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Welcome to the Northern Network News. This e-mail newsletter is provided weekly, except during the summer and scheduled academic breaks, to subscribers who include students, alumni, employees and friends of MSU-Northern.

Leadership High School



Twenty of Havre High's best and brightest juniors descended on Northern's Campus to celebrate the completion of Leadership High School with a luncheon and awards ceremony. Interim Chancellor Rolf Groseth presented each participant with a \$1,000 scholarship. This is the 9th year of the program which runs from October to March.

Irish Theme Luncheon



On Tuesday, March 24, Program Council and Dining Services hosted an Irish Theme Luncheon

along with Havre's Irish Band known as Ceol Caint Agus Craic (pronounced "Kel Cont Agus Cruc") which means Music, Beers & a Good Time.

Spring Fling

The NLASF would like to cordially invite all MSU-Northern Faculty and Staff to 2009 Spring Fling Dinner and Auction this Friday night at the Northern Sub Ballroom. Doors will open at 5:30pm and dinner to follow at 7:00pm. The night will start off with the silent auction and games for some great prizes, followed by the announcement of the MSU-Northern Male and Female Athletes' of the Year. The Live auction and cash drawing will conclude the night. Please attend and show your support for MSU-Northern Student-Athletes'. Tickets are \$100 per couple or you can reserve a table for 8 for \$600. The reserve tables include a bottle of white and red wine. You can purchase at the MSU-Northern Athletic office or contact Edie Smart 265-3761.

Faculty Art Show - Opening

Northern's art faculty is having a faculty art show in the Northern SUB Gallery. There will be a wine and cheese open house next Thursday (April 2) at 5-6:30 p.m. at the Gallery. Viewing times for the show will be limited so you are encouraged to attend.

The Spoken Word - April 4th

On Saturday, April 4th, the Montana Actors Theatre (MAT) is sponsoring an "open mic" night called Spoken Word in the MAT/MSUN Little Theatre, at 7 p.m. Students are encouraged to come to the theatre and take part! Poetry readings, excerpts from books, shorts stories, acoustical songs, really anything that they would like to present. This is a totally free event is designed to simply get people together in order to share literary art.

SkillsUSA

Again this year, MSU-Northern is proud to host the 2009 Montana SkillsUSA Conference and SkillsUSA Championships on April 6th, 7th and 8th. The SkillsUSA-VICA students have brought energy and vitality to the campus for over 30 years and we appreciate their leadership and involvement at Northern. This year's theme is: "Champions at Work"

Student Health Service Moved to SUB

Sue Swan and the Student Health Service and Employee Wellness are now in their new location down in the SUB (the old snack bar area). Please bear with Sue as she is still unpacking and organizing the office area. A date for the grand opening will be set once everything is up and running. Stay Tuned!

MSU-Northern Reinstates Water Quality Degree

The Montana University System Board of Regents approved Montana State University - Northern's request to remove the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Water Quality Technology from moratorium status at the March meeting in Helena.

Northern is developing an advisory committee for the program made up of managers and operators in the field as well as other professionals. This board will advise them on curriculum content and will make suggestions on how to deliver this degree from a distance using the internet, and possible on-site workshops. The degree will be available in the fall.

Identity Theft in the Workplace

Identity theft has become a problem of enormous proportions in the U.S. According to the Federal Trade Commission, nearly 10 million people fall victim to identity theft annually, costing consumers \$5 billion in out-of-pocket losses.

The Havre Chamber of Commerce is bringing in Katie Huff, certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist to provide a workshop on Identity Theft on Tuesday, April 7th over lunch

(12-1 p.m.) It costs \$5.00 to cover the cost of the Brown Bag Lunch. Please call the Chamber, at 265-4383, to RSVP and place your lunch order. The workshop is located at US Bank, (2nd floor meeting room) use the west parking lot entrance

Raining Jane - Back By Popular Demand

Raining Jane is an independent eclectic rock-folk band based in Los Angeles and they will be performing at the Student Union Ballroom on April 13th at 7pm. Mai Bloomfield, Becky Gebhardt, Chaska Potter and Mona Tavakoli joined forces in 1999 and soon developed a loyal fan base out of UCLA's music scene. While their music is rooted in rock and folk, it is further shaped by funk, hip hop and world music influences. Raining Jane is known for their exuberance, sincerity and for putting on a show that will make their audiences think, feel and laugh

Tickets are available at the door for the evening performance. Adult prices are \$5 and students are \$3. MSU-Northern Students, Faculty and Staff are admitted Free.

For more information check their website at www.rainingjane.com.

MSU President Plan to Retire

Montana State University President Dr. Geoff Gamble announced Monday to the faculty, staff, and student leadership of the university that he plans to Retire at the end of this year. Gamble, who holds a doctorate in linguistics, also plans to teach one or two courses annually in MSU's Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns will conduct a search for Gamble's successor on behalf of the Montana Board of Regents. Gamble will stay in office until new leadership is found, even if that carries him into 2010.

Gamble is MSU's 11th president.

Bookstore Website

Along with books, you may now purchase many great items at the Northern Bookstore's website. Clothing, gift items, and various merchandise are now available and new items will be added frequently. You can visit bookstore.msun.edu for your shopping delight. We'll see you there.

2009 NAIA Champions of Character

Travis Noble of the Lights received a 2009 NAIA Champions of Character award; the award is given to those student-athletes who excel both on and off the court.

Student Awards Convocation Day

Friday, April 3 has been declared Student Awards Convocation Day. The awards ceremony will be held at 10:00 am in the SUB Ballroom. The Chancellor requests that faculty excuse their classes that day from 10-12 so that students, faculty and staff may attend the awards ceremony.

The Strength Team Comes to Havre



The Strength Team is a group of professional athletes traveling the world bringing a highly motivational and inspirational message to thousands of people each year. They perform amazing feats of strength, like ripping a phone book in half, crushing walls of concrete with a blow from their arm or head, breaking hand-cuffs, running through two-by-fours and blowing up hot water bottles until they explode. They do all of this to get the attention of the audience and then they deliver



a motivational message. They will be in town next week April 1-5 and will be doing several school assemblies in Havre and in Chinook. They will also be performing every evening at the Community Alliance Church 7:00 p.m. Admission is free but a free will offering will be taken.

The Leader and Founder of The Strength Team is Mike Hagen. He has been featured on CNN, ESPN, and the popular television show, "Walker Texas Ranger", with Chuck Norris. Hagen also played professional football for the USFL Michigan Panthers and the Seattle Seahawks.

They emphasize the importance of education and hard work. The Strength Team also addresses some of the possible "pitfalls" that can detour people from reaching their goals and dreams.

Campus Improvement Day

Tuesday, April 21 we will have Campus Improvement Day. This has been a tradition at Northern for many years and is a day when faculty, students, and staff can participate in a variety of campus improvement activities, (i.e. planting flowers, picking up trash and paper, etc.). This day is devoted to developing a sense of pride among the Northern community by improving the appearance of our campus. If possible, the Chancellor asks that you arrange your classes scheduled between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on this day so that all students can take part in this activity. A BBQ for participants will be held beginning about 4:30 in the SUB dining hall.

Although offices are kept open during the Campus Improvement Day, staff members with the support of their immediate supervisors, may form clean-up teams and participate in campus improvement. Please contact Kristiny Loret, President of Associated Students, at extension 3714 if you are interested in forming a team or if you would like to help with a project.

"Spring Thaw" Coming April 17th

The Dining Services are sponsoring a semi-formal dinner dance on April 17th called the "Spring Thaw" So make sure you grab your pretty dresses and your favorite tie for this semi-formal affair. No one will be turned away so not of high importance. It will feature a Social hour- Dinner- Dance- Prizes... Fun filled night FREE for the students. Will have more information after Spring Break.

Safe Sets Win Coed Volleyball Tourney

The Spring Intramural & Recreation Coed Volleyball season finished up Tuesday night, March 24th. Two student and two staff teams participated. Although the staff team did win a few matches against the students throughout the season, (Yea Team!!) in the end the student team "Safe Sets" won the championship. Congratulations go out to Jordan Chroniger, Kyle Stone, Dustin Feasel, Des Gatin, Danielle Trower, Trevor McCullough, Jordan Mantz & Sheena McInnes. All student and staff team members received a free t-shirt and the championship team will enjoy a pizza party. I want to thank all of the students and staff for their participation. It was great fun!!! Coed Softball is next!!!

Dallas Brass Concert - Huge Success



The nationally renowned group The Dallas Brass gave an outstanding performance Monday night with the Havre Middle School band and another with the Havre High School band. This group is well known among music educators as one of the



most entertaining and inspiring musical ensembles of its kind. We were very fortunate to have a group of this caliber perform in Havre.

The profits from this concert will go toward the Havre High School jazz band's trip to the UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival in Greeley, Colorado.

BOR report

by Joe Callahan, Provost.

The Montana University System Board of Regents met in Helena on March 19th - 20th. MSU-Northern received approval for the request to remove the AAS Degree in Water Quality: Environmental Health from moratorium status. An update was given for the status of Legislative Bills including discussions of Stimulus dollars routed to Montana. A very dramatic moment occurred when Commissioner Sheila Stearns commented on the presence of a number of Native American Women Leaders as part of the reports given to the board by Denise Juneau, new Superintendent of Public Instruction, DPHS director Anna Whiting Sorrell, Regent Janine Pease and others.

Governor Brian Schweitzer attended the meeting and addressed the group relative to MUS research dollars and system issues in general. The governor presented some cost of living information and commented on the status of Montana relative to other states experiencing fiscal strains in the current economy. The Board will address tuition and fees for 2009-2010 at the May board meeting. Enrollment reports were reviewed and a total system headcount of 41,029 students (3.7% increase) was reported for Spring 2009.

Computer Tips

By Marianne Hoppe

Google Search Tips (Part 2 of 3)

Adapted from InformIT article Top Ten Ways to Search More Effectively on Google, by Michael Miller

Tip #5: Search for Similar Words

Sometimes you're not completely sure you're thinking of the right word to describe what you're looking for. In this case, it helps to search not only for a single keyword, but for words that are similar to that keyword. Google lets you search for similar words by using the ~ operator.

For example, to search for words that are like the word "elderly," enter the query ~elderly. This finds pages that include not just the word "elderly," but also the words "senior," "aged," "nursing homes," and so on. This really expands your search results, giving you a lot more options to choose from.

Tip #6: Search for Similar Pages

Along the same lines, sometimes you find a web page that includes some of the information you're looking for but not all of it. The best way to proceed in this instance is to look for other web pages similar to this one, which you can do with Google's **related:** operator.

The **related:** operator displays web pages that are in some way similar to the specified page. For example, if you've found good information about wildlife on the National Geographic website, you can find similar sites by enter the query **related:http://www.nationalgeographic.com**.

Tip #7: Other Nifty Modifiers to Refine Your Searches

Here are a few other modifiers you can use when making your Google queries:

Search numerical ranges of numbers by using **...** For example **Willie Mays 1950...1960** will return results about Willie Mays during the 1950 to 1960 time period

Use **define:** to find definitions of words. If you type **define:plethora** (no spaces) you'll get links to definitions of the work plethora.

Limit your searches to specific sites by using **site:**. For example to if you enter **computer aided design site:.edu** you'll get references to computer aided design found on .edu web sites. You can narrow the search by specifying a specific domain like this: **computer aided design site:msun.edu** and you can narrow the search even further by specifying the exact name of the site: **computer aided design site:www.msun.edu**

Google will also function as a basic calculator when you enter a math formula. For example enter: **435+752** and it will display the answer. More examples: **30% of 55**, **20^2**, **sqrt(400)**.

If you begin a query with the **stocks:** modifier, and Google will treat the rest of the query terms as stock ticker symbols, and will link to a page showing stock information for those symbols. For instance, **stocks: intc yhoo** will show information about Intel and Yahoo. (Note: you must type the ticker symbols, not the company name.)

Next week: Advanced searches and Google's other search sites.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

To update the January 16, 2009 NNN Tidbit, former Northern Lights basketball coach Jay Pivec's Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC) men's basketball team finished second at the Division III NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) tournament. MCTC finished the 2008-09 season with a 33-2 record. Coach Pivec has been at MCTC since 1990 and has a record of 428-109 at MCTC and an overall collegiate record of 539-236.

Upcoming Events

March 27

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
I/R Coed Softball Rosters Due 5:00 PM
Spring Fling 5:30 PM - 11:30 PM

March 30

Advance Registration for Fall 2009
Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
IOC Club Meeting 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM
ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

I/R Coed Softball 6:00 PM

March 31

Employer Recruiting Visit: Torgerson's 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

I/R Coed Softball 6:00 PM

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

April 1

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

April 2

Faculty Art Show 5-6:30 PM SUB Gallery

ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

April 3

Scholarship Awards Convocation 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Guest Lecture: Robert Fourstar 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

April 4

Spoken Word 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM



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