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From the Chancellor By Dr. James Limbaugh

We have received several inquiries from the campus and the community regarding the impact of the federal government shutdown on MSUN. In the short term, we do not see this as significant for Montana State University-Northern, but it is difficult to predict the ramifications of a shutdown if it were to last weeks or months. Here is a summary of short-term impact:

Financial Aid:

Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loan programs should not be affected because these funds are already appropriated and do not require further Congressional authorization.

Veterans:

Housing payments to veterans should be unaffected for October as they were already in progress before the shutdown. However, if the shutdown continues, processing centers will be shut down and paperwork will not be processed, which could lead to housing payments for November being delayed.

TRIO Programs:

TRIO programs (e.g., Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Center) are forward-funded programs and therefore their monies were committed for this 2013-2014 year in the FY 2013 appropriations. As a result, these monies will remain available and all programs will continue to proceed as normal.

International students and students traveling abroad:

The U.S. Department of State will continue to offer passport and visa services as long as it has non-appropriated funds (e.g. money from fees for services). The U.S. Department of State has not speculated on how long those funds will last.

This Week on Campus

American Indian Heritage Day



The 1997 Montana Legislature designated the fourth Friday in September of each year "American Indian Heritage Day." In honor of that event MSU-Northern has a special display in the library and the Sweetgrass Society raised Northern's tepee on the East lawn.

Comedy Magician Derek Hughes



Comedic magician Derek Hughes performed for Northern this week. This New York Times named "Thoroughly entertaining," and Chicago Reader's "Critic's choice" magician enlivened the evening for all the attendees with his spectacular tricks and witty commentary.

For more information about Derek Hughes, visit: www.derekhughes.net

Pride Patrol



The Pride Patrol has struck again! Assistant Professor of Business Byron Ophus and Systems, Network and Web Services Specialist Marianne Hoppe were honored with a plate of goodies this week. Thanks for all of your outstanding work, you make Northern proud!

OCHE Conducts Civil Rights On-Site Review

About every ten years, representatives from the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education for the Montana University System visit the campus to make sure the campus is in compliance with federal laws.

They are mainly interested in making sure the campus does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. This visit came after the campus finished a lengthy self-assessment report. Northern is proud to announce that the campus received accolades for the progress it has made with handicap accessibility since the last visit.

Important Announcements

Flu Shots

On October the 8th from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and October the 10th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Student Health Center will make flu shots available to the student body, faculty and staff. The cost of the shot is \$18.00 and must be paid for at the time of service or charged to students' accounts (they will then have to remit payment to the Business Service Office). Students can come to the Student Health Center at any time to receive flu shot, and the staff will try to accommodate them the best they can, provided they still have the vaccine.

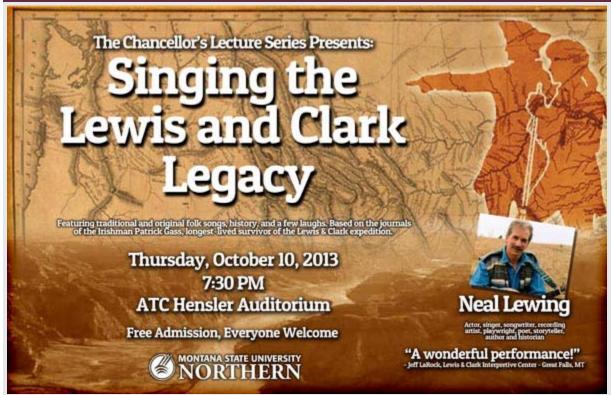
Free flu shots will be given to staff and faculty at the Wellness Clinic, "It Starts With Me" on October the 30th. They will need their insurance card and identification.

Check Out "HILTIP"

For the past 4 years, Dr. Fred Smiley, MSU-N Associate Professor of Education, has developed an online journal titled Hi Line Theory Into Practice ("HILTIP"). The intent of this peer-reviewed publication is to feature local-area educators and to provide a place for MSU-N teacher education candidates to publish their research. The link below is Volume #6, and it features ten annotated bibliographies on the subject of reading and another ten on writing. The author-candidates not only found articles, books, and websites for both subjects, but their writing demonstrated how their research theories could be put into practice. Past "HILTIP" volumes have featured critical thinking and special education, and Volume #7 will feature selected curricular issues authored by K-12 and postsecondary educators. http://education.msun.edu/fredsmiley/hiltip/v5e1.htm

If you are interested in contributing to this online journal, please e-mail Dr. Smiley (<u>fsmiley@musn.edu</u>) for submission guidelines.

Upcoming Events



The 2013-2014 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series presents actor, singer, storyteller and poet, Neal Lewing, on Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Applied Technology Center in Hensler Auditorium on MSU-Northern's campus. Singing the Lewis & Clark Legacy, Lewing will entertain the audience with traditional and original folk songs, history, and a few laughs. Based upon the journals of the Irishman Patrick Gass, longest-lived survivor of the Lewis & Clark expedition, this show highlights Gass's experiences through songs and storytelling.

The campus community and general public are invited to attend the lecture. Admission is free. Please visit the website to see all of the 2013-2014 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

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Fall Career Fair- October 15

The 2013 Fall Career Fair will bring over 23 employers to campus. These employers come from as far away as Texas and will be interested in associate and bachelor degree candidates in AG Mechanics, Agriculture Operation Technology, Automotive, Business Administration, Civil Engineering Technology, Computer Information Systems, Diesel Technology, Drafting, Electrical Technology, Criminal Justice and more!

The event will be held in the SUB Ballroom on Tuesday, October the 15th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interviews with employers will begin at 1:30 p.m. On Wednesday, October the 16th, there will also be interviews beginning at 8:30 a.m. Students need to check with the Career Center or Career Express to sign up on the interview schedule.

The following employers will be interviewing during the Career Fair: 21st Century Equipment, Anderson Steel, Butler Machinery, GE Transportation, Modern Machinery, RDO Equipment Company, and Torgersons.

All students are encouraged to attend the Career Fair so that they can utilize the opportunity as a networking experience.



Alumni Weekend is BACK!

Join us October 5th at 3 p.m. for the Northern Wrestling Alumni Dual. After the dual, there will be an alumni social for all alumni and interested Havre community members at the Elk's at 5 p.m.

November the 29th and 30th will be the Volleyball and Basketball Alumni Games. November the 29th at 7 p.m., the alumni volleyball game will take place, with a social, after the game, for all alumni and Havre community members at the Elk's. November 30 at 2:30 p.m. the women's basketball alumni will take the court with the men's basketball alumni taking the court at 3:30. Right after the Alumni Games, stay for the Lights' and Skylights' home opener vs. Carroll College at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. This fun-filled weekend will be a great opportunity to come back and see all the changes on the Northern campus and see those teammates you've been missing.

If you are interested in coming back to either play, coach or simply take in the festivities please contact the Alumni Office ASAP at 265-3770 so we can get your t-shirt size.

We hope to see all of you amazing Lights and Skylights back on campus.

NORTHERN WRESTLING NATIONALS FAN BUS RAFFLE

Winner of the raffle will win two tickets to the National Wrestling Tournament in Topeka, KS

Includes:

2 round trip bus tickets on the Northern fan bus Leave March 5th return morning of the 10th

1 hotel room in Topeka for 3 nights

2 tickets to tournament

Ticket information: call 406.265.3770 email: alumni@msun.edu



Weekly Articles

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you looking for a book to read for pleasure or for research purposes? One of the best places to start looking for books is in the library catalog. The library catalog is a database listing the many print books, DVDs, and CDs that you can find here in the Vande Bogart Library. The catalog also includes links to many electronic and audio books. The

catalog can be accessed from the library's home page (http://msun.edu/infotech/library/). You can search the catalog by author, titles or subject (topic). You can also easily limit your search to only print, electronic, or DVD/CD titles by using the catalog search's options found on the right side of the search screen. When you retrieve an electronic title, look for the link to the item, and click on that link. Some titles may require that you login with your NetID/D2L username and password.

When in the catalog, you can check "My Account" to see all checked out items and to request renewals. Also, when doing a search for print books, you can choose to search the catalogs of the other MSU libraries by selecting a library from the box located below the search box. To borrow a book from the Bozeman, Billings or Great Falls campus, simply click on "Place Hold." The book will be sent to Northern for your use.

Books are a great source of information and entertainment. If you have any questions about locating or obtaining books, please contact the library staff.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Office 2013

Getting rid of the Start screens

All of the Office 2013 applications (except Outlook) show **Start** screens with a list of recently opened documents... along with an array of rarely used templates. Like so many features in Office, this new Start screen is an attempt to put useful but hard to find functionality right where the user needs it. And while this view can be incredibly useful, some people may want to disable it.

Fortunately, you can do so on an application-by-application basis. For example, let's say you spend much of your day in Word and do not want this Start screen appearing every time you start the application, you just want a blank document. You can disable the Start screen in Word only. But for applications you use less frequently, like PowerPoint or Excel, leaving the Start screen enabled makes sense, because you may actually need one of the templates.

To disable the Start screen in any document-based Office 2013 application open a document:

- 1. Choose **File** and then **Options**.
- 2. With **General** selected on the left, look at the right side of the window.
- 3. At the bottom under **Start up options** you will see an option titled **Show the Start screen when this application starts.** Uncheck it.
- 4. Click OK.

You can repeat this procedure for each Office application for which you'd prefer not to see Start screens. If you change your mind and decide you do want to see the start screen, simply follow the same steps and check the **Show the Start screen when this application starts** box.

From Your Learning Success Center

Use Cue Cards

By Ligia Arango

Cue cards are a type of flash card that have writing on both sides in the form of questions. For example, one side might say: "Who is George Washington?" On the other side, "Who was the first president of the USA?" Another example, on one side: "What is the first amendment?" and on the other side: "What is freedom of speech?"

Take your flash cards with you everywhere, and look at them frequently. Mix them up so that you are always reviewing all the material at hand. If you want to know more about cue cards or have questions about issues related to study skills, come to see us at the Learning Success Center (library upper level).

Here is what a student said about cue cards last week: "I got a 104% on my last test! Writing out questions to myself has helped a lot with my test anxiety, because I have already seen the questions."

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

With last month having been "National Preparedness Month" and October focusing so strongly on breast cancer awareness, it's hard not to put the two together and encourage all women to take extra precautions to avoid being surprised by the cancer that claims so many lives.

Recently a photo submitted on the "Imgur" picture website features a surfer's photos from day's excursion on the waves. Included in the stream of photos is a picture of the surfer's feet with a great white shark lurking ominously a few feet below. Luckily the shark decided not to attack this unprepared, unsuspecting wave-rider.

The shark under this surfer can represent cancer. The possibility of getting breast cancer is higher in some women than in others, but like sharks in the ocean, it's guaranteed that cancer is out there, and it may strike anyone at any moment. Be wise, and use the resources our country's medical assistance provides. Women, I petition you to get checked for breast cancer so that you're not an unsuspecting, unprepared victim of an ominous enemy.

To view the shark photo that went viral, visit: http://imgur.com/gallery/NZiR4l8/?forcedesktop=1

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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