Alumni Auction - Oct. 25

The MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation held their annual Chinese Auction on October 25 in the SUB Ballroom. The auction drew more than 200 people and raised more than $17,000 for scholarships. The auction featured more than 150 items donated by local businesses and community members.

"I am humbled by the amount of community support we received, not only from the donations for auction items, but also from the amount of money we were able to raise during the auction," said Jim Bennett, Executive Director for the MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation. "This event would not have been successful without the help of so many MSU-Northern and Northern Montana College alumni volunteers. In addition, more than 30 student athletes and student ambassadors worked hard to help us put on this event. I want to thank everyone for helping us have a fun night and providing so much financial support for the students of MSU-Northern."
Caterpillar Helps Diesel Program

Chancellor Greg Kegel receives a check from Jack Ferry, from Tractor & Equipment Company in Great Fall, Montana, for Northern's diesel program. For the past fourteen years Tractor & Equipment Co. has donated $10,000; then the head office of Caterpillar matches that amount with a second $10,000 gift. The total $20,000 will continue to be used towards MSU-Northern diesel scholarships as well as program development.

Thank you Caterpillar and Tractor & Equipment Co. for supporting our diesel program and students!

Amber Spring Joins SSS

Student Support Services is thrilled to introduce their new licensed counselor Amber Spring, MS, LCPC. Amber comes to Northern from the Center for Mental Health, where she worked for the last three years. Amber received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from MSU-Bozeman, and her master's degree in Health and Human Development/Counseling also from MSU. She worked with MSU Counseling & Psychological Services as pre and post-masters intern and is excited to be working with college students again. She is looking forward to meeting all the MSUN students, staff, and faculty, and invites you to visit her in her newly redecorated office in Cowan 211-B (Student Support Services).

Amber lives in Havre with her husband, Russ Stinnett, and their 7-month old Labrador, who is a little rambunctious.

Theatre Elevator Now Working!

After being down for over two years, the Theatre elevator in Cowan Hall is finally working again. This elevator is no longer made so all of the parts had to be custom made. Northern wants to thank the Montana Architecture and Engineering Division for their help in securing the funding, contracts and parts to get this elevator operational again.
Winners of the Pumpkin Guessing Contest

It's a tie! Joint winners of the giant pumpkin and tickets to Dr. Slaughter's Horror Hospital go to: Ajha Edwards and Austin DeJaester! The winners both guessed 95 pounds. The pumpkin weighed in at 97 pounds! Thanks go out to everyone who participated in this fun fall contest.

New Grants Manager

Northern is pleased to welcome Samantha Clawson-Hutchins as the new Grants Manager for MSU-Northern. Many know Clawson-Hutchins from her work as Manager of the Media Reprographics Center (since October 2012). She has lived in Havre most of her life; she graduated from MSU-N in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts, and she also completed the bachelor's degree in community leadership. Clawson-Hutchins is currently enrolled in the Master's in Public Administration Program through the University of Montana, with an expected completion date of August 2015.

Clawson-Hutchins worked with the Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line from 2009-2012, and her work there included a great deal of experience working with grant programs. She is married to Caleb Hutchins, who recently began working with Extended University, and they have a 3-year old son named Asher. There will be a transition period where Sam will be working with both the Grants Office (to be located in Cowan Hall 307) and Media Reprographics (Cowan Hall 117) until a replacement for the Media Reprographics Manager is hired and trained.

Please join Northern in welcoming Samantha to her new role as Grants Manager.

New Computers in SSS

Student Support Services (SSS), a TRiO grant-funded operation, is grateful for all the infrastructure support from MSU-Northern. This academic year, SSS is especially appreciative of the work of the IT Department. Through the efforts of IT, SSS was given nine brand new computer stations for general student use. Each one stands alone, and has USB ports, headphone jacks, and CD/DVD drives. These
are a great leap beyond our previous computers, as any of the students could attest. Come in and try them out.

The SSS sends their deepest appreciation out to all the staff in IT who helped with this project and who have and will continue to help SSS and their students as the year progresses.

Announcements

Advance Registration for Spring Semester 2015
Advanced registration for the spring semester is coming up quickly. In order to take part in this early registration, determine your class standing (as of the end of the summer semester, so that does not include the fall semester classes) and confirm which day you can begin advanced registration.
- Graduate and post-baccalaureate students may register at any time beginning October 27, 2014.
- Seniors (90+ credits earned) - Register on or after Wednesday October 29, 2014.
- Juniors (60-89 credits earned) - Register on or after Friday October 31, 2014.
- Sophomores (30-59 credits earned) - Register on or after Monday November 3, 2014.
- Freshmen (0-29 credits earned) - Register on or after Wednesday November 5, 2014.
- New students - Register on or after Monday November 10, 2014

All early registration days begin at 8 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Don't forget to set your clocks an hour back either late Saturday night or very early Sunday morning. If you don't, everyone else will be “falling back” and you might show up for a get together an hour before schedule. “Fall back,” and enjoy your sleep.

Upcoming Events

MAT's "On Borrowed Time" - Oct. 31 & Nov. 1
What happens when the rules of life and death don't apply? "On Borrowed Time" is a play that examines the role death plays in life. It was written by Paul Osborn and directed by Montana Actors' Theatre's Anthony Cammon and Casey Pratt. The MAT group is calling this play a "Dramedy" (drama/comedy), so come out and enjoy the intrigue combined with lots of laughs.

Exciting news! The theatre elevator is operating once again! Please pass the word.

The play's last showing will run this weekend- October 31 and November 1 in the theater in Cowan Hall. Doors and backstage lounge open at 7:30 p.m. each night, and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for students and seniors, and MSUN students are admitted free with current I.D.s.

Dr. Slaughter's Horror Hospital - Last Night
Dr. Slaughter will open his hospital to the public, for your last chance at a "screamin' good time," from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight. The cost is $15 per ticket with group discounts available. Tickets are available at local area merchants, at the door, or at the following websites: www.darktickets.com or www.ticketstorm.com. Please be aware; the nurses will not give admittance to anyone under 15 years of age. Be prepared to get artificial blood on your clothes. This fundraiser is in support of the nursing students' upcoming service trip to Kathmandu, so please come out and enjoy some scary fun.

Campus/Community Halloween Party - Oct. 31
The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will be hosting a Campus and Community Children's Halloween Party tonight 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! Taco in a bag and brownies will be available along with other refreshments.

Halloween Costume Dance - Oct. 31
Hopefully your costume is ready and awaiting tonight's 9 p.m. Halloween dance in the SUB Ballroom. "The Hitman" DJ service will play your favorite tunes for this costume dance. Prizes will be awarded for costumes in three categories. Participants will be judged on the most creative, the scariest, and the cutest costumes. Refreshments and pizza will be provided. Your local entertainment committee, ASMSUN Program Council, will sponsor this dance.

3-on-3 Basketball Begins - Nov. 3
The Intramural & Recreation Council has scheduled 3-on-3 basketball beginning November 3 in the Armory Gymnasium at 8 p.m. If you'd like to participate, pick up your rosters at the SUB Information Desk and return them by Friday, October 31, by 5 p.m. T-shirts will be provided for all participants, and the winner of the tournament (held on December 1-2) will receive a free pizza gift certificate for their team.

Red Cross Blood Drive- Nov. 5
Why give blood? The answer is simple. In the United States, every 2 seconds someone needs blood. In the Montana service area, every 27 minutes someone needs blood. Approximately 38 percent of the population is eligible to donate, yet less than eight percent actually do. It's critical to note, that any person could need blood or a blood product at some time in their lives; no one knows when that time of need might come, and hospitals need to be ready and equipped with an ample supply.

The American Red Cross supplies blood to more than 30 area hospitals. The Red Cross strives to collect over 700 pints of blood in the Montana service area each week to meet patients' needs. Give blood so that someone may live!

Come out to the SUB on Wednesday, November 5, anytime between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can register at www.redcrossblood.org, by calling the school nurse, or sign up at the front desk of SUB. Thanks for your service.
Lecture Combines History and Culture - Nov. 6

The Montana State University-Northern, Chancellor's Lecture Series will host "Before the Homesteaders: The Northern Montana Buffalo Slaughter" with Dr. Donald Klinko on Thursday, November 6, 2014. The performance will be at the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Klinko shares his findings and interest in the methodical slaughter of most of the North American bison population of the Great Plains during the period 1871 to 1884. One of its many interesting characteristics is the historical confluence of technology, necessity and a vastly improved transportation network. All of these components for an industrial slaughter of the species appeared within the two-year period 1869-1871. Klinko describes the effect on the Native American populations in the region and the American cattle industry.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the fall 2014 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

Bingo - Nov. 5

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will continue the monthly bingo night on November 5 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Students will play several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and a 7" Android 4.2 WiFi Touch-screen Tablet will be given to the winner of the blackout bingo at the end of the evening. ASMSUN will also provide free snacks and refreshments.

SubZero SuperHero Polar Plunge - Nov. 8

Come to the Blue Pony Stadium on November 8 around 4:00 p.m. (after Northern's football game against UM Western) for the SubZero SuperHero Polar Plunge. This is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics Montana athletes by taking an icy dip into freezing waters.

Don't be left out of the cold. Register today for the plunge, and let the fun begin. All it takes is at least $100 in pledges and nerves of steel. For more information go to:
http://www.somt.org/events/plunge/subzero-superhero-plunge/

Aces Up Band to Perform on Veteran's Day - Nov. 11

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are sponsoring a country concert with band "Aces Up" on November 11, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Tickets for this concert are $5/adults and $3/students with MSU-N students, faculty and staff admitted free of charge.

It has long been said that country music belongs in the South, but the Enumclaw, WA based group Aces Up is challenging that notion. With a unique blend of blue collar country and the raw energy of the famous Seattle rock scene, they deliver hard hitting, boot stomping, feel good country music that consistently sells out the Northwest's premier venues. In addition to receiving national airplay, Aces Up has shared the stage with country music artists Gretchen Wilson, Jake Owen, The Band Perry, Uncle Kracker, Jack Ingram, Steve Holy, Emerson Drive and many more.

It is no surprise that Aces Up has quickly become a favorite of even the most discerning country music fans and a welcome addition to the playlists of committed rockers. Give them a listen at: www.acesupcountry.com
Ping Pong Night- Nov. 12
Wednesday, November the 12th at 7p.m., the Intramural & Recreation Council will be hosting a Double Elimination Ping Pong Tournament in Morgan Hall. Sign up at the SUB or just drop in. Prizes will be awarded to the winner.

Secrets to Winning a Scholarship Part 2 - Nov. 13
Please join us for the second of two very informative workshops on applying for scholarships. The first section of the workshop occurred this past week, but all students are welcome to attend the second portion which will take place Thursday, November 13 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the MSUN Library Computer Lab. November's workshop will focus on perfecting your scholarship essay. Bring your rough draft for guidance, suggestions and proofreading. Attending students will receive 700 North Points! Students who attend both sessions will receive a free 4GB Flash Drive from Financial Success!
Presented by:
Jaymie Freidank, Director of Advising
Sandy Johnsrud, Financial Aid
Karen Terrell, Financial Success

Outstanding Faculty Workshops - Nov. 15
Rigorous Grading Using Microsoft Word AutoCorrect: Plus Google Docs Workshop
Hosted by Erik Bean, Ed.D., the sessions will run for an hour plus a Q & A time.

Please consider coming to one of two sessions on Saturday, November 15, 2014 in Cowan Room 113. The first session begins at 10:00 a.m., and the second session begins at 1:30 p.m.
Dr. Erik Bean will show us how to increase rigor and grade faster using Microsoft Word AutoCorrect.
Erik will demonstrate how to:
* Insert APA and MLA Feedback & Grammar in seconds
* Insert Pictures, Sound, & Video Comments
* Enable AutoCorrect in Word Prior to 2007
* Enable AutoCorrect in Word for MAC
* Backup and Restore AutoCorrect
* Enable AutoCorrect Action in Google Docs
Contact Justin Mason, ext.3775, to reserve a seat at one of the two sessions. Books will be provided free of charge to participants.
For more information: http://www.gradingefficiently.com/

Weekly Articles

Tidbits
By Bill Lanier

With the 2014 General Election being held next week, I thought I would mention a few Northern Alumni who are in elected offices (County level) around the state. Keep in mind this is not an exhaustive list and if you know others, please let me know (wjlanier1963@yahoo.com).

Ed Joiner (Rosebud County Commissioner), Andy Hunthausen (Lewis & Clark County Commissioner), Mark Peterson (Hill County Commissioner), Rina Fontana Moore (Cascade County Clerk & Recorder), Charlie Kuulbeck (Blaine County Commissioner) and Terry Brockie (Blaine County Superintendent of Schools). It should also be noted that Rina played for the Skylights Basketball team under Northern Athletic Hall of Fame Coach Loren Baker and that Ed Joiner was a standout basketball player for the Northern Lights.
The Computer Corner
By Marianne Hoppe

Windows 8.1 Tip
Customize Your Privacy Options

Windows 8.1 offers you options to set what devices and data are used by apps found in the Windows Store. You can allow or block apps from accessing your personal information. You can also turn off your advertising ID so that advertisers do not use your personal data to display personalized ads. To customize these settings:

1. Swipe from the right side of your screen or hover your mouse in the upper or lower right corner of your screen to open the Charms menu
2. Select Settings, then Change PC settings,
3. Select Privacy
4. Go through each menu item on the left (General, Location, Webcam, Microphone, Other Devices) and change the settings to your preferences.

Grammar Gal
By Kimmi Boyce

Daylight Saving Time
Thanks to Jane Stuart in Northern's Registrar's Office, I am now able to leave off the common "s" on the end of the term "Daylight Savings Time" in good conscience, knowing my simple decision is grammatically correct. "Daylight Savings Time" flows more easily than "Daylight Saving Time" through a sentence of speech and has been accepted so often in speech that it is in current dictionaries.

Rather than rewrite the informational snippet, I've included the grammar portion of the website Ms. Stuart circulated.

"'Saving' is used here as a verbal adjective (a participle). It modifies time and tells us more about its nature; namely, that it is characterized by the activity of saving daylight. It is a saving daylight kind of time. Because of this, it would be more accurate to refer to DST as daylight-saving time. Similar examples would be a mind-expanding book or a man-eating tiger. Saving is used in the same way as saving a ball game, rather than as a savings account.

Adding to the confusion is that the phrase Daylight Saving Time is inaccurate, since no daylight is actually saved. Daylight Shifting Time would be better, and Daylight Time Shifting more accurate, but neither is politically desirable."

This and more tidbits about Daylight Saving Time are located on the web at: http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/b.html

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