion, and the compassion that Wanda showed and displayed to everyone throughout her lifetime. Then go out and do one kind deed to another person in the Wanda McKinney's name and show the world that Wanda's heart and spirit are still here with us every day.

God Bless and Rest in Peace Wanda.



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