

# Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

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## New T-Shirt Cannon



Trevor McCullough (L) and Joe Hammar (R) presented the debut of MSU-Northern's new T-shirt cannon which was sponsored by MSU-Northern's pep band. The cannon was a huge success; it launched 50 T-shirts into the upper decks of the Armory Gymnasium during the basketball game against Westminster College.

## YouTube Video Contest

Are you a YouTube fanatic? You can use your video-creating skills to promote MSU-Northern and win a prize! MSU-Northern is holding a video contest that is open to everyone (students, faculty, staff, alumni, community). Submitted videos will be judged based on these categories: best overall video, most creative video, funniest video, video that best promotes Northern, and best video about a specific degree program.

The videos should be based on one of the previous categories. They also must be under 5 minutes in length, and students included in the video-making process must sign a model release. Videos must be submitted to Cori Hindoien in the Admissions office by 5 p.m. Friday March 23. The top videos in each category will be posted for student vote from March 28 through April 6, and then the winners will be announced on April the 10th. The first place winner in each category will receive a prize.

The videos will be displayed on the MSU-Northern YouTube page and could possibly be used in

other recruiting events as well. If anyone has questions, contact Cori Hindoien in the Admissions Office at 265-3542 or [cori.hindoien@msun.edu](mailto:cori.hindoien@msun.edu).

## MSU-Northern Receives Grant for Community Service

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Montana State University-Northern for an addition to the Havre Food Bank.

The approximate 14'0 x 18'0 addition will provide numerous benefits. The addition will allow for easier unloading and provide a storage area for inventory before the products are displayed in the main food bank area. The addition will allow for donated food to be delivered to the Havre Food Bank in all weather conditions. Additionally, it will be used as a temporary storage area and storage space will no longer be a problem. MSU-Northern is partnering with the local SkillsUSA Chapter at Havre High School and YouthBuild of North Central Montana. Students will build the addition and complete this building project by June, 2012.

"The grant in Havre represents Lowe's commitment to career and technical education," said Marshall Croom, chairman of Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "By supporting schools like Montana State University-Northern, we believe we are contributing to a cause that's important to our customers and employees by helping provide improved learning environments and build stronger communities."

One particular MSU-Northern student and SkillsUSA member, Dominic Spado, played a pivotal role in the grant being given to the Havre Food Bank. Spado volunteers at the local Boys and Girls Club in Havre and has seen firsthand children's need for additional food and clothing. He has also volunteered at the food bank by assisting in the collection of food and being an active participant in local food drives. It was by Spado's suggestion that the Havre Food Bank project be chosen by the SkillsUSA Chapter members.

## Town Swimming Pool

Here's a friendly reminder about one of the great opportunities afforded to the MSU-Northern family: anyone with a current MSU-Northern I.D. can swim at Havre's public pool free of charge during the open swim times. Just bring your I.D. with you when you want to swim. For those of you who may not know, the pool is located at 420 6th Ave. For pool times, contact Park and Recreation Director, Chris Inman at 265-5781.

## Nominate a Student

Once again it is that time of year to submit your nominations for the Student Excellence Awards. We will be honoring 10 recipients at the awards luncheon that will follow the annual awards convocation on March 23.

To nominate a student, a nomination form (or e-mail) **MUST BE COMPLETED** (just submitting a name is not enough) and returned to Bill Lanier ([wjlanier@msun.edu](mailto:wjlanier@msun.edu)) by Monday, February 13, 2012. Previous recipients are not eligible. For more information (nomination form, list of previous winners, etc.) regarding the Student Excellence Awards please go to: <http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/asstdean/stus/excellence/index.htm>.

## Special Thanks

We want to acknowledge and thank Dr. Fred Smiley for all the work he did in organizing the Math Fun Night with Lincoln McKinley School last week. Also we want to thank Wanda McKinney who came in on a Saturday to make sure all the reports were printed and ready for the OPI meeting. Thank you both for going the extra mile, keep up the good work.

## Points of Pride

Megan McKay and Caralee Fortin-Ereaux are two of MSU-Northern's top-notch diesel students. Their achievements are points of pride for Northern. McKay has presented at conferences, and both students attended the 4th Annual Women in Construction Leadership seminar hosted by Kiewit in Omaha, NE last semester. Both McKay and Fortin-Ereaux are leaders and are becoming excellent presenters in the arena of technology. Both students could be great representatives for the COTS and MSU-Northern at the MSU Math/Science conference.



Megan McKay and Caralee Fortin-Ereaux, you make Northern proud.

## First Annual Fresno Ice Derby



The Agribusiness Committee of the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored an ice fishing derby at Fresno Reservoir on January 28 and 29. MSU-Northern PAS (Postsecondary Agriculture Students) members helped with the derby this past weekend. Money generated from this event is helping sponsor scholarships at MSU-Northern. The Agribusiness Committee usually awards \$2,000 each year to deserving Northern agriculture students. The photo shows (left to right)...Chad Forest, Ethan Moberg, Krista Lundberg, Hollyn Cardani and Ashlee Gordon.

## Native American Guest Speaker Series

The second speaker in the Native American Lecture Series, sponsored by Humanities Montana, will be Harris Rock, a Nakoda from Fort Belknap. The presentation will take place today, February 3, from 2-3pm in the ATC Hensler Auditorium. Rock will speak on various topics including Pow-wow conduct.

## MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture

MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture series presents Montana native, author, business owner, musician, and retired teacher Anne Stranahan Shaw. Anne will be presenting "The State of the Arts in Northern Montana" on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center (ATC Building). Shaw's presentation will be inspirational, educational and nostalgic! From Prairie Symphonies, to poetry and theatre, Shaw will highlight selected events between Scobey and Whitefish, Montana. Shaw has a keen interest in music, art, theatre, and literature and will share how she became interested in the Arts and where the Arts have taken her throughout the world!

The campus community and general public are invited to attend the lecture and admission is free. Shaw's second novel, *Roscoe and Tooy Ride the Bootlegger Trail*, is a sequel to *Roscoe and Tooy, Montana Runaways*. Refreshments and a book signing will follow her presentation.

## JITTERBUG WORKSHOP

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern, Program Council is sponsoring a Jitterbug Workshop on February the 14th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The jitterbug is a dance style that was popularized during the 1930s by jazz great Cab Calloway. Calloway thought dancers looked similar to hyperactive bugs on the dance floor as they adjusted to the ebb and flow of music. The resurrection of swing music makes the jitterbug a popular trend in dancing for people of all ages.

Pam Wilson will be teaching the workshop where you will learn basic jitterbug moves. This

workshop is free to any faculty, staff or student one who wants to learn a little more about the dance. Bring your sweetheart to the SUB on Valentine's Day and get acquainted with the Art of Jitterbug!

## 9-C Basketball Tournaments come to Havre

The Chamber in partnership with Havre Public Schools will be hosting the 2012 9-C Basketball Tournament, Feb. 15-18 at Havre High School.

The Chamber's Athletic Committee works closely with District 9-C and Havre High School in the hosting of this February tournament. The Committee secures sponsorship for the hospitality room and enlists 40 plus community volunteers to help monitor doors and help with crowd control along with securing sponsors to cover the hospitality room during the 4-day event.

Volunteers are needed starting Wednesday, Feb 15 and continuing through Saturday, February 19. Help is needed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, and Saturday afternoon and evening. If you like basketball this is a great volunteer opportunity. You will see great games while doing service for the community.

If you would like to help you can call Shari at the Chamber at 265-4383 or email her at [chamberdesk@havremt.net](mailto:chamberdesk@havremt.net).

## PRESIDIO BRASS

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is offering another great performance on February the 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the 5th Avenue Christian Church. Presidio Brass is a dynamic force in American brass chamber music. With a unique and exciting repertoire written specifically for the ensemble, Presidio Brass is committed to providing engaging musical programs as well as developing close ties to their audiences.

Members of Presidio Brass have been seen with major symphony orchestras, including the London Philharmonic and Los Angeles Philharmonic. They can be heard on soundtracks ranging from video games to major motion pictures and have been educated at several of America's finest institutions, including the Julliard School, Boston Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music and USC.

Celebrating the world of Hollywood, the Presidio Brass will present a performance of both exciting jazz and classical music used in movies as well as great selections from film soundtracks. (2001: A Space Odyssey, Moon River, Bohemian Rhapsody and many more!)

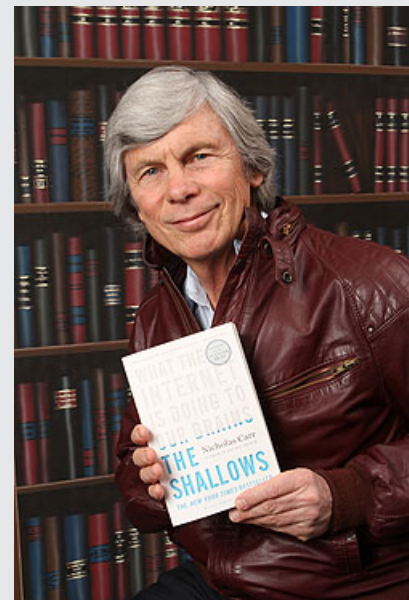
Tickets will be available at the door for \$15/adult and \$10/students for those who do not have a season pass. MSU-Northern students may attend free of charge with a current student I.D.

## MARDIS GRAS DANCE

FAT TUESDAY is February 21, and the Associated Students of MSU-Northern Program Council is sponsoring a Mardis Gras Dance in the SUB Ballroom at 9pm. Come dressed in your favorite costume and receive a mask and beads at the door. There will be a DJ, refreshments and finger foods will also be provided.

## What's Your Most Memorable Book?

My favorite book is often the one I'm currently reading which happens to be *The Shallows* by Nicholas Carr. The book examines how the human brain's "neuroplasticity" is being re-wired by the pervasive internet technology, just as it once was with the introduction of the book and linear reading. In the "ecosystem of the internet," Carr says, we live amidst hyperlink distractions and interruptions, shorter attention spans, and a deficit of deep-reading skills. Carr uses recent research in the neurosciences to support his themes. The book was a finalist for the 2011 Pulitzer Prize.



Terry C. Blosser  
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**From Dr. Carol Reifschneider:**

Reading broadens one's horizons, and it promotes proper grammar and word usage, but often avid readers are not just born. Passionate readers develop through exposure to all types of reading material.

MSU-Northern faculty, staff, and students, what is your most memorable book? Please send the title and author of your most memorable book to Library Director, Vicki Gist, or myself, Carol Reifschneider. This reading promotion also happens to coincide with Library Month, so we would like to feature a reader and his or her book choice in the NNN each week of February. In your submission, please include (along with the book title and author) a brief write up as to why the book is so memorable for you.

Contact Vicki Gist at: [gist@msun.edu](mailto:gist@msun.edu) or 265-3706 or contact Carol Reifschneider at: [reifschneider@msun.edu](mailto:reifschneider@msun.edu) or 265-3768.

## New AFSCME Scholarship

The AFSCME Council 9 Members are pleased to announce the new Bram Edward Jensen Memorial Program Scholarship for children of AFSCME members. The scholarship is in honor of Bram Edward Jensen who was the son of AFSCME Field Representative Josh Jensen and his wife Nicole. Sadly Bram passed away on December 28, 2010. This scholarship will be given in memory of Bram's life. The scholarship will be awarded to one student who will receive \$1,000. For application and requirements, please visit:

<http://mtafscme.com//index.cfm?action=article&articleid=ef84ba91-cd3d-4d97-9f42-0cb6e84ec02f>.

## Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh  
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

A spate of books, articles, and commentaries have flooded higher education recently, all focused on the future of colleges and universities. One of the more compelling treatises is *Abelard to Apple: The Fate of American Colleges and Universities* (2011, Massachusetts Institute of Technology). Its author, Richard DeMillo, a former academic dean at Georgia Tech, addresses the increasing competition between and among institutions of higher education by postulating the emerging existence of three categories of institutions:

The "Elites"-those who have established names (e.g., Harvard, Yale) and sit "at the top of the heap" in terms of "students, money, and global prestige" (p. 44);

The "For-Profits"-in which "the marketplace determines success or failure" (p. 44); and

The "Middle"-basically, everyone else.

In exploring the competition between and among "Middle" institutions, Dr. DeMillo observes that "the sudden availability of cheaper, better, more flexible alternatives-many enabled by technology-threatens institutions that cannot articulate what makes them different" (p. 273). His projection of the future for the "Middle" is very succinct: A "Middle" university or college can be successful only "if it defines a compelling value proposition and then imagines an institution that is capable of delivering that value" (p. 272).

Our visioning process has been the first step in the process of imagining a future for our university-a future that allows us to be competitive and that builds on our particular strengths. As a result, I want to thank each of you who provided comments through the library display, on-line, on in emails to me. All comments are currently being compiled to be shared with the campus, "warts and all," sometime early next week. The next step will be to begin a series of discussions that will allow us to winnow down the comments into themes through a continual dialogue that will result in a vision statement



that, in tandem with the mission statement, will inform our updated strategic plan.

Please note, too, that the branding/marketing initiative is an integral component of our visioning efforts as we work to establish a consistent approach to our visual identity. You'll be hearing more about these efforts from Jim Potter, committee chair.

## Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

### Northern Alumni Social

Come this Saturday Feb. 4th at 3:30 p.m. and enjoy some Big Mouth BBQ on great microbrew and join the Northern family at the Skylights and Lights game at UGF Game times are 5 pm and 7 p.m.! Hope to see you all at the Bowser Brewing Company! Bowser Brewing Company 1826 10th Ave S.

### Official of the Year

Mike Seymour, has been involved with basketball for many years. Mike played for the Shelby Coyotes in high school and then came to Northern for two years. After college, Mike began teaching and coaching. Mike and his family live in Chinook, and he spends a lot of his time officiating basketball across the state. Congratulations, Mike on your award as Official of the Year!

## @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Looking for a book to read for pleasure or research? Do you prefer print or electronic? Well, the Library offers access to all of these types of books. For print books, browse the New Book area, located near the computers on the main floor. Here you will find new books on a wide range of topics and copies of award winning fiction that you can check out to read. You can use the Library's catalog to locate additional books by author or topic. There are over 85,000 print books to choose from here in the Library!

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## Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

### Excel 2010 Tip Cell Comments

In Excel 2010 you can add cell comments, think of them as an electronic version of sticky notes, to any cell in the worksheet. Cells with comments display a little red triangle in their upper right corner, and the comment will appear when you move your mouse over the cell. You can use comments to provide instruction (like noting how a complex formula works), to enter questions, to enter specifics about the type of information that should go into the cells, or to enter any other information you think would be useful. To add a comment to a cell:

1. Click the cell you want to comment on.
2. On the **Review** tab, in the **Comments** group, click **New Comment**. A yellow comment box with your name and a blinking cursor appears. You can also drag the corners or edges of the comment box to make it larger.
3. In the box, type your comment text. If you don't want your name on it, you can select and delete it.



4. When you finish typing the text, click outside the comment box.

To edit a comment:

1. Select the cell with the comment you want to edit.
2. On the **Review** tab, in the **Comments** group, click **Edit Comment** . The yellow comment box displays.
3. Make any desired changes to the comment, and then click outside the comment box.

To delete a comment, select the cell with the comment and click **Delete** in the **Comments** group on the **Review** tab.

To view all the comments in a worksheet click **Show All Comments** in the **Comments** group of the **Review** tab. Click **Show All Comments** again to turn off the comment display.

**Note:** When you sort, comments are sorted along with the data. In PivotTable reports, however, comments do not move when you change the layout of the report.

## TidBit

By Bill Lanier



With a lifetime head coaching record of 563-242, former Northern Lights basketball Coach Jay Pivac, is now the Head Coach at Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) in Rosemount, MN. Not only is this Coach Pivac's first year at DCTC, it is the inaugural season for Men's Basketball at the Junior College. As of January the 31st, the Blue Knights are 16-5 and ranked number 17 in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III poll. DCTC does not have their own gymnasium, so the Blue Knights play their home games at the Salvation Army Community Center in St. Paul and practice at the High Performance Academy in Eagan, MN. Coach Pivac has been inducted to the Minnesota College Athletic Conference Hall of Fame (2002) and the NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2010).

## Featured Program

Liberal Studies: Our Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies is designed to provide students with a flexible liberal education that emphasizes the humanities and social sciences. This opportunity permits students to work in a combination of disciplines and is not intended for students who are undecided about a major. This background provides a foundation for understanding the ideas that shape our society and leads to awareness of a variety of social, cultural, and historical issues that are necessary for the successful advancement of our world. The program permits students to complete advance work in two areas of liberal study with options in the humanities and social sciences, while also receiving a general education in variety of liberal academic disciplines.

## Mission Statement

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."