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Welcome to 2014 Spring Semester

Second semester has just started and already the campus activities are in full swing. If you are new to the Northern Network News (NNN), I want to officially say welcome. The NNN is the best way to see what is happening at MSU-Northern. It arrives in your e-mail box every Friday morning and we trust you will find the stories informative and encouraging. If you have something you want posted in the NNN, please submit it to potterj@msun.edu by noon each Wednesday with "for NNN" in the subject line. We do reserve the right to edit anything that is submitted.

From the Chancellor

By Dr. James Limbaugh

This semester, and for the near future, our #1 priority will be the successful retention of our current students and the recruitment of new students. The funding formula implemented this year is based on a three-year average of FTE enrollments, and with performance-based funding coming for Montana institutions of higher education, the by-products of a healthy enrollment-graduation rates and first-year to second-year retention rates-will be significant factors in our budget allotments from the State. As a result, if you are asked to assist in an enrollment-related venture-making calls, visiting with potential students, providing your input on recruitment and retention ideas-please give freely of your time and your thoughts so that, together, we can ensure a healthy future for MSUN.

During the Break

AVCA and NAIA Awards

Each year the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) recognizes teams, players, and coaches for spectacular performance and integrity throughout the season in hopes of encouraging the development of the sport as a whole. Northern is proud to claim three of our players were named "First Team Northwest Region" by the AVCA this year. They were Kelsey Williams, a senior and outside hitter, Joni Nagy, a senior and setter, and Abby Nicholas, a senior and outside hitter. Abby Nicholas was also named the "Player of the Year" for our region.

On the national level, Abby Nicholas was named "2013 NAIA Second-Team All-American" and Joni Nagy and Kelsey Williams were named "2013 NAIA Honorable Mention All-American." Northern has not had an All-American volleyball player since 1992. Congratulations ladies, you make Northern proud!



While the previously mentioned achievements are very noteworthy, Northern is especially excited to announce that our Skylights Volleyball Coach Bill Huebsch received the Coach of the Year award for the Northwest Region. There are only eight regional coaches recognized with this award each year, and Huebsch was selected from a large number of coaches throughout Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah. Huebsch is the first Northern Volleyball Coach to receive this award. Congratulations Coach Huebsch, you make Northern proud!

For more information on the AVCA and these awards, visit: www.avca.org

2013 MSUN Cowboy Christmas



The MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club and team held their annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction last month. The event continues to be the rodeo team's primary fundraiser of the year, and all benefits are used toward financing MSU-N rodeo team travel expenses, rent for the practice facility, practice stock, and scholarships. The all-you-can-eat prime rib dinner, live auction, silent auction, poker table, raffle, and dance attracted 320 people this year. The attendees were able to bid on 42 live auction items, 35 silent auction choices, and 35 raffle items. The funds accumulated throughout the night totaled to about \$35,000, which is about \$2,000 more than what the fundraiser secured last year. The item that brought in the most money was a certificate for 8 hours of backhoe service provided by Lakeside Excavation which auctioned off for \$3,000. Overall the Cowboy Christmas was a great success. The Booster Club and team were glad to see so much local support from Havre and the surrounding areas.

Rugg Named New Provost

Dr. William Rugg will be the new Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for MSU-Northern. His official start date is February 17, 2014.

"Dr. Rugg has outstanding credentials and will provide the visionary leadership necessary to work with our faculty in assuring excellence in all our academic programs," explained Chancellor Dr. James Limbaugh. "His experience with accreditation, on-line learning, and satellite campuses makes him the perfect fit for MSU-Northern."

Dr. William Rugg has most recently served as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he also held the academic rank of professor. He has more than 35 years of experience in higher education, including more than 25 years in administration. He has served as a provost, chief academic officer, college dean, associate dean, school director, assistant director (chair), and faculty member in a variety of academic settings. At Northeastern State University he supervises three campuses with nearly 9,000 students, over 400 faculty, and 16 direct reports.

Dr. Rugg has a Ph.D. degree in Higher Education Administration and Student Services from The University of Mississippi, M.S. degree in Speech Communication and Broadcasting from Utah State University, and a B.A. degree in English and Theatre from Barrington College. He has experience in personnel management of both large and small groups, grant writing, and administering academic and corporate budgets. He has experience in student services, faculty evaluation, promotion and tenure procedures, training and development of academic administrators, recruitment, hiring and retention of faculty and academic administrators, and employee relations, including resolution of employee problems, discipline, and discharge. Dr. Rugg has also worked with university accreditation teams and articulation teams for course transfer agreements between colleges and universities.

The 12 person Provost Search Committee reviewed 50 applications and conducted telephone interviews with 15 of the candidates before five finalists were invited to campus to interview. The Provost is the second in command under the Chancellor and is in charge of all academic, accreditation, and faculty issues.



Updates on Campus



Several changes occurred on campus during the break. The first, and possibly the most noticeable, is the new wall that will house The Northern Montana Plains Indian Museum in the Vande Bogart Library. The wall was donated and built by Clausen & Sons General Contractors and Doll's Glass. The Physical Plant will begin removing the carpet in preparation for the cabinetry and flooring.

There was also a new wheel chair platform installed in the Armory Gymnasium which will make it much easier for people in wheel chairs to access the activities in the gym.

In Morgan Hall, new doors for the 4th and 7th floor exits are in the process of being installed.

Student Success Center Shares Excellent Results

Throughout the 2013 fall semester, 77 students signed in at the tutoring tables. About a third of those students (24) students signed in only one time, while the rest (53 students) came back for tutoring more than once. The minimum number of repeats was 2 and the maximum was 45.

The center's goal was to have 50% of the students return for services at the LSC, and 65.97% returned. Having exceeded expectations, the Student Success Center looks for to helping many more students in the coming semester.

Chancellor's Holiday Reception



Chancellor James Limbaugh and his wife Patricia held a holiday reception at their home on Sunday December 8, 2013. The Limbaughs offered food, fellowship, and fun with their grand array of refreshments, welcoming environment, and festive gingerbread house decorating. Campus family as well as community members came and enjoyed the evening in the Chancellor's home.

Belinda Potter Receives Master's Degree



Congratulations to Belinda Potter who received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia on December 7, 2013. Belinda has been the library's night supervisor for over eight years and is now Northern's Instruction/Reference Librarian. She is available to provide reference services to students, faculty and staff, guide users in using electronic resources, and provide information literacy classes. Stop by her office (VBL 208) for personal research assistance or to set up a class (she also has a candy dish to encourage visitors).

Fall Dean's List

The MSU-Northern 2013 fall semester Dean's List contains 305 students. To be included in the Dean's List, students must carry a minimum of 12 credits and earn a grade point average of 3.25 or better. Students that received a pass, incomplete or "F" during this semester are not included on the honor roll listing. The following list of students is organized alphabetically by hometown (please note that many students give a Havre address instead of a hometown address, and thus are listed in the Havre listing). The official Dean's List is available at: <http://www.msun.edu/deanse/honorroll/DeansListFall2013.pdf>

Forty-nine of Northern's student-athletes made the Dean's List. This number equates to 31% of our student-athletes. We are proud of this number, as it shows the great job our coaches do recruiting quality students while still securing solid athletes. It also shows the dedication our student-athletes have to being the best they can be in and out of the classroom.

Ball Committee Checks-Out Cowboy Boots at Norman's



In preparation for this year's country style We Love Northern Ball, the ball committee checked out the amazing selection of cowboy boots available at Norman's Ranch Wear. This year if you buy some clothes from Norman's and tell them they are for the We Love Northern Ball, the store will donate 15% of your purchase toward the Ball and student scholarships. Way to go Norman's!

This Week on Campus

New Student Orientation



Twenty-five new students participated in the Spring Semester Orientation program. The attendees learned about financial aid, business services, the Northern network, and some practical study skills. The best part of the day was the "Great Northern Race" during which students went all over campus in search of clues and, simultaneously, a better understanding of the campus layout. Door prizes were awarded including a Blu-ray/DVD player that went to Adam Bjornestad. Congratulations Adam!

Important Announcements

Have You Confirmed Your Attendance?

Students, please make sure you've confirmed your attendance for Spring 2014 in order to avoid late fees and being dropped from your courses. Please print, complete and return the [Student Insurance & Payment Form](#) to MSU-N Business Services (Cowan Hall, Room 207) today! Call 406-265-3733 if you have any questions or concerns.

Important Dates for This Semester

Last day to add a first half-semester class: January 13

Last day to drop a first half-semester class: January 16

Last day to add a full-semester class: January 17

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday - campus closed: January 20 (not January 13, as many believe)

Presidents' Day - Classes are cancelled; offices will be open: February 17

Extended University Announces Monthly Workshops

Extended University will begin hosting monthly professional development workshops for faculty. Topics will include Desire2Learn, web and software tools, and online and hybrid pedagogy. Workshops will be led by Extended University staff as well as faculty, so please consider sharing your knowledge with the community!

Brigit Hemmer will present our first workshop on using the video lecture tool "BB Flashback," in Desire2Learn. Time and place TBA. Please contact Justin Mason at Extended University for more info.

FROM THE CAREER CENTER:

It's Career Fair time again! The MSUN Spring Career Fair is set for Tuesday, February the 11th and will be held in the SUB Ballroom from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Career Center is hard at work putting together another successful event. We had 26 employers on campus during the fall event and hope to have at least as many this go-around!

Please spread the word to students and employers in all academic areas, and encourage them to participate in the fair. There is no pre-registration for students, but it is very helpful if they already have a profile on CareerExpress. This makes for an easier check-in on the day of the event.

Employers will need to register no later than 5 p.m. on February 3. For those who wish to interview students on campus, the deadline to make any changes to the interview schedule will be January the 28th.

Please contact the Career Center for more information at 265-4198 or stop in 213 Cowan Hall to talk with Jennifer Henderson or Mary Heller.

Career Quote for January: "If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude." - Colin Powell

Professor Soiseth Presents Art Show at Carroll College

From January the 13th until February 28, 2014 Northern professor Joel Soiseth will be displaying his artwork at Carroll College. His show title is: Edgy.

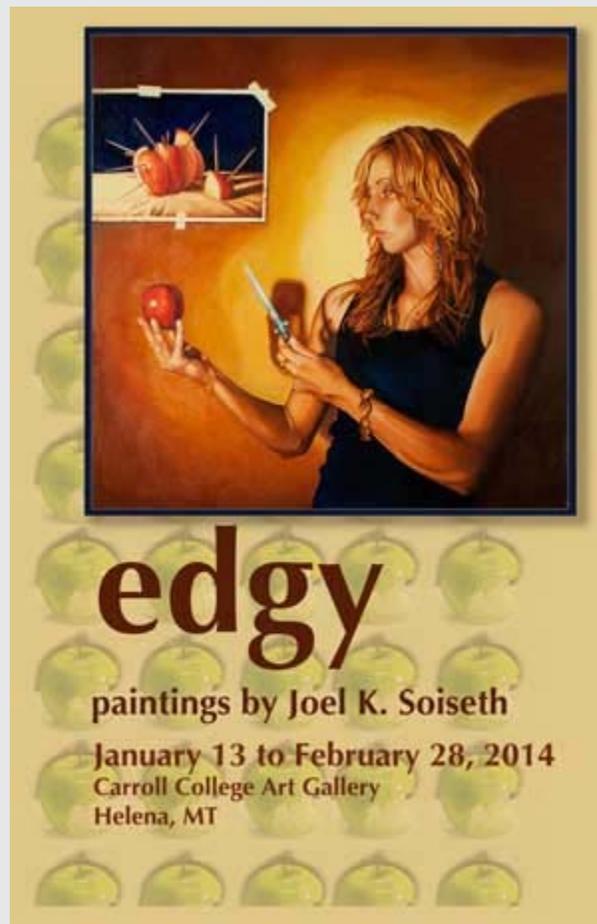
Soiseth spends as much time in the studio as his teaching schedule allows, and over the past few years he has devoted most of his efforts to oil painting, a medium he is quite fond of for its versatility and richness of color. He generally paints in a traditional manner with a concentration, in the past few years, on the human form. Soiseth says, "I am very grateful for the wonderful, patient and cooperative models I have had over the years. I do a great deal of my work in Pershing Hall, the building in which I teach and occasionally paint with my classes."

In regards to his work that will be presented at Carroll, Soiseth said, "I enjoy presenting combinations/scenarios of whimsy, mystery and implied narrative."

Soiseth's work has been inspired by many of the "greats" from the past. Some of his artwork has been directly influenced by historical works. He was especially inspired and fascinated by Jan Van Eyck, the early "surrealist" Hieronymus Bosch, the later Surrealist movement and the "dark manner" of artists like Leonardo Da Vinci and Caravaggio.

Soiseth commented, "Some 10-12 years ago I began incorporating the human figure into my paintings and was impressed by a style of painting the Dutch artists of the 1600's created known as 'Tronies.' These works were not portraits in a traditional sense, but fanciful depictions of men and women dressed in costume, holding props or making unusual facial expressions."

Of his current show Soiseth says, "I'm not overly concerned with hidden symbolism in my work, although some things will certainly have symbolic overtones. I do strive to depict things that have an aspect of conventional beauty, but also have an aura of strangeness, mystery and a slight evocation of unease... edginess."



Upcoming Events

5-on-5 Basketball Begins - Jan. 13

Men's, Women's, or Co-ed Intramural & Recreation 5-on-5 basketball begins January 13 in the Armory Gym at 8 p.m. Pick up and return your team roster at the SUB Information Desk by Friday, January 10 at 5 p.m.

T-shirts will be given to all participants and the winners of the tournament (to be held February 3-4) will receive a gift certificate for free pizza for their team.

Chicago Auditions - Jan. 13 & 14

Auditions for the roaring musical *Chicago* will be held January 13 and 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the MSUN/MAT Theatre.

If you'd like to audition, you should prepare in the following ways:

- 1) Prepare to perform a song, preferably one from *Chicago*. You only need to sing one verse or chorus.
- 2) Read for a part (or parts).
- 3) Dance, which will be taught at the audition.

The character list for the show is as follows:

ROXIE HART - female, 20-30, mezzo-soprano

AMOS HART - male, 30-50, baritone

"MAMA" MORTON - female, 30-50 alto

VELMA KELLY - female, 25-40, alto

BILLY FLYNN - male, 35-50, baritone

MARY SUNSHINE - female, 25-55, soprano

FRED CASELY - male, 30-50

JUDGE - male, 40-65

MONA - female, 18-45

MARTIN HARRISON - male, 35-55

ANNIE - female, 18-45

SERGEANT FOGARTY - male, 35-55

JUNE - female, 18-45

COURT CLERK

HUNYAK - female, 25-45

HARRY

AARON

GO-TO-HELL-KITTY - female, 21-40

CHORUS

Musicians are needed for the orchestra. The following is a list of instrument groups and instruments that will be needed:

Woodwinds:

- Saxophones-soprano, alto, tenor, bass
- Clarinet-treble, bass
- Piccolo

Brass:

- Trombone
- Bass

Banjo

Accordion

Keyboard

For more information about the musical portion, please contact Rachel at dean.fresheyes@gmail.com

For more information about the acting portion including audition materials, please contact Audrey at audrey@audreybarger.com or 390-4663.

Show dates will be April 25-May 10.

Northern Showcase will present its final performance for the 2013-14 season on January 14, 2014. Please consider printing the information below.

Gordy Pratt Concert - Jan 14



Northern Showcase welcomes you to its final performance for the 2013-2014 season with the wit and talent of Gordy Pratt. Expect hysterically funny comedy and mesmerizing Spanish guitar playing in Gordy's stand-up musical comedy show. Gordy's family friendly baby boomer humor is guaranteed to make you laugh, make you cry ... make you laugh so hard you cry.

A veteran entertainer, extraordinary guitarist, comedy writer and published songwriter, Gordy has performed his stand-up musical comedy show for hundreds of corporations, associations and other organizations, large and small. Gordy also does a full-length concert, performed throughout the United States. He has appeared on ABC's Good Morning America and opened for Kenny Chesney, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, The Beach Boys and many more.

Called the "Victor Borge of the Guitar," Gordy's unique performance style brings laughter to music and music to laughter. Gordy mesmerizes audiences as he plays Bach and Bluegrass in the same breath, Mozart on "12 cups of good, strong cowboy coffee," and a foot-stomping turn of "Classical Gas."

Concert is at the Havre High School Auditorium. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concert is at 7:30 p.m. Gordy asks that you sit in the center section as close to the stage as possible. Cost for adults is \$15, students \$10, and MSUN students are admitted free with current MSUN i.d.

For more information, please go

to <http://www.gordypratt.com/>

MSUN Community Orchestra Starts - Jan 14

The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra will start rehearsing for their new fall season on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Pershing Hall. This year they will be featuring the music from many famous shows including *West Side Story*, *Les Miserables*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Star Wars*, *Indiana Jones* and many more. Students can join for credit. You must be able to play an instrument to participate.

Snow Sledding Party - Jan. 16

The ASMSUN Program Council is planning a Snow Sledding Party for January the 16th at 4 p.m. on the SUB Hill. We will have some sleds available for use, or you can bring your own. Hot chocolate will be available in the lobby to warm you up.

This event will be open to campus and community.

Spirit Theme Nights

Jan. 24	Basketball	Beach Night
Feb. 15	Wrestling	Maroon Night
Feb. 20	Basketball	Black Out
Feb. 21	Basketball	80's Night

We Love Northern Ball - Feb 15

The 28th annual We Love Northern Ball is "going country" with a prime rib dinner and dancing. Dress up or wear your favorite jeans, boots, and bling. The We Love Northern Ball is a little over a month away, and tickets are going fast. So call today at 265-3720 and reserve your place at this exciting fundraising event.

The Ball Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their support:

Ball Patron

- * Mrs. Toni Hagener

Ball Sponsor:

- * Independence Bank

Table Sponsors:

- * Triangle Telephone
- * Culligan Water
- * Mr. Larry Johnson
- * Dr. and Mrs. David Abbott

And the additional generous support of:

- * Clausen and Sons Construction
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- * AmericInn

February 15, 2014

We Love Northern Ball

Barn Dance Style

Featuring: **\$50/Person**

Prime Rib Dinner
Music and Dancing - Jim Branden
Fiddlers - Faith and Karlie Hallingstad
Square Dance Caller - David Hinds
Boot-stomping good time!

Table and Fall Sponsorships Available
Call: 265-3720

Cocktails - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
Dancing - 9:00 p.m.

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Weekly Articles

This week in Athletics

By Laramie Schwenke

The Lights basketball team split two Frontier Conference games on the road last weekend. The Lights lost to nationally ranked Rocky Mountain College 74-63 and beat Dickinson State University 71-69. The Lights stand at 2-1 in the conference, which ties them for third place and are 14-3 overall. The Lights will play the University of Montana-Western on Thursday and Westminster College on Saturday. Tipoff times are set for 8 p.m. both nights in the Armory. In the latest NAIA National Poll, the Lights moved up one spot to number 15 in the nation.

The Skylights basketball team picked up two conference wins on the road last weekend beating Rocky Mountain College 54-48 and Dickinson State University 82-43. The Skylights stand at 3-0 and are tied for first place in the conference, while their overall record is 13-2. They will host the University of Montana-Western on Thursday night and nationally ranked Westminster College on Saturday night. Tipoff times are set for 6 p.m. both nights in the Armory. In the latest NAIA National Poll, the Skylights moved up six spots to number 18 in the nation.

The Lights wrestling team will be in Des Moines, IA this weekend competing in the NAIA National Wrestling Duals. In the latest NAIA National poll the Lights are currently ranked #2 in the nation.

In the recent release of the Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester, 49 student-athletes made the list. This equates to 31% of the student-athletes that carry a 3.25 GPA or better, showing the dedication of the athletes to the playing field as well as the classroom.

From Your Learning Success Center

By Ligia Arango

Welcome to the first week of the rest of your semester. Starting this week you are able to start fresh and make a commitment to succeeding in your classes. A good place to begin is to attend class. Time is a non-renewable or recyclable resource. Once you have missed a class, it cannot be made up. Before coming to class, do all the reading and homework required to be prepared for learning. Above all, remember: you are responsible for your own success. If you receive a poor grade, don't make excuses. Just figure out how you can do better next time. Come see us at the Learning Success Center and we can help you figure it out.

Happy New Year!

The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook 2010/2013

How to Add an Extra Time Zone to your Calendar

For most people, Outlook is one of those apps you keep open all day at work. And if you work with people in other time zones, being able to just look at your calendar and see different time zones can be very helpful when attending or scheduling meetings.

This feature was available in Outlook 2007, however the interface changed with Outlook 2010/2013 so here's how to add a time zone to your Outlook 2013 calendar:

1. Open Outlook and click **File**, then **Options**.
2. Click **Calendar** on the left.
3. Scroll down to the **Time Zones** section. Before adding a new zone, I would recommend first naming your own Time Zone. So in the **Label:** box, enter a name for your zone such as HVR for Havre. I would also recommend keeping labels short to keep the column widths as narrow as possible.
4. Now put a check in the **Show a second time zone** box, give it a **Label**, then choose the additional time zone from the drop-down menu.
5. Click **OK** to save the new configuration

Now when you look at your Calendar instead of just a single column with times on the left you will see two columns: your time zone will be on the right, closest the calendar, and the second time zone will appear to the left.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

Quirky Resolutions

I love New Year's resolutions. A few years ago my resolution was to forego eating chocolate for the entire year. This seemed like a truly insurmountable task for such a chocolate-lover as I, but surprisingly, my experiment became easier as the year wore on. Last year in "A Pinch of Salt" I expounded on the top ten New Year's resolutions and imparted tips I'd found on how to keep the resolutions throughout the year. Some of those year-long oaths included losing weight, saving money, and being happier. This year I'd like to dare you to outdo last year's resolutions by taking on a quirky and maybe unconventional pledge for 2014.

Get creative. Think of something that's specific to you. For me, relinquishing my chocolate indulgences was crazy hard, but maybe you're not a chocoholic. Maybe you should resolve to cut out fast-food restaurant chow. Be daring. Make a lofty goal, and meet it! Go without soda pop. Add WAY more greens to your diet.

Leaving the food realm, think about the long-lasting effects some goals could have. Take up an instrument, or relearn one you've neglected for years. Decide to memorize more jokes or quotes to enliven conversation in the coming year. Plan to read and watch the movie versions of ten literature classics or a few popular teen phenomenon series (like Harry Potter, Twilight, The Hunger Games, or Divergent series). Resolve to fulfill three or four of your bucket-list items. Whatever you decide to do, do it with discipline and unending tenacity.

I know a year-long plan can seem daunting, but do not let the longevity scare you away. If you're scared of failing, find an accountability partner. This person can not only encourage you, but also give you the honest truth when you need it most.
Happy New Year!

Mission Statement

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