

This Past Week

Northern Hosts MTADA Meeting



This week, MSU-Northern hosted The Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MTADA). They were on the campus to discuss ways for Northern and the MTADA work together to create pathways for high school students to become an automotive technician. MTADA consists of 119 franchised new car and truck dealers in Montana. The association and its members strive to uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity and continuously work together to improve the car buying experience for Montana consumers.

Spring Career Fair



The Armory Gymnasium was bustling with activity yesterday, February 9, as Northern hosted the spring career fair. The Career Center brought 47 employers to campus for the event. The fair's "Gold Sponsors" were Penske Truck Leasing and Peterson CAT. The "Maroon Sponsors" were Phillips County Hospital, CG Ag Consulting, GE Transportation Systems, and Wartsila North America. Over 300 students attended the event. Eight employers arranged interview schedules for students, and multiple offers for co-op and full-time positions will likely result from these interviews.

Presentations, Hands on Activities, and Panel Discussion: Women in Fields Typically Dominated by Males



About 55 young women from Fort Benton, Chester, Fort Belknap, Harlem, Chinook, and Havre participated in the event "Women in Male Dominated Fields" sponsored by the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) and the Women's Foundation of Montana. The purpose of the event was to provide an overview about what it means, in this day, to be a woman in trades like electrical, plumbing, welding, automotive, diesel, agricultural mechanics and agricultural technology and in programs like Criminal Justice and Civil Engineering. Research shows that women often don't even consider these careers as viable choices because of traditionally established gender roles. However, it is Northern's endeavor to assist all women to have a successful academic journey if they choose to join a degree that it is not necessarily associated with females.

The ODAMP would like to thank all MSUN faculty and staff who supported this initiative as well as the high school counselors and students, and girls, and women from the community who attended the event. Those who were unable to attend are welcome to make an appointment to visit the Northern campus and explore the many program opportunities available.

The Recognized Classifieds

By Debra Bradley and Jenn Anderson

Leslie Pierson works in the bookstore and once you walk in the place you will be greeted with a smile and "how are you" from her. Susan Solomon, Manager of the Bookstore, says that Leslie is one of the most loyal employees and friends anyone could ask for. She has a sense of humor and has a tendency to be a bit of a prankster and her alter ego shows up every Halloween with her famous "Elfina" outfit.

Leslie has spent the last year studying hard to be a certified Pharmacy Tech and she passed with flying colors! Therefore, the next time you step in to the bookstore, Leslie or Elfina might greet you!





Northern Professor Develops Writing Quiz to Help Teachers

Dr. Fred Smiley has begun working with the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to develop an on-line course to help people improve their writing skills. Dr. Smiley has identified the 13 most common rhetorical writing errors that people make. Then he created an interactive Writing Quiz with 20 Questions to guide teachers through the errors. He shared these resources with peers at universities across the nation, and several colleagues have validated its effectiveness and are using this information to support their own course work. Way to go Dr. Smiley! You make Northern Proud.

Important Announcements

IMPORTANT DATES For Spring Semester 2017

Last Day to Drop a Class with a "W" Wednesday, March 22nd

Deferred Installment Payment Schedule:(\$30 processing fee is added)

* 75% of total fees due: Friday, March 3

* 100% of total fees due: Friday, April 7

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

February Activities

- 11 Skylights BB @ Montana Tech (5:30 p.m.)
- 11 Lights BB @ Montana Tech (7:30 p.m.)
- 11 "We Love Northern Ball" Kentucky Derby Gym - (6 p.m.)
- 13 Intramural Activity 5 on 5 BB - Gym - (8-9:45 p.m.)
- 14 Intramural Activity 5 on 5 BB - Gym - (8-9:45 p.m.)
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 15 Eppic Hip Hop Artist - Ballroom (8 p.m.)
- 15 District 9C Basketball Tournament - HHS Gym - All Day
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- 16 Skylights BB @ Great Falls (5:30 p.m.)
- 16 Lights BB @ Great Falls (7:30 p.m.)
- 17 District 9C Basketball Tournament - HHS Gym - All Day
- 18 Recycle Drive - Pacific Steel & Recycle - 8:30 a.m.
- 18 District 9C Basketball Tournament - HHS Gym - All Day
- 18 Wrestling @ West National Qualifier (9 a.m.)
- 18 Skylights BB @ Carroll (5:30 p.m.)
- 18 Lights BB @ Carroll (7:30 p.m.)

- 18 Valentine's Day Burlesque & Cabaret - Old Post Office (8 p.m.)
- 20 PRESIDENTS DAY - NO CLASSES
- 21 Chancellor's Lecture Series "Indivisible" - Library (7:30 p.m.)
- 21 Intramural Activity 5 on 5 BB - Gym - (8-9:45 p.m.)
- 22 Karaoke - Ballroom (7 p.m.)
- 24 Skylights BB vs Western (6 p.m.)
- 24 Lights BB vs Western (7 p.m.)
- 25 Skylights BB vs Rocky (6 p.m.)
- 25 Lights BB vs Rocky (7 p.m.)
- 27 Intramural Activity 5 on 5 BB - Gym - (8-9:45 p.m.)
- 27 1st Round Conference Tournament WBB (7 p.m.) TBD
- 28 1st Round Conference Tournament MBB (7 p.m.) TBD
- 28 Intramural Activity 5 on 5 BB - Gym - (8-9:45 p.m.)



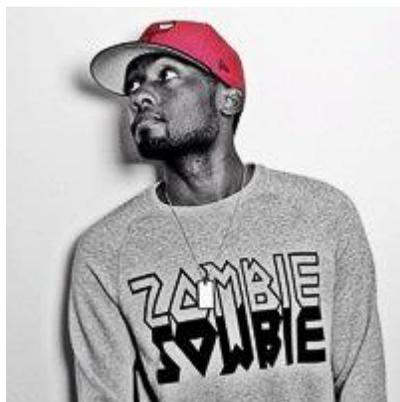
BPA Hosting Valentine's Day Candy Sale

The Business Professionals of America (BPA) club is currently hosting a Valentine's Day candy sale fundraiser. Students are encouraged to anonymously purchase a Valentine's Day treat, two cherry red Tootsie Pops for \$1, for that someone special. The deadline to purchase is Wednesday, February 8. The club will be taking orders from 1-4 in the SUB Ballroom or you can contact a BPA member before then. All recipients of a Valentine's Day treat will be contacted on or before Monday, February 13, so please be sure to check your email. The BPA club will be handing out suckers on Tuesday, February 14 from 12-3 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.

Happy Valentine's Day from your MSU-Northern Business Professionals of America club!

We Love Northern Ball - Feb. 11

This year's theme is the "Kentucky Derby." So get ready for a night at the races at this year's 'We Love Northern' Ball, February 11th at the Armory Gymnasium. Enjoy an evening of games, dancing, and fine southern cuisine. Havre's very own, The Plowed Under Band will keep you dancing into the night. Make a pledge to student scholarships and be entered to win our grand prize getaway package.



Eppic singing at MSUN - Feb. 15

As part of the celebrations of Black History Month 2017, the MSUN Student Activities is sponsoring the presentation of Eppic, rapper and songwriter originally from Colorado Springs, CO. He will be introducing this first EP titled, "Forever Imperfect." Eppic has toured the US and Europe and worked with pop star Jason Derulo and YouTube celebrity, Lindsey Stirling. His presentation will take place Feb 15, at the Ballroom starting at 8.00 p.m.

Spanish Speaking Group - Feb. 16

The Spanish speaking group meetings happen once a month, the third Thursday of the month during the noon hour at the Food Court. This group is open to the MSUN students, faculty, staff as well as the

community. The meetings this semester are February 16, March 16, and April 20. For more information, contact the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) at 265-3589 or email mcc@msun.edu

Movie Sponsored by Spanish Speaking Group - Feb. 21

The movie *Bajo la Misma Luna* (Under the Same Moon) will be exhibited February 21st, 2017 at 6.00 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium. This movie tells the story of a nine-year-old, Carlitos, who embarks in the journey of looking for his mother traveling by himself from his little town in south Mexico to Los Angeles. This movie is appropriate for all ages, and there will be a conversation after the exhibition. The movie is both spoken in English and Spanish as well with English subtitles. *Bajo la Misma Luna* is an activity sponsored by the MSUN Spanish Speaking Group. If you would like to find more information, contact the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) at mcc@msun.edu or by calling 406-460-0445.

Presentation about The History of LGBTQ + Rights - Feb. 22

The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) is sponsoring the presentation LGBTQ+ Rights by Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) A. Hubble, Director of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Montana. In her presentation, Dr. Hubble will be covering several important events in recent history of the LGBTQ movements in this country, from the Stonewall through the end of DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act). This presentation will be very informative since it will provide the material needed to understand the present debates in regards to LGBTQ history and rights gained. LGBTQ+Rights will take place Feb. 22nd during the noon hour (for one hour) in Hensler Auditorium. Lunch will be provided, but those interested need to sign in by sending an email to mmc@msun.edu or by calling 265-3589.

Chancellor's Lecture Series

IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in Americas - Feb. - 21



"IndiVisible" is the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit that reveals unique information about the little-known history of people with dual African-American and Native American ancestry. It is a display of large panels that discuss the cultural integration of these blended marriages and the ancestors caught between preserving their individual heritage and embracing both cultures.

Speaker, Yvonne Tiger's Tribes (Cherokee, Creek, Seminole), are intrinsically linked into this history and features in the "IndiVisible" display. As a legal assistant for her Tribal Nations, she has worked on Freedmen issues in the past and understands federal policies about Indians. This conversation includes the cultural integration of these blended marriages and the ancestors caught between preserving their individual heritage and embracing both cultures.

Please join us at the MSU-N Vande Bogart Library for an interesting lecture on Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30 PM. This presentation is free and open to the public.

Come play our Escape Game! - Feb. 25

You and a group of 3-5 people will be "locked" into a room and in order to get out your group will have 45 minutes to solve a series of puzzles, clues and codes to unlock the door and escape the room! This is a great exercise in team building and critical thinking, and also a lot of fun! The game will be held in Pershing Hall with one-hour time slots open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat. and Sun., Feb 25th and 26th. This event is hosted by the MSUN Business Professionals of America in conjunction with MSUN Residence Life. The event is free with MSUN ID or \$10 per person without. The money raised will go towards the MSUN Business Professionals of America's trip to the National Conference in May.

Sign up to play by calling or texting 406-331-0875 or email courtney.cota88@gmail.com

Joan Bird: "UFOs and Extraterrestrials in Montana" - Mar. 30

Thursday, March 30: Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium

Author, researcher and zoologist, Joan Bird, will present important, well-documented Montana cases of UFO evidence. This evidence includes nuclear missile shutdowns, government UFO investigations, and the science behind crop circles. She will also share stories of contact and what we have learned from cosmic visitors. Montana is home to some of the most significant, well-documented and interesting UFO reports in the history of ufology (The study of UFO's).

International Poetry Reading - Apr. 4

Campus and community members are invited to help us celebrate a love of poetry and languages at an International Poetry Reading on the evening of April 4th in the MAT. Co-organizers Valerie Guyant, assistant professor of English and Cristina Estrada-Underwood, Director, Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs invite members of the community, international students, national students, faculty and staff, whether native speakers or just learning a language for the first time, to join us in celebrating our collective linguistic and cultural diversity by volunteering to read, chant, sing and sign in languages other than modern, standard English. We wish to give people who speak another language a chance to share their language, and we want to give people in the audience the opportunity to enjoy those languages and admire those who speak them.

At this time, we are asking only to know what language you plan to share with the audience in an approximately five to ten-minute presentation. We ask that you send in a copy of your selection in the original language and in translation to be included in the program. Please contact Valerie Guyant at Valerie.guyant@msun.edu or 406-265-4173 to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Jack Glatzer: "Solo Violin Recital with Integrated Art History Program" - Apr. 10

Monday, April 10: Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium

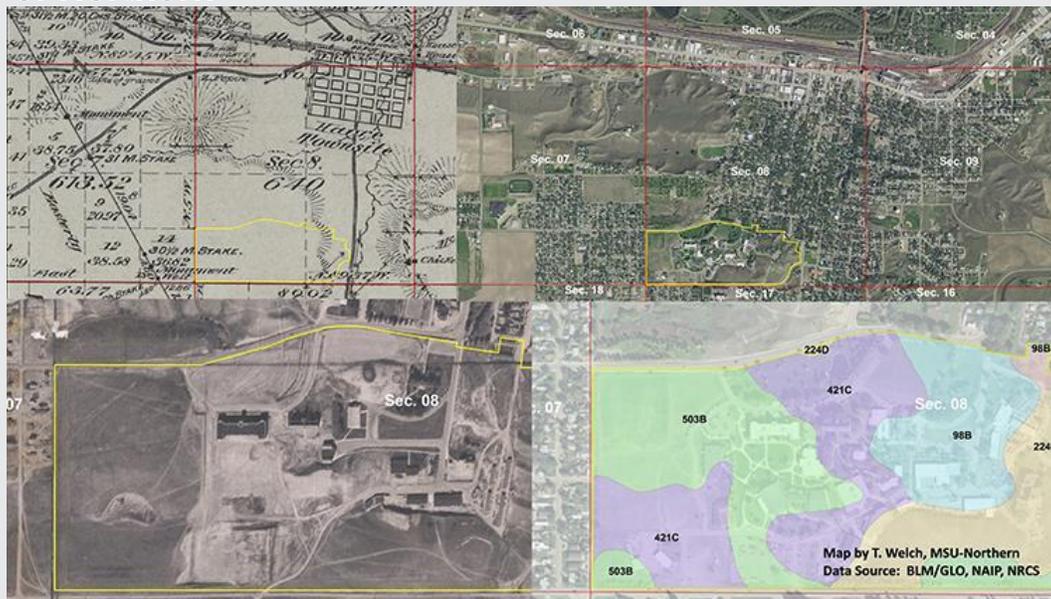
Returning to Havre for a sixth year and known for his wealth of instrumental beauty, world-class American violinist who resides in Portugal, Jack will perform a solo violin recital. He introduces each musical work by an informal and intimate commentary and links music to art, history, and civilization.

Weekly Columns

Northern Technology Snapshot

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

Maps of Northern



Maps are wonderful tools for land management and have a rich history related to agriculture. My students and I work with topographic maps, soil survey maps, GPS field maps, USDA Farm Service Agency maps, cadastral maps, thematic maps, and a variety of other aerial and satellite map imagery. Most modern maps are now in digital format and available from many sources and can be in black and white, color, and even color infrared images to monitor vegetation. Digital map resolution is commonly expressed in units such as meters per pixel, and advancements in mapping technologies are now providing maps with coarse or fine resolution depending on their area of coverage and use. Software and computer technologies have also matured for managing and viewing these many maps and emerging drone imagery for land management is driving even more mapping advancements.

Attached with this article is a portion of a hand drawn map from an 1894 survey. I used geographic information systems (GIS) software to georeference the survey map and place a boundary of our current campus on top of the survey plat. Also pictured are images from a black and white 1953 map and a one meter resolution 2015 USDA map. The last map shows soil types referenced from a USDA soil survey map. Historic and current maps are very valuable for tracking and managing changes on the land. This makes me wonder: what will our MSU-Northern campus grounds look like in the future? Our past and future are fuzzy but I am sure our campus will someday be viewed with greater clarity in millimeters per pixel!

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

Last Friday, February 3, 2017, Stanford University women's basketball coach, Tara VanDerveer won her 1,000 game as college head coach. Making her the second women's coach to reach that number. How does this relate to Northern? No, she is not an alumni nor did she ever coach the Northern Skylights! Back in the fall of 1978 Coach VanDerveer was beginning her head coaching career at the University of Idaho by coaching the Lady Vandals women's basketball team. On Friday December 1, 1978 Coach VanDerveer had her first win of her head coaching career with a 80-78 overtime win vs. the Northern Montana College Skylights. Thus the Skylights are #1 on Coach Tara VanDerveer's coaching win list! Linda Ponikvar was the head coach for the Skylights at the time.

Here is an interesting link from 2010 on coach VanDerveer's top ten wins at that time. Check it out see if Northern is mentioned!

<http://www.ruleoftree.com/2010/12/23/1892118/top-10-wins-of-tara-vanderveers-career>

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