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Halloween Issue



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From the Chancellor

By Dr. James Limbaugh

As educators, we always try to be sure that every decision is made within the context of the following question: "Is this best for our students?" And in order to do what's best for our students, professional engagement—the opportunity to hold a discussion about professional issues and trends—is of compelling importance. This week's inaugural "One MSU" Symposium provided just such an opportunity for several of our staff members to engage in dialogue about an issue that is common to all four MSU campuses: the success of transfer students. Meeting in Bozeman, representatives from MSU-Northern, MSU-Billings, MSU-Bozeman, and Great Falls College-MSU had the opportunity to talk about transfer students from multiple perspectives. I want to thank MSUN's delegates for their active participation in and contribution to the development of specific transfer-focused action plans for the MSU cohort institutions: Kristi Shettel (Admissions), Cindy Small (Financial Aid), Ligia Arango (Learning Success Center), Alisha Schroeder (Registrar), Christine Shearer-Creman (College of Education, Arts and Sciences, and Nursing), and Greg Kegel (College of Technical Sciences). Individually, they developed connections to the other three campuses that will provide significant opportunities to share information and to discuss common challenges. Collectively, they ably served as ambassadors for MSUN at a system-wide level. The university will soon reap the benefits of their leadership in the implementation of programs designed to support our transfer students (who, incidentally, this fall exceeded the number of first-time students as a proportion of new entering students).

Northern Staff Show Off Their "Spirit"



The Student Success Center decided to get into the Halloween spirit and show off their school spirit by dressing as human scrabble pieces which spelled: GO NORTHERN, GOT NORTHERN, HOT, NOT... okay, you get the idea, let's just say they had a lot of fun with their "shared" costumes.

MSUN Game Attendees Put on the Pink



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On October the 26th, MSUN family showed support for Breast Cancer Awareness by donning pink at the men's football and women's volleyball games.

Diesel Students Help Raise Money for Faculty Member's Surgery



Nine students from the Northern Diesel Racing Club are helping to raise money for their professor, Will Taylor's, upcoming kidney surgery (Nov. 19). They spent last weekend gathering scrap metal from Taylor's father in law's farm in order to recycle the scrap metal into cash which will be used to help cover the cost of his operation. This past weekend they were able to raise around \$3,000. They hope to continue this project next spring until all of the scrap metal has been removed from the field.

Atrium Mall Halloween Costume Dance



Last Saturday the MSUN Student Senate and the Atrium Mall held a Halloween costume dance in the Atrium Mall. Complete with chili and cornbread, a mummy-wrapping contest, The "Other Brothers and Sista Band," and a moaning and cackling contest (broadcast live on the radio), the night was an event to be remembered.

"The High Street Band" Produces High Levels of Fun



This past week, the Northern Showcase brought in "The High Street Band." The band was truly entertaining with their wild and crazy zoot-suited band members who always have a ball. They played their renditions of songs like "In The Mood," "Hey Soul Sister," "Play that Funky Music," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and many more! Some kids from the audience even got a chance to impersonate Elvis during one of the retro songs.

Jitterbug Workshop a Swinging Success



The Associated Students of MSU-Northern Program Council sponsored a Jitterbug workshop last Tuesday. Various Northern students, faculty, and staff came out to learn some new moves or brush up on their jitterbugging maneuvers in preparation for all the upcoming dances the holiday season brings.

Pumpkin Carving



Northern celebrated the Halloween season with yet another terrific event for students and family members: pumpkin carving. The Student Family Housing Community Center was utilized for this event, and the school provided the pumpkins for all attendees. As expected, the event was fun for all who came out on that warm autumn evening.

Staff and Faculty Take Part in Blood Screening



MSU-Northern's wellness program sponsored a health screening for its staff and faculty from the company called "It Starts With Me" (ISWM). They provided on-site health screenings and blood testing. This service is the component of health promotion programming that employees see, touch, feel, and experience.

Staff and Faculty Get Flu Shots



During Wednesday's wellness screening, staff and faculty were given the opportunity to get their annual flu shot. Free flu shots have been part of Northern's Wellness Program for many years.

Northern Participates in One MSU Symposium



Six leaders from MSU-Northern traveled to Bozeman this week to take part in the first annual One MSU Symposium. The symposium was designed to discuss strategies to help students achieve their goals. This was part of an ongoing conversation about how to best serve students on all four of the MSU campuses (Bozeman, Billings, Havre and Great Falls). The two-day symposium included a keynote speech by Joseph B. Cuseo, professor emeritus of psychology at Marymount College in California; working groups on a host of topics, including transfer advising success strategies, writing, and financial aid and scholarships; and development of action plans, time lines and outcomes to help achieve the goals. Next year the One MSU Symposium will be in Billings.

Important Announcements

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2014

*Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate students may register at any time beginning October 28, 2013.

YOUR CLASS STANDING DOES NOT INCLUDE: FALL SEMESTER 2013 CLASSES.

SENIORS- Wednesday, October 30 starting at 8:00 a.m.

(Semester Credits Earned: 90 or above)

JUNIORS Friday, November 1 starting at 8:00 a.m.

(Semester Credits Earned: 60-89)

SOPHOMORES Monday, November 4 starting at 8:00 a.m.

(Semester Credits Earned: 30-59)

FRESHMEN Wednesday, November 6 starting at 8:00 a.m.

(Semester Credits Earned: 0-29)

NEW STUDENTS Tuesday, November 12 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Attention Students

If you are completing your degree during the upcoming spring or summer semesters, your graduation applications are due by December 1, 2013. You can pick up and return your applications at the Registrar's office (Cowan Hall 220).

Time Change for November 2nd Football Game

The football game against Montana Tech, on November 2 will be an evening game and will start at 6:30 p.m. after the Sub Zero Super Hero Plunge.

Steam Boiler Workshop in Great Falls

Montana State University-Northern Extended University is offering a four-day workshop to prepare people to take the state examination for the low-pressure boiler operator's license. The workshop is designed for people without boiler operators' licenses who work in physical plants.

The workshop, "Low Pressure Steam Boilers and Systems," will be offered Thursday through Sunday, November 14 - 17, 2013, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the O'Haire Motor Inn (17 7th Street South, Great Falls, MT). Bill Fisher, a Certified 3rd Class Boiler Operator and Certified Water Operator from Missoula, is the instructor.

The cost of the workshop is \$275 plus \$75 for the textbook. Participants must pre-register by November 7. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 participants. For further information or to register, please call MSU-Northern Extended University toll free at 1-800-662-6132, extension 3730 or 406-265-3730.

Upcoming Events

Little Shop of Horrors Continues into November

Little Shop of Horrors, a comedy-horror-rock musical, by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman, is about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood and flesh. The music, composed by Menken in the style of early 1960s rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown, includes several well-known tunes, including the title song, "Skid Row (Downtown)," "Somewhere That's Green," and "Suddenly, Seymour."

The remaining shows are at 8 p.m. on Oct. 31 & Nov 1-2, 7-9 Tickets are \$15/adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and MSUN students free with school I.D.

The cast includes:

Mary Kaercher as Ronette, Denae Ellis as Chiffon, Crysta Robinson as Crystal, Will Cochran as Seymour, MaryBeth Blankenship as Audrey, Mike Palmer as Mr. Mushnik, Donald Mayer as Orin, and Martin Holt as the Voice of Audrey II.



Sub Zero Super Hero Plunge- November 2

The Law Enforcement Torch Run wants everyone to know, it's that time of year again. It's time for the Sub Zero Super Hero Plunge! On November 2, 2013 at the Havre- Blue Pony Stadium at 3:15 p.m. individuals, organizations and businesses will support Special Olympics Montana athletes by having volunteers take icy dips into freezing waters. Are you too chicken to plunge? Don't worry. You can still be part of the fun! Simply register as a "chicken," raise pledges, and receive incentives just like a regular plunger, except there's no going into the icy water. Then attend the plunge and watch while others take their icy dips!

Register online or pick up a form from: Havre Police Department, MSU-Northern SUB Info Desk, Havre Area Chamber of Commerce, Havre High School, Havre Day Activity Center or Blaine County Sheriff's Department (in Chinook).

MSU-Northern Honors Veterans - November 2

MSU-Northern will honor our veterans at the home football game on November 2 by allowing all veterans, active duty personnel, National Guard and reservists to come to the game free of charge. During halftime, there will be a short ceremony honoring veterans, active duty service personnel (including members of the National Guard and Reserve), and their dependents.

MSUN's Athletic Director, Christian Oberquell, commented, "We feel it is important to acknowledge and thank the men and women who have made it possible for us to enjoy our freedoms. A free ticket to the football game before Veteran's Day seems like the least we can do. We want community members to come out and show their support for our armed forces and enjoy a great football game."

The Veterans Coordinator at MSU-Northern, Fredrick Everingham explained, "Northern will be joining hundreds of colleges and universities from across the nation that are honoring veterans during their last home football game before Veterans Day."

The football game on November 2 is an evening game that starts at 6:30 p.m.

Northern Diesel Racing Presents:

Sloppy Joe Dinner



For more
information
Contact

Will Taylor
265-4158
or
Maure Murdock
402-578-1534

\$5 per Ticket

**Children 12 and
under eat free
with the
purchase of an
adult ticket**

**Wednesday, November 6th
6:00-8:00 pm
MSU-Northern ATC Shop**

Special Events include:

**Star Quilt Raffle
Silent Auction**

Next Blood Drive - November 6

The next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, November the 6th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. You can register online at www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood, with the sponsor code: msunorthern, or you can sign up at the front desk of the SUB, or call our school nurse, Sherry Kegel, at ext. 3599 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be taken first.

At the last drive, we collected a record breaking donation of 98 pints, and we are hoping for at least 77 or more this time.

Historian Dan Thyer - November 7



Sponsored by Humanities Montana, the 2013-2014 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series presents historian and storyteller, Dan Thyer, on Thursday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, on the MSU-Northern campus. The Sundance Kid in Montana is one of the greatest stories of the American West, and Thyer brings to life and dispels many of the myths of the illusive outlaw gang that operated in Montana, Wyoming, and Utah. The story follows the timeline of the early history of the American West brought to life through the use of object-based interpretation, descriptive storytelling, and the window dressing of living-history interpretation. The campus community and general public are invited to attend the lecture. Admission is free. All are welcome.

The MSU-N Lecture Series Committee is a Chancellor Charter Committee whose members consist of students, faculty, and staff. The mission of the committee is presented below:

To stimulate thought, discussion, and engagement, the MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Committee presents an intellectually and culturally diverse program that brings the broader MSU-Northern communities face-to-face with notable thinkers, scholars, civic leaders, authors, and artists throughout each academic year.

Please visit the website to see all of the 2013-2014 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2013/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

Brodeur Benefit Dinner - November 9

There will be a benefit dinner and silent auction for Mary and Joel Brodeur on November the 9th from 4-8 p.m. at the Eagles Club. Mary, Joel's wife, suffered a stroke that has caused an ongoing need for medical treatment. This sloppy-joe dinner and silent auction will help defray some of the continuing costs associated with rehabilitation from the stroke. Joel was a faculty member at MSU-Northern in the Design Drafting program. Both he and Mary are alumni of Northern. Free will donations will be accepted and all proceeds will go the Brodeur family. For more information, contact Terry or Theresa at 265-6741.

MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Concert - November 19

The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra is delighted to present an evening of Jazz and Gershwin, featuring piano soloist Marge Holt, playing George Gershwin's beloved "Rhapsody in Blue". The concert will be November the 19th at Fifth Avenue Christian Church and will begin at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free to the public but a free will offering will be taken to help defer the costs of music and equipment.

Save the Date...

Feb. 15, 2014

We Love
Northern  Ball

Barn Dance Style

Tickets call: 265-3720

Weekly Articles

This week in Athletics

By Laramie Schwenke

The Lights football team lost to Carroll College last Saturday afternoon and is now at 4-4 on the season. They stand at fourth place in the Frontier Conference. The Lights will face Montana Tech this Saturday night, November the 2nd. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

The Skylight volleyball team recently swept the weekend at home with two hard fought wins over Lewis & Clark State College and Montana Tech last Friday and Saturday. The Skylights are standing strong in first place in the Frontier Conference with a record of 12-0 and an overall record of 21-4. They hit the road this weekend for matches against University of Montana-Western on Friday and Westminster College on Saturday. In the latest NAIA national poll, the Skylights moved up one spot to #24 in the country.

The Lights wrestling team competed in a dual at North Idaho College last Saturday and fell to the Cardinals 30-16. Individual results can be found under the wrestling tab on the MSU-Northern athletics website. The Lights travel to Laramie, Wyoming this Saturday, November the 2nd, to compete in the Cowboy Open. The first match is set to start at 9:00 a.m.

The Lights basketball team got two wins on the road last Friday and Saturday. They beat Mount Royal University 73-63 and the University of Lethbridge 75-73. The wins put the Lights at 5-0 for the season. In the latest NAIA preseason poll, Northern is ranked #24. Next game for the Lights is Friday, November the 1st, against Montana State University-Billings. Tipoff is set for 7:00 p.m. in the Armory.

The Skylight basketball team is 2-0 on the season after beating the University of Lethbridge 53-43 and Mount Royal University 78-42 last week. The Skylights hit the road for games this Friday and Saturday in Spokane, WA. The first game is against Eastern Oregon University on Friday and Corban College on Saturday. Tipoff times are set for 7:00 p.m. Friday and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Have a speech or paper to write? Need articles for that project? Give the *Academic Search Complete* (ASC) or *Academic OneFile* (AOF) databases a try. Both of these databases include articles on a broad array of topics and are great starting points for most speeches or papers. ASC and AOF include many full-text articles and scholarly (peer reviewed) articles. Some of the advantages of using these databases are the ability to limit the search to articles published during a specific time period; read an abstract to determine if you want to read the entire article; print, email or save a copy of the citation and article, copy formatted APA or MLA citations to include in your paper, or to easily expand your search to related articles. Most of these database articles and advantages are not available when you search Google.

Two additional databases for speech researching are the *Opposing Viewpoints In Context* and *Points of View Reference Center*. Both databases are good if you are looking to select a controversial topic for your speech, for pro and con viewpoints regarding a topic, and they include lots of additional information about your topic. These databases can be accessed from <http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/DbDescript.htm>. Don't forget that you can search the databases from home. Simply type your D2L or NetID username and password into the MSU-Library-Login box. If you would like assistance with these databases or any others, stop by or call the library staff. We are here to help.

From Your Learning Success Center

By Ligia Arango

Test Anxiety 2

If you are preparing for a test and start to feel overwhelmed and like you are not being able to catch up, adjust your attitude! Do away with words like "should" and "must" that allow self-defeating thoughts. Take control of the situation by focusing on the task at hand, reminding yourself of your good points, and managing your time to meet your goal. Happy testing!!

The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Word 2013

How to Take Screenshots with Word

One of the features available in Word 2013 is the ability to capture screenshots and insert them directly into your document. Here's a look at the feature in the latest version of Word.

1. Open a blank document or any document that you want to add a screenshot to.
2. Click the **Insert** tab.
3. In the **Illustrations** section of the Ribbon, click on **Screenshot**. You can take screenshots of an open window or just a selected region of a window.
4. To insert a screenshot, just click on the thumbnail of the screen you want.
To insert a just a region of a particular window, click on **Screen Clipping** (it's located below the screen thumbnails). Your document will minimize and all your open windows will gray out. Use your mouse to select the region of the screen you want to capture.

Your screenshot or region is then automatically pasted directly in to Word. If you like, you can then copy the new image out of Word and paste it in other applications for editing.

This feature is also available in Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint... and in the 2010 versions of these applications.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

DIY Christmas Cheer

I know. I know. Yesterday was Halloween, and we haven't even hit Thanksgiving yet. You might be wondering why in the world my column bears a Christmas title on November the 1st. Well, if you are like most college students, or people in general, you like to save money. Christmas gifts for the whole family have a tendency to

break our banks if we are not careful. So, we have about two months until the big day; let's use it to plan some do-it-yourself (DIY) gifts that are frugal-living-friendly and fun to create. You don't have to be a master artist or avid crafter to put these little ditties together. You just have to have patience and a little cash.

- Some of the simplest homemade gifts are the ones that include all the dry ingredients for a cookie or other baked good recipe within a jar or decorative container. The gift is complete with the recipe printed on a small piece of paper or cardstock and attached with a festive ribbon.
- You can create a custom corkboard by collecting wine corks from friends and family, arranging them in the shape of a heart, letter, or other simple shape, and hot gluing the corks into place on cardboard (or another sturdy surface in the shape you desire). You can spruce this idea up further by spray-painting the corks.
- For a personal family gift, purchase an old Scrabble game or a set lot of Scrabble tiles on eBay. Situate the tiles to include all the family members' names. Buy a frame that suits your tile assemblage, and glue the tiles in place with a subtle piece of scrapbook paper in the background for some color.
- If you love surfing the web, search for "free printables" or "printable quotes." You can print these inspiring or meaningful finds on cardstock or paper, frame them, and give them as gifts to the people who fit the quotes or sayings.

For more handy and inexpensive Christmas gift ideas, browse through Pinterest pins or visit Toni Anderson's list of homemade Christmas gifts (of 2012) for inspiration: <http://thehappyhousewife.com/home-management/homemade-christmas-gifts-2/>

(Scroll down until you see the thumbnail picture examples of her gifts)

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."

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