Feature Video:
MSUN - Rise to the Top: Amos Taiswa

Amos Taiswa, a civil engineering student, shares the story of his journey from Kenya to Northern.
The Little River Institute conducted an open house yesterday afternoon (Jan.30) to display their newly renovated facilities. In 2015, Montana State University-Northern’s Extended University was awarded a five-year, $1.9 million grant through the Native American Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI) Program of the U.S. Department of Education. The grant is intended to improve the retention and completion rates of American Indian students in higher education.

The grant paid for the renovations of the second floor of Northern’s Student Union Building. This facility will help the Little River Institute to serve as a center of tutoring, mentoring, and support for American Indian students at MSU-Northern, as well as a source of culturally responsive professional development for MSU-Northern faculty and staff.
The MSU-Northern American Indian Advisory Council met yesterday, January 30, to review the Native American Studies bachelor’s degree and the Native American Studies minor. The AIAC reviews programs to make sure that the courses are of high quality and are appropriate. These meetings also help ensure that our programs compliment the curriculum and programs at the other tribal schools in Montana. These meetings provide a great way for the members to share ideas and cultures from each of the tribes. The AIAC also visited the Louis and Anpointte Hagener Museum of the Plains Indian located in the MSU-Northern Vande Bogart Library and participated in the Little River open house.
Frontier Conference Service Award

The Frontier Conference and Montana State University – Northern presented the Frontier Conference Distinguished Service Award to Dave and Tammy Boles. For over 30 years, Dave and Tammy have been at every Northern basketball game heading up the scores table and the bench crew, which has consistently been known as the best crew in the Frontier Conference.

Read more…

Natalee Faupel Heads to Australia

Natalee Faupel has been very busy since she graduated from MSU-Northern in 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in health promotion with a minor in business. She went on and received a master’s degree in athletic administration from Idaho State.

She then went on to play professional basketball for Lemvig Basket, a professional team in Denmark. Faupel played in all 20 games, averaging 15.2 points, seven rebounds, and three assists per game. Before returning to Northern as an assistant basketball coach and recruiter.
Now she will be heading to the Australia to compete in the Victorian league also known as the Big V. The Big V is the senior basketball league in Victoria, Australia, comprising 102 semi-professional teams in 10 competitions. Congratulations Natalee, you make Northern Proud!

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**Free Coffee Station in the Library**

The College of Arts, Science and Education (CASE) is please to sponsor free coffee for Northern students in the east end of the Vande Bogart Library.

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**Cast Your Vote for Tribute 2020 Poster Design**

MSU-Northern's graphic design program has paired up with the local campus radio station KNMC 90.1 FM to create poster designs for the live music event, Tribute! 2020. Beginning graphic design students from the GDSN 231 Graphic Design Applications class, created a poster design for the Tribute event as a class project. Two designs were chosen to continue to the final vote.

Go to the MSU-Northern graphic design program Facebook page and vote for your favorite design today! Voting will be open until February 22nd. Don't forget to like the new MSU-Northern Graphic Design Program Facebook page while you are at it!

*Date & location of Tribute! 2020 event is subject to change.

[Click here to vote…](#)
Important Announcements

Mail Services Moves to Business Offices
Mail can now be picked up and dropped off in the business office (Cowan Hall 207). The campus mailboxes are located in the front office (between Aricka and Kristi).

New Hours for the Copy Center
Starting Monday, February 3, The Copy Center (formally Media Reprographics) will be under the direction of Jim Potter, Director of University Relations. The Copy Center will remain open in Cowan Hall 117 and will be run part-time during the following hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8 a.m. -12 noon
Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Upcoming Major Events

One Man, Two Guvnors
January 30-31 and February 1 & 6-8
Out-of-work musician Francis Henshall becomes separately employed by two men – Roscoe Crabbe, a gangster, and Stanley Stubbers, an upper-class twit. Francis tries to keep the two from meeting—to avoid each of them learning about the other. Complicating events, Roscoe is really Rachel Crabbe in disguise, her twin brother Roscoe having been killed by her gangster boyfriend, Stanley. Complicating events still further is local mobster Charlie the Duck, who has arranged his daughter's engagement to Roscoe despite her preference for an amateur actor. Even further complications are prompted by several letters, a very heavy trunk, several unlucky audience volunteers, an extremely elderly waiter, and Francis’ pursuit of his twin passions: Dolly (Charlie’s feminist bookkeeper) and food.

All MSUN students, staff, and faculty get in free! Just show up at the door with a student ID and MAT will let you right in! Advanced tickets are available at Bear Paw Meats, the Computer Center or Fiveheads. Again, all that is needed is an ID!

**For paid tickets…**

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**Free Ice Skating and Skiing**

MSU-Northern students with a current student ID can now enjoy free ice skating and skiing. All you have to do is show your current student ID at the Havre Ice Dome, Bear Paw Ski Hill or Bear Paw Winter Sports. Associated Students of MSU-Northern (ASMSUN) are paying for the costs. Also, you will receive Brigade Bucks (Northpoints) for getting involved with different activities on campus: Fitness Center at the SUB, Lights Lounge at the SUB, Student Support Services, Athletic Events, Intramurals, etc. Be sure to inquire with the
hosting party if it is a Brigade Bucks activity and swipe either your card or sign up.

**Free Ice Skating at the Havre Ice Dome - ($8 value)**
- Sundays 5 pm  
- Wednesday & Friday’s 5:45 pm

**Free Skiing at the Bear Paw Ski Hill – ($20 value)**
- Saturday & Sunday 10:30 am - 4 pm

**Free Ski Rentals available at Bear Paw Winter Sports – ($20 value)**
- Friday 5-8 pm  
- Saturday & Sunday 8-9:30 am & 5-6 pm for returns

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**Safe Zone Module I Training – Feb. 4**
Interested in learning more about how to support diversity with students, staff, and faculty at MSU-Northern? Or are you interested in learning more about how to support sexual orientation and gender identity issues on campus? Join us for MSUN’s Safe Zone Training on Tuesday, February 4th, from noon to 1:00 in the SUB Fireside Room.

SAVE THE DATE: We will be conducting Module II (Building Allies) on Tuesday, March 24th, from noon-1:00. You must complete both modules in order to receive the MSUN Safe Zone placard for your office.

*If you are interested in receiving the training, but are unable to make these dates, please contact Amber Spring to see about an individual session.

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**2020 Spring Career Fair is Right Around the Corner – Feb. 13**
The 2020 Spring Career Fair is just around the corner. Along with the Gold Sponsors, Sibanye/Stillwater Mine and RDO Equipment, this event is also sponsored by 406 Agronomy, Westmoreland Mining, Tilleman’s, and ADF International. All currently enrolled students and alumni are welcome to attend to seek part-time, full-time, and co-op/internship employment.

The date is set for Thursday, February 13th, with a Wine’d Up social event the night before for all employers to join with administrative staff from all three colleges on campus and learn about Northern’s programs.

Employers wishing to interview students after the fair need to register no later than Friday, January 31st. All other registrations must be completed no later than Thursday, February 6th. Please contact the Career Center for more information.

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**Cultural Lunch and Learns - Feb. 5, 12**
The Little River Institute will once again host Cultural Lunch and Learns with Kishey Pisim Baker in February. A light lunch will be provided.
90th Celebration Gala – Feb. 15

On February 15, 2020, The Northern Alumni Foundation is hosting a unique 90th Celebration Gala at a very special venue on the campus of MSUN, our Diesel Technology Center. At this event, we will be celebrating the past, present, and future of the University and will provide a unique experience in this stunning venue. With live music, games, raffles, photo booth, and silent auction items, this surely is to be the event of the year! Cocktail attire is requested.

For Tickets…

Spring 2020 Hunter Safety Classes – Feb. 20
The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is pleased to provide The Spring 2020 Hunter Safety Classes on the campus of MSU-Northern. Classes will begin February 20th. The first class starts at 6pm and ends at 7pm for that night only. The classes are open to anyone 10 years old on or before the first day of class. No cost --even the manuals are free. To sign up you can go online to Montana FWP under education hunter education classroom classes Havre or you can go to the FWP resource office between 10 am and 2 pm and Kelly can register you.

Fourth Annual OTLE Media Festival! – Feb. 26
MSU-Northern’s Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence invites faculty and students to showcase their video and audio projects from academic year 2019-2020 at the festival, which will be held Wednesday, February 26th, at 4pm in Hensler Auditorium.
This year, instructors and students will be asked to present their entries in time slots of 15 minutes or less. Examples include media you have created for the classroom (face-to-face or online) or projects students have completed for your course. Even if you’re not presenting, all campus community members are encouraged to attend and see some of the exciting things our students and instructors have been creating this year.

Entries to the festival do not need to be highly polished, and experimental projects are welcome; we are primarily interested in learning about how the piece of media was used in the classroom and how it contributed to student learning. From a screen recording introducing yourself to the class, to a student’s final video or audio project, to everything in between, we’re excited to hear and see what you’re up to.

We ask that video submissions be uploaded to YouTube and that the link be sent to Jason Geer at jason.geer@msun.edu with the subject line “Media Festival Submission.” The submission deadline is Monday, February 24th. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided at the festival on February 26th.

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**Campus Calendar**

**Friday, January 31**
- Skylights Basketball vs Lewis-Clark State College - 6:00 PM
- Lights Basketball vs Lewis-Clark State College - 8:00 PM
- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM

**Saturday, February 01**
- Skylights Basketball vs Montana Tech - 6:00 PM
- Lights Basketball vs Montana Tech - 8:00 PM
- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM
- Library open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 05**
- Cultural Lunch and Learn - Cree Winter Stories - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (LRI)
- Student Senate Meeting - 5:00 PM

**Thursday, February 06, 2020**
- Skylights Basketball @ UM-Western - 5:30 PM
- Lights Basketball @ UM Western - 7:30 PM
- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM
Friday, February 07
- Spring Deferred Payment Schedule: 50% Due
- Lights Wrestling vs Northwest College - 7:00 PM
- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 08
- Skylights Basketball @ Rocky Mountain College - 5:30 PM
- Lights Wrestling vs Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - 7:00 PM
- Lights Basketball @ Rocky Mountain College - 7:30 PM
- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM
- Library open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This week’s TidBit is highlighting Northern alumni, Roger Gruber

Roger originally of Libby, Montana, earned a Bachelor of Technology Degree in construction technology and a minor in business in 1990. This past fall Roger completed a 1,850 mile bicycle trek. He traveled the Pacific Coast Highway from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Imperial City, California, in 34 days, averaging over 54 miles per day.

Roger currently resides in Havre, Montana, where he owns and runs his own business, Havre Bicycle Center. He has been in business since 1986 and doing a bicycle trek has been on his radar for many years. Roger has assisted many cross-country bicyclist for many years as they have traveled through Northern Montana. In the bicycle off season, Roger is also a tax preparer.

Roger has given back to Havre by assisting in various community events where he has utilized his bicycle repair and tune up skills. In July of 2014, Roger lent his time and skills to helping out at a charity bicycle ride, “The Tour de Cure,” from MSU-Northern to Stone Child College that was organized by the late Ruth Burleigh who was the coordinator for the American Diabetes Association in Fort Belknap. Roger also assisted at the Kellen Lund Memorial Bike Ride for several years.
Here is a link to a Havre Daily News article on Roger and his bicycle trek: https://www.havredailynews.com/story/2019/09/11/local/bicycle-store-owner-going-bicycling-down-the-coast/525337.html

Great job Roger, you make Northern proud!

If you have any suggestions for a Northern TidBit, please e-mail me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com