

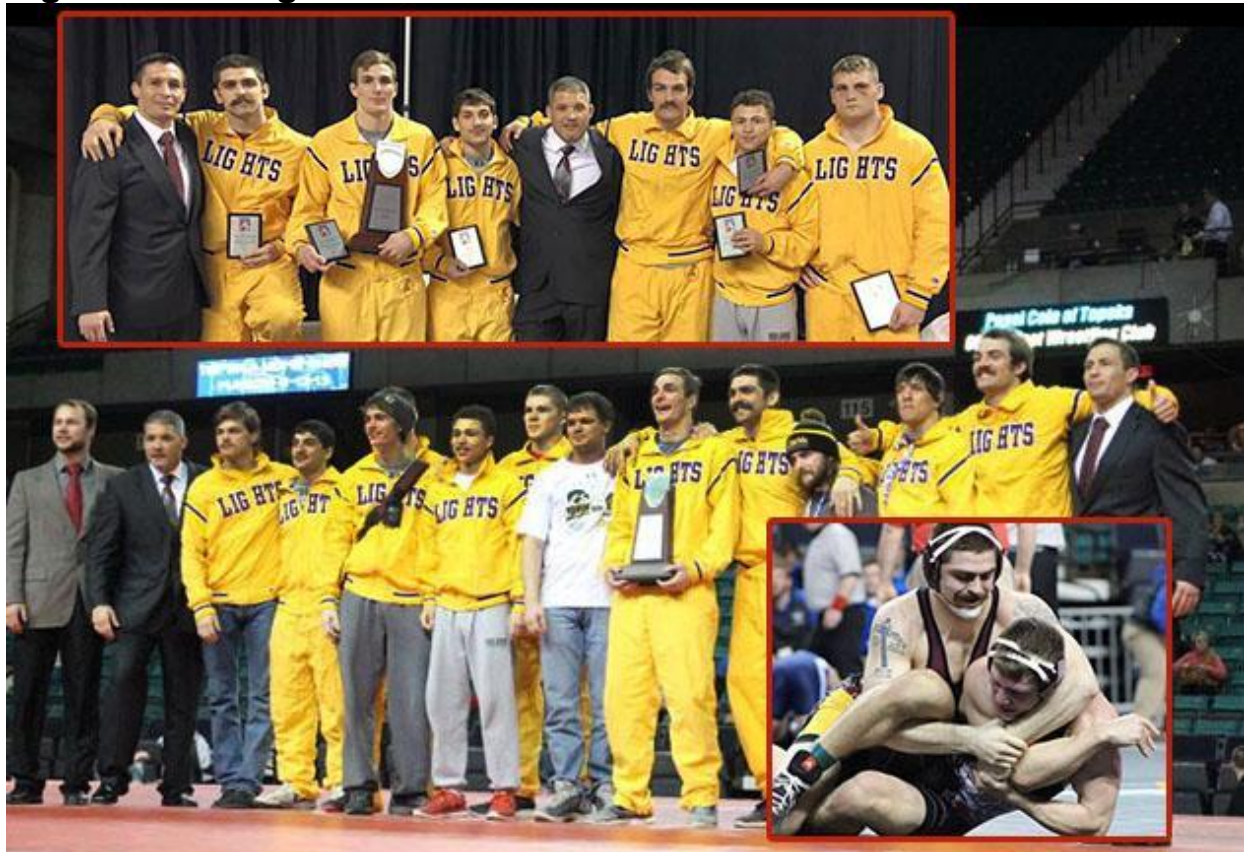
NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

Lights Wrestling Team Takes Second in the Nation



Northern's wrestling team finished the year with a dual meet record of 10-2, a first place trophy at the West National Qualifying Tournament (first time since 2004), and second place at the NAIA National Championships. The team consisted of six freshmen, two juniors, and two seniors. Coach Tyson Thivierge said, "We competed in Topeka, Kansas, and we were able to garner many accolades by the end of the tournament. We still have a lot of work to do, but the future is bright and the guys are excited to continue to pursue the National Championship." Not only did the team bring home six All-American wrestlers, but they brought home three Academic All-Americans, and for the third year in a row, the Lights wrestlers received the honor of Sportsmanship of the Year award, an award voted on by the NAIA coaches association. The following is how our athletes did in the tournament:

- 125-Quintel Fuchs, freshman, 6th
- 141-Matt Weber, freshman, 3rd
- 174-Willie Miller, senior, 4th
- 197-Garrett DeMers, junior, 3rd, and Academic All-American
- 285-Taylor Kornoely, junior, 2nd

285-Toby Cheff, senior, 7th

Blake Ivie (133, freshman), Drake Randall (149, freshman), Brandon Weber (157, freshman), and Andy Bartel (165, freshman) also competed at Topeka.

Of those student-athletes not competing at nationals, Tommy Cooper and Riley Miller were named Academic All-Americans. Junior Garrett DeMers received his third All-American title by placing third at 197. Toby Cheff, at 285, also garnered his third All-American honor by placing seventh. Riley Miller received his second Academic All-American honor. For Tommy Cooper, it was his first time as an Academic All-American. Congratulations Lights wrestling team! You make Northern proud!

Skylights Basketball Team Head to Nationals



For the third consecutive season, the MSU-Northern Skylight basketball team has qualified for the NAIA Division I National Tournament. The Skylights (23-8), who received an at-large bid, finished the season ranked #16 in the final NAIA poll. Seeded 4th in their bracket, they will match up Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. MST against Benedictine College from the Heart of America Conference. Benedictine finished ranked #19 in the final NAIA poll with an overall record of 26-6 and is the seeded 5th in the eight-team quadrant. MSU-Northern joins fellow Frontier Conference members Lewis-Clark State College (ID), Carroll College, and the University of Great Falls as repeat selections from the 2015 National Tournament. The game can be heard live on KPQX 92.5 FM or online at KPQX.com. For more information about the NAIA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament, go to: www.naia.org

Gianforte Visits Campus



Tuesday Republican gubernatorial candidate Greg Gianforte and his newly-appointed running mate Lesley Robinson (of Malta) were in Havre campaigning. During their visit to Havre they stopped in to meet with Chancellor Kegel to discuss how things are going at the college. Gianforte has made numerous visits to the campus and in 2014 he was the Keynote speaker for the Economic Outlook Seminar.

Hi-Line Regional Science Fair



Like many previous years, Northern hosted this year's Hi-Line regional science fair at the SUB. Approximately 80 middle school and high school students came ready to prove their hypotheses to the judges and various attendees. The Northern family enjoys hosting this event and seeing all the students' ideas and their passion for science. The winners of this regional fair will go on to the national level competition.

MAT's *Mary Poppins* Continues to Thrill Audiences



Click on Image to watch the video

Last weekend was the debut of MAT's *Mary Poppins*, and the shows were well-attended and greatly enjoyed. The cast continues to offer their delightful show this weekend.

The story centers on the Banks family, and in particular, the children, Jane and Michael, who are a bit out of control and in need of a new nanny. The family members' opinions differ when it comes to what kind of nanny to hire. They are all surprised and changed after meeting and spending time with the mysterious woman called Mary Poppins.

Casey Pratt and Rachel Dean are directing the show, and it will continue running March 11-13, and 17-19. Evening performances will begin at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees will begin at 2 p.m. Doors and backstage lounge open thirty minutes before each show. Adults can attend the play for \$20. Seniors, students, and military members can attend for \$15, and children's tickets are \$10. MSU-Northern students, staff and faculty attend for free with current student I.D.s. on a space available basis.

Northern Celebrates Irish-American History Month



In celebration of Irish-American history month, the Bullhook Bottoms Barbershop Chorus gave a concert filled with traditional Irish tunes, while the participants enjoyed Irish food in the food court. This event was suitable for old and young alike as families in the community attended it as well.

The Bullhook Bottoms Barbershop had a repertoire of traditional Irish tunes specially selected for the occasion. The group has been singing a cappella music in the Havre area for over 25 years, and they have members from Havre, Chinook, and Inverness.

They meet every Thursday at 7:00pm. Interested men can contact Byron at 265-2198.

Little River Institute New Campus Location



You can now find the Little River Institute located on the top floor of the Student Union Building in the Crowley Conference Room. The new space provides a welcoming environment for students to study, have

a snack, or visit. It is currently staffed by the Little River Institute Program Director, Erica McKeon-Hanson (far right), and students (LtoR) Evie RedBoy and Mia LameBull. In addition, the Little River Institute is also the meeting place for the Sweetgrass Society and Northern Native Alumni Association. The MSU-Northern students, faculty, staff and administration as well as the community are welcome to stop by to say hello.

The Little River Institute on the campus of Montana State University-Northern is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) program. The goal of the new program is to provide students with access to culturally responsive tutoring and mentoring services, to provide faculty opportunities to engage in professional development on the topics of cultural responsiveness, and to foster the integration of technology in teaching. In addition, the institute's location provides a gathering space where students can participate in the campus activities sponsored in cooperation with the Sweetgrass Society.

Agribusiness Committee & PAS Club Read & Feed



The Agribusiness Committee of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce recently donated \$250.00 to Highland Park School in Havre so they could purchase agriculture themed books for their school library. The Committee has done this for a number of years. On Thursday, March 10, Agribusiness Committee members teamed up with the Montana State University-Northern Postsecondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Club to introduce the new agriculture books to eight classes of first graders. The agriculture books were read to the students and the group shared the story of farmers and ranchers and food production. The first graders were then served chocolate milk and cookies in the shape of "A"s and "G"s which the Agribusiness Committee and our agriculture system provided.

Safe Zone III, Unpacking and Undoing Individual Heterosexism



Students, faculty, staff, and service providers in the community participated in the Safe Zone Module III "Unpacking and Undoing Heterosexism." This module is focused on examining individual heterosexism, transnegativity, microaggressions (and solutions to avoid them). It additionally covered a discussion about heterosexual and cisgender privilege. Those interested in finding more information about future Safe Zone trainings can contact the Multicultural Center at 265-3589 or Student Support Services, Counseling Office at 265-3164.

Alternative Spring Break Plans for the Penny Pincher - Part 2

By Kimmi Boyce

Last week I shared some money-saving lodgings to consider for a frugal Montana spring break trip, but there are those who just can't handle the idea of staying in Montana for spring break. If you must escape Montana for a time, but your wallet's restricting you from going too far, here are some Montana borderland destinations the low gas prices might allow you to enjoy.

Canada

- Attraction: Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park in Alberta brags some amazing rock formations called "hoodoos" along with a mind-blowing concentration of First Nation petroglyphs and pictographs.
- Lodging: camping (starting at \$12) or comfort camping (starting at \$115) in the park

Idaho

- Attraction: Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve is a crazy looking landscape that covers an area about the size of Rhode Island. It's rugged land you could definitely spend a day or two exploring.
- Lodging: There are some cheap hotels in Arco, Idaho near the site, but if you want to splurge and drive a bit more for a memorable experience, drive over to Pocatello and stay in the (semi-cheesy but luxurious) Black Swan themed suites

North Dakota

- Attraction: North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck is an indoor adventure exploring the state's rich history (and it's a good thing it's inside, because it seems like most of the state's outdoor attractions don't open up until May)
- Lodging: For a cute and cozy stay, visit Kay's Bed and Breakfast in Bismarck. Kay's place has great ratings for her comfort food and welcoming ambience.

South Dakota

- Attraction: Be cliché. Do it. Go see Mount Rushmore! Those big stone noggins are beckoning you.

- Lodging: Pine Rest Cabins in Hill City are a bit pricier, but they have great ratings and a secluded cozy feel.

Wyoming

- Attraction: There are so many places to visit in Wyoming, so why not stop at them all? Visit Yellowstone National Park, Devil's Tower, Jackson Hole and all those well known places. But if you want something a little more off the beaten path, check out Cody, Wyoming. Cody is a cute touristy town tucked in the mountains. There are plenty of museums and outdoor attractions. And while you're in the area, don't forget the Meeteetse Chocolatier and try some decadent creations from the middle of nowhere!
- Lodging: There are multiple B&Bs in Cody, but the Southfork Bed and Breakfast seemed to boast some pretty happy lodgers.

Whatever you do, wherever you go for spring break, whether you do fly off to Hawaii or whether you stick around good ole MT, remember "carpe diem." Seize the day. Make the most of your time off, and enjoy all the attractions and beautiful landscape around you. Make both friends and memories.

Important Announcements

No Classes Next Week - Spring Break (Offices Will be Open)

No NNN Next Week Because of Spring Break

The Food Court Closes for Spring Break today at 2 p.m. and will reopen on Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m.

Library Hours for Spring Break

The Vande Bogart Library will be closed Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 for spring break. The week of spring break the library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed on Saturday, and open from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday, March 20.

Exit Counseling Sessions for Spring Graduates- Apr. 19 & 20

Attention spring graduates, federal regulations require any student who receives a federal student loan to attend an exit counseling session upon completion of his or her program. The upcoming exit counseling sessions will take place on Tuesday, April 19, at 12 p.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 20, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. in the library computer lab B. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact Karen Terrell at 265-3776 or stop by Cowan Hall 213 G (Financial Aid Office) to set up an appointment.

Deferred Installment Payment Due Dates

(a one-time \$30 administrative charge does apply):

25%: Friday, January 8th, 2016

50%: Friday, February 12th, 2016

75%: Friday, March 11th, 2016

100%: Friday, April 8th, 2016

Pre-registration for fall 2016 is coming up quickly. If you have made no payments and have a balance owing that is greater than \$250.00 - your summer/fall 2016 registration may be delayed or denied. Please contact Business Services to make payment arrangements.

Summer 2016 Class Schedule is now up on Banner Web

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the Summer 2016 Pre-Registration Schedule.

Graduation Garb- a Reminder for Spring 2016 Graduates

Do not forget to reserve your graduation cap, gown, and tassel for the upcoming graduation ceremony to be held on May 7, 2016. To place your order, please visit the MSU-Northern Bookstore (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday). You can also download and email the order form bookstore@msun.edu, or you can place a phone order by calling 406-265-3728. Since the March 6 deadline has passed, orders will now incur an additional \$5.00 charge.

Continuing MSUN Students

**Complete your 2016-2017 FAFSA
By April 15th**

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**You will be entered to win a \$250 gift certificate
to the MSUN Bookstore**

Go to fafsa.gov today!

Questions? Call 265-3787 or stop by the Financial Aid office

Upcoming Activities

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Hi-Line Chapter Banquet- Mar. 12

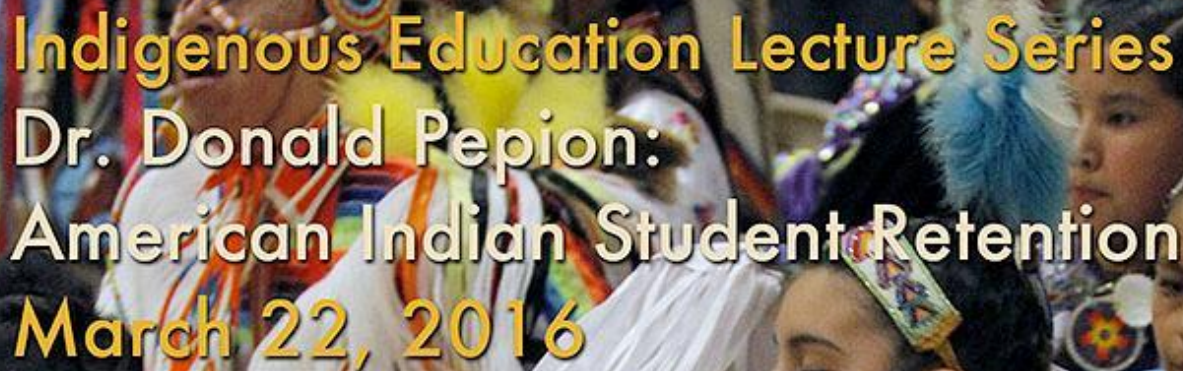
Come take part in the Hi-Line Chapter's Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet next weekend on March 12th. It will be a social evening of fun, great food, and camaraderie, all for the benefit of elk country. As always, the evening will include awesome raffles and various auction items, so come on out to the Duck Inn Olympic Room (1300 1st Street) March 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. You can purchase tickets at:

<https://events.rmef.org/shop.aspx?eid=5245>

Badminton Singles and Doubles- Mar. 21, 22, & 28

Come on over to the gym and join in some indoor badminton fun. You can play singles or doubles, and it all starts at 8 p.m. on March 21, 22, and 28.

Lecture by Dr. Donald Pepion - Mar. 22



Indigenous Education Lecture Series

Dr. Donald Pepion: American Indian Student Retention

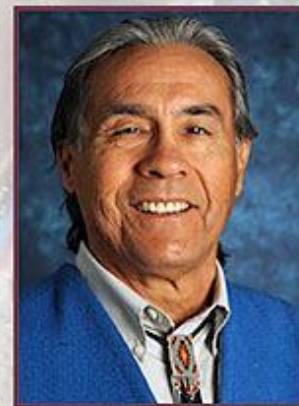
March 22, 2016

Dr. Donald Pepion, a professor at New Mexico State University, will be presenting on American Indian student retention to three separate audiences throughout the day.

10 a.m. – American Indian student retention within the classroom for **Faculty**. SUB Fireside Room

2 p.m. – American Indian student retention within **Student Support Services**. Cowan Hall 107

7 p.m. – **Community** Presentation of Dr. Pepion's recent research focused on American Indian student retention. Hensler Auditorium



Click on the following link to watch a short clip of Dr. Pepion:
<https://vimeo.com/93856132>

For additional information, please see the Little River Institute website at www.littleriverinstitute.org or contact:

Spring 2016 Indigenous Movie Nights

This movie series is sponsored by the Native American Studies Program, and highlights films written, directed, produced, and cast by American Indian and Indigenous artists and filmmakers. Following each film there will be a short discussion about the major themes and issues within the stories. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be available. All movies will be held in Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building from 6-8 p.m. The films this year are:

***EMPIRE OF DIRT* - Wed. Mar. 23**

Three generations of First Nations women struggle to bridge the generation gap and deal with the demons of their past.

***RHYMES FOR YOUNG GHOULS* - Thurs. Apr. 14**

Teenage Revenge in the "Kingdom of the Crow"

Red Cross Blood Drive- Mar. 30

Every day, area hospitals are filled with cancer and surgery patients, premature babies, accident victims and other ill or injured people who need blood transfusions to live. Blood cannot be manufactured, it can

only come from donors, and because all blood and blood products are perishable, the supply must be replenished constantly. That's why the Red Cross is asking for your help!

MSUN will be sponsoring another blood drive on March 30, Wednesday in the SUB from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register, go to redcrossblood.org, the front desk in the SUB, or contact Sherry Kegel at 265-3599 or e-mail at sherry.kegel@msun.edu. She would be happy to schedule you.

Tribal Transfer Day - Apr. 1

Tribal Transfer Day will focus on the theme "Eliminating Roadblocks to Success." In this one-day event, attendees will learn more about transitioning to a 4-year university while enjoying free breakfast, lunch, and refreshments, and hearing presentations on online learning, sports, student activities, Native American activities, and much more. Attendees will also be able to take a campus tour, visit faculty advisors, visit with Native American students currently enrolled at Northern, and visit with members of the Northern Native Alumni Association. Keep your eyes open for up-coming registration information.

Spring Fling - Apr.1

The Spring Fling Dinner and Auction is a one night event that includes an amazing prime rib and shrimp dinner along with a silent and live auction consisting of many great items, vacations, and packages that are all donated to raise Scholarship dollars for MSU-Northern Student Athletes.

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference - April 28-29

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference, hosted at MSU-Northern, is intended to showcase personal experiences, recent research, and current events that impact the lives of Native American students, their families, and their communities in Montana and across Indian Country.

The Little River Institute invites both students and faculty at Northern, at high schools and universities across the region to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. For more information including the Request for Proposal forms, contact Erica McKeon-Hanson at erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu or visit www.littleriverinstitute.org.

Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

By now many of you know that Northern finished second at the NAIA National wrestling tournament (the 14th time Northern has finished in the top three). You also may know that the following wrestlers earned All-American status: 125 Quintel Fuchs - 6th, 141 Matt Weber - 3rd, 174 Willie Miller - 4th, 197 Garrett DeMers - 3rd, 285 Taylor Kornoely - 2nd and Toby Cheff - 7th.

But the 2015-16 Northern wrestling team accomplished something that has never happened in Northern wrestling history, and that is having three Academic All-Americans. Congratulations to Riley Miller, Tommy Cooper, and Garrett DeMers. Northern has now produced 25 Academic All-Americans.

On another note, Toby Cheff became a three-time NAIA All-American for Northern. Did you know that his father, Mick Cheff, was a two-time NAIA National Champion for Western Montana College? Mick Cheff is also in the Western Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Toby, on an outstanding career at Northern.