

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

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Creating a sustainable campus

We are installing three new wind turbines on campus. They will play a key role in Northern's new Wind Energy Program as a teaching/technical data source as well as generating energy that will be fed back into the campus energy grid, thus reducing our overall utility cost.

We are also retrofitting one of our older buildings to house our new bio-diesel manufacturing equipment which includes an electric dynamometer, five grain bins, five grain crushers, power monitoring equipment and a 7500 MW generator. The generator will be powered by the bio-fuel that is created from the grain. Similar to the wind turbines, when the generator is in operation, electricity will be fed back into the campus's grid. The generator is estimated to produce power to handle all our electricity needs when in operation. This operation could dramatically affect our utility bills over the course of the year.

WELCOME BACK DANCE

There will be a Welcome Back Dance for all students on August 30th in the Student Union Ballroom at 9 p.m. featuring a local rock band "After Midnight". We will have a Frozen T-Shirt contest and prizes. Refreshments and food will be served.

Energy Saving Tip #1

We would like to encourage everyone to shut down your computers when you leave the office at 5:00 o'clock. This will save Northern \$50.00 per computer over the course of the year; and when you have over 500 computers...the money starts to add up fast!

Upcoming Events

August 28
Fees Arrangements for Fall 2009 Due
Skylights Volleyball @ College of Southern Idaho Tourney

August 29
Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse®
Residence Halls Open
Skylights Volleyball @ College of Southern Idaho Tourney
S.A.T.U.R.D.A.Y Market 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lights Football vs University of Calgary @ Medicine Hat 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Orientation Check-in (SUB) 12 p.m.

Orientation Sessions (Campuswide) 1 p.m.
Mini Golf (Pro Putt) 7pm-
"Party Bus" Tours (MacKenzie Hall) 9 p.m.

August 30
Motorcycle Safety Basic RiderCourse®
Northern Student ORIENTATION & Registration
Personal Challenge Activities (SUB) 9 a.m.
Lunch -All New Students (SUB) 12 p.m.
Limited Campus Offices

"CENTREVOL" BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



Centrevol is an independent 4-piece rock band based in Long Beach, California and will be performing at the Student Union Dining Hall on September 4th at 12noon. The event is free to faculty/staff and students but if you want to purchase lunch it will be \$6.00. For more information on other upcoming activities checkout our website at <http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/stuactivities/upcomingevents.htm>

Partnership Development

In an effort to create various partnerships/relationships members of the University will be travelling to Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada to solidify an articulation agreement between the two schools. Hopefully, MSUN will be receiving students as early as January.

To meet two of the BOR's goals of transferability and dual enrollment, meetings between Great Falls - COT and MSUN started this spring and culminated in a meeting between Joe Schaffer and Frank Trocki this summer. Articulation agreements have been updated as well as a commitment from both schools to work and implement strategy that will increase enrollments at both schools. Recruitment by MSUN representatives will unfold throughout the year with dual enrollment being a centerfold of its mission....thus creating a true 2+2+2 model.

MSUN has joined the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce. In doing this we hope to provide a networking opportunity for companies to begin sending their employees to complete either their AS or BS education.

MSU-Northern is very honored to be a partner with Fort Belknap College and Fort Peck Community College for the recent federally funded teacher preparation Professional Development Program, Nee-Tha-Hatsa-Nak/Wa' Uspe-Wicakiya Preparation Project. This partnership has a goal to graduate American Indian pre-service educators who will be licensed to teach and continue with mentoring in local schools on and around the Fort Belknap and Fort Peck reservations. MSU-Northern will collaborate in an enhanced 2 + 2 model for elementary and secondary teacher education candidates.

Open 1-5 p.m.
Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area
Open 1-5 p.m.
Transfer Student Session
(SUB) 2 p.m.
Dinner (SUB) 5pm
Welcome Back Dance 9:00 PM
- Midnight

August 31
First Day of Classes!!
Folf Tournament & BBQ (Meet
@ SUB) 6 p.m.
"I Survived the First Day of
School Bash" 9 p.m. (Morgan
Hall)

Sept 1
Pin-n-Cue Regular Hrs
Begin 4pm-9 p.m.
ASMSUN Mtg (SUB Crowley) 4
p.m.
Wet Willy Super Slide (SUB
Hill) 5 p.m.
Welcome Back Party (SUB Pin-
n-Cue) 7 p.m.

Sept 2
Backyard Movies-n-Smores
9:30 p.m. (Mackenzie Hall)

Sept 3
Welcome Back Luau (SUB
Dining Hall) 4:30 p.m.
Ultimate Frisbee (SUB Lawn) 6
p.m.
Terminal Chi Alpha Club 1st
Mtg (Morgan) 7 p.m.
Welcome Back Luau 4:30 PM -
6:45 p.m.
Ultimate Frisbee 6:00 PM -
8:00 p.m.
Rodeo Club Meeting 8:30 PM -
9:30 p.m.

Sept 4
Centrevol" Concert (SUB
Dining Hall) 12 p.m.
Sandpit Volleyball (Assembly
Church) 7 p.m.
Biodiesel Workshop: The ABCs
of Biodiesel
Skylights Volleyball @
University of Mary Tourney

Sept 5
Saturday Market (Town
Square) 8am-Noon
Canoeing & Picnic (Bears Paw
Mtns) 1 p.m.
Lights FB vs. Carroll College
(Helena, MT) 1 p.m.
Biodiesel Workshop: The ABCs
of Biodiesel
Skylights Volleyball @
University of Mary Tourney
Picnic & Canoeing in the Bear
Paws 1:00 AM - 7:00 p.m.
S.A.T.U.R.D.A.Y Market 8:00
AM - 12:00 p.m.
Lights Football @ Carroll
College 1:00 PM - 4:00 p.m.

Sept 6
Mt. Otis Hike (Bears Paw Mtns)
2 p.m.

New Public Transit



Northern has partnered with the town and several local businesses to establish a free bus service. This service will make it possible for our students who live in Great Falls and Rocky Boy and other surrounding communities to travel to campus. Almost 800 miles will be traveled each day by the two buses on the routes.

Youth Build Program

MSU-Northern is pleased to partner with Stone Child Community College to develop the North Central Montana Youth Build program. This program will provide free training for 80 young people ages 16 to 24 who will work and train with experienced construction professionals to build energy efficient homes using green techniques and technologies. Students will split time between the classroom, construction site and working on getting their GED. This program starts October first. The grant is one of the few, if not the only, Youth Build programs awarded to a "rural" area.

MSUN Athletic Bus

Members of the community have taken it upon themselves to raise the funds necessary to purchase a new 36 passenger bus for our athletic teams. This will help to significantly reduce our travel costs and make travel safer for our students. Keeping with the concept of a sustainable campus we also plan to run the bus on the bio-diesel fuel MSUN produces.

Football Season Starts

The MSU-Northern Football team is ranked 19th in the nation according to a recent preseason poll. The 2009 season and their opening game will begin this Saturday August 29th in Medicine Hat, Alberta. They will be playing against the University of Calgary. If you plan to attend the game you will need your passport to get across the border. If you don't have a passport you will be able to listen to Saturday's game on KPQX FM 92.5 or www.kpqx.com. The Game starts at 1:30 p.m.

New Washers And Dryers



20 new sets of coin operated washers and dryers have been installed in our residence halls. These will provide our students with a convenient way to do their laundry. As a side note, these machines are energy efficient and use about one-third the water of the old washing machines.

New Bar-B-Q Pit

Student Senate has installed a new brick Bar-B-Q pit on the lawn east of the Student Union Building where East Hall once stood. This will be an excellent spot for student and community activities.



ACT Testing

If you have not previously taken the ACT test and are under 21 years old, the ACT test is required to be admitted to MSU-Northern and be eligible for your financial aid funds. The test will be administered on Saturday, September 12 in Hensler Auditorium in the ATC Center at 8:30 a.m. It will take approximately 4 hours. Please bring \$29 (check preferred or can be charged to your fees), a picture ID, and a four function calculator.

ID Cards

All students are required to have a MSU-Northern ID card. There is no charge for the initial ID card (\$10.00 for replacement cards). This ID card is required to check out books at the Vande Bogart Library and to get into sporting events. Pictures will be taken this Saturday afternoon and Sunday and can be picked up at the Admissions Office one week later.

Chokecherry Stomp

The Central Montana Education Center is hosting the second annual Chokecherry Stomp on September 12th to raise money for the Lewistown campus. The event has a \$20 admission and features great food, a brewfest, wine tasting and music by Erik "Fingers" Ray. Doors at the Fergus County Trade Center open at 7:00 p.m. Contact Janice Brady if you want more information or if you need a room reserved.

Parking Space Winner

Brenda Skornogoski was this year's winner of the coveted free parking space. Brenda was the winner after three failed attempts to give it away.

Festival Days Parade

If you plan to have a float in the parade or would like to help decorate a float, please contact Jim Potter (3727) so he can coordinate Northern's portion of the parade. This is Northern's 80 year anniversary so we want to make a big splash. Northern is also the official sponsor of parade and will be at the head of the parade.

New Faces at Northern for 2009

Montana State University - Northern is pleased to announce several new people on the campus.

Autumn Elliott - is the new Instructor of Design Drafting in the COTS. She graduated with a BSE from Minot State University and a BS in Design Drafting/Minor in Graphic Design from MSUN. Previously, Autumn was employed as an Industrial Arts Teacher with the Minot Public School System.

Greg Bostic - is the new Maintenance Worker I in the Plant Department. Greg is a graduate of Havre High School and has over 30 years of experience working on plumbing, electrical, and carpentry projects.

Jennifer Anderson - is the new Administrative Associate II in the Advising Center. Jennifer previously worked for the COTS Related Training Program doing data entry. Jennifer graduated from GF High School and attended MSU COT in GF.

Roger Swearngen - is the Interim Director of the Motorcycle Safety program. Roger is not new to MSU-Northern. He served as the Director of Motorcycle Safety from Nov of 1998 to May of 2001. Roger received a BA from Colorado State University and MA from University of Wyoming. Roger was previously self-employed as a technical writer.

Tracey Jette -is the new Director of the Career Center. Tracey received her BS degree from MSUN in Business Technology and Marketing with an emphasis in Business Administration. She received her Master's of Education degree from U of M.

Brandan Haas - is the new Custodian I in Cowan Hall. Brandan is a graduate of Havre High School. Previously, he worked for the Havre Public School system in maintenance and custodial work for over 15 years. He has a boiler's license.

Bill Huebsch - is the new Women's Volleyball Coach. He received his BS Degree from MSUN in Physical Education and Health. He has over 16 years of coaching experience. He was the 2 time MT Coaches Association Coach of the Year for 1997 and 1998. He was also the 2 time Central "A" Conference Coach of the Year for 1998 and 2005. He was an eleven time coach of the ABC All Star Volleyball Tournament .

Ricky Hendrickson - is the new Culinary Professional/Cook in Food Services. Ricky is a graduate of Havre High School and has many years experience working as a chef in restaurants. He also has experience in preparing and serving large buffets for banquets and social events.

Brad Kolberg - is the new Asst. Professor of Automotive/Diesel Technology. He is a graduate of MSU-Northern with a Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Technology and a minor in Small Business Management. He has a hybrid certified expert level technician rating from Toyota, is a MACS Certified Automotive HVAC Technician, and is an ASE Certified Master Automotive Technician.

Forrest Towne - is the new Asst. Professor of Chemistry/Physics. Forrest is a graduate of George Fox University in Newburg, Oregon with a BS Degree in Chemistry. He received his PhD in Chemistry from U of U. He was previously employed as a chemistry instructor for U of M.

Frank Trocki - is the new Chancellor at Northern. He has his Doctorate of Education from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. His previous executive leadership appointments include Vice President of Education/Interim President for Lincoln College of Technology Indianapolis, Interim President for University College of the Caribbean and President of Elexon Ltd.

Tami Dieruf - is the new Asst. Professor of Nursing at MSUN in Great Falls. She received her ASN and BSN from MSUN. She has a Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Phoenix. Tami has also received her Family Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Post-Masters Certificate. She was previously employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Openings at MSU-Northern

We have several positions available right now. For a complete position description please contact MSUN HR Dept at 406-265-4147, P.O. Box 7751, Havre, MT 59501, hr@msun.edu. MSUN is an ADA/AA/EEO/ Vet's pref employer. For complete vacancy listings and application toolkit see www.msun.edu

Custodian

Assistant Professor of Nursing in Lewistown

Director of Student Health Services/Employee Wellness

Construction/Residential BuildingTeacher

Plumbing Teacher

Electrical Technology Teacher

Youth Counselor/Therapist

Administrative Associate II

MSU-Northern Faculty Attend National Health Education Academy

The American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health sponsored a SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION -HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMY, May 13 - 15, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. This Academy brought together faculty from over 50 colleges and universities, including Dr. Janet Trethewey from Montana State University-Northern, Havre, MT.

The purpose of the ACS/CDC School Health Education-Higher Education Academy was to strengthen school health education in the nation's schools by providing a unique professional development opportunity for lead school health education faculty members in institutions of higher education with teacher preparation programs for school health education.

Student Work Available

If you are looking for a job, please visit Jennifer in the Career Center Cowan Hall 213. They have jobs available for student who have work study money and those that do not. They also have jobs on and off campus. If you are not sure if you have a work study allocation, please check with Financial Aid.

Work-study students can begin using their Fall/Spring award. Please remember that the award amount for your work-study student is for the entire year, Fall & Spring Semester, so use accordingly. Time sheets from previous semesters cannot be used for any student employees! Also, time sheets can never be altered with a different name, social security number, or wage rate!

Please call Jennifer Henderson at ext. 4198, if you have any questions about student employment. For work certification and timesheets contact Kelly Leeds in the Business Services Office.

Community Leadership Degree Focuses on NonProfit Sector

If you know of someone working in non-profit or governmental service who is looking to complete a bachelor's degree, they may wish to consider the newly revised Community Leadership degree offered through MSU-Northern. This broad-based program allows students to focus on the area of community leadership that best fits their interest and career. The program combines social science, communication and business skills and concepts in addressing leadership related development.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Community Leadership degree can contact Dr. Katherine Williams, Associate Professor of Community Leadership, at 406-265-3522 and kwilliams@msun.edu.

New Emergency Notification System

The New Emergency Notification System provides MSU-Northern students, faculty, staff, parents and others critical information in the event of an emergency. The system delivers emergency messages through text messaging, voice messages over cellular or landline phones, and e-mail.

Enrollment in MSU Alert is free and voluntary. If you do not enroll in the system, you will not receive critical text or voice messages on your cellular and landline phones. Enrollment also allows you to enter an e-mail account you wish emergency messages sent to, if it is other than your myportal or work e-mail account.

The MSU Alert system will only be used for critical messages, testing and maintenance of the system. You will not receive spam through the system and your personal information will not be used for commercial purposes.

Enrollment is strongly recommended. If you have already enrolled, please ignore this message. Enrollment is easy and takes only a few minutes. Go to www.montana.edu/msualert to enroll now. Computer people will be available during orientation to help people register.

Seeking Nominations for Founders Excellence Awards

The MSU-Northern Foundation is seeking nominations for their annual Founders Excellence awards which are given every year in May to up to three deserving individuals. People are asked to give a one to two page biography of the person they are nominating. They are also asked to explain why this person is deserving of this award. All nominations should be received by October 1 and should be e-mailed to rylee.strauser@msun.edu or mailed to the MSU-Northern Foundation at P.O Box 1691, Havre, MT 59501

All nominations must be an Alumni, administration, faculty, staff, or friend of MSU-Northern who

have made a significant contribution to the development of Northern or to their chosen profession (candidates for excellence awards may not be currently employed by Montana State University Northern). They must excel in one or more of the following areas: Leadership at the local, state or national level, Service to others or has made a substantial financial contribution to MSU-Northern.

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

By Judy Bricker

September 5, 2009, join us at the Northern tailgate at the Lights vs. Saints game in Helena. The game is slated to begin at 1:00 at Nelson Stadium so come early and join us on your way to your Labor Day event for some great fun and football.

September 12, 2009, the Northern Alumni Association will produce their 29th Annual Scholarship Social and Auction at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom on the MSU-Northern campus. The Social features the popular Chinese Auction slated to begin at 7 p.m. and joined by a silent and live auction featuring many fine donations from Havre and Big Sandy businesses, campus family, and friends. Participants are encouraged to come attired in Northern colors to celebrate "Polar Frenzy" and raise some scholarship money. For tickets, to donate, or for more information, contact the Alumni Office at (406)265-3770 or alumni@msun.edu

September 18-19th, 2009, is Homecoming Weekend. The alumni have planned a really early "tailgate" to celebrate returning football players, pom-pom girls, and cheerleaders on the Friday evening before the game at Murphy's Sports Bar and will have the game tickets, schedules, drawings and giveaways to get you prepped for the game with the UM-Western Bulldogs. All alumni are welcomed. Please put this on your schedule and come. You can help us plan by responding on-line at www.msun.edu/alumni and follow the Homecoming link or calling or e-mailing.