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From the Chancellor

By Dr. James Limbaugh

The updated [strategic plan](#) for the Montana University System was presented at this week's Board of Regents meeting. Of interest is the expanded attention to metrics related to efficiency, college completion, and accountability. I encourage you to scan this document, because its goals will figure prominently into MSUN's planning process when we begin this fall.

Icy conditions Delays the Start of School Thursday



Thursday morning, Havre and the Hi-Line woke-up to an ice storm that caused the campus to delay opening until 11:00 a.m. Fortunately, the campus emergency notification system was in place and was able to alert people before they came to campus. If you were one of the people who came to campus unaware of the announcement then you need to add your cell phone number in your Banner account. The emergency text messages are populated from Banner. If you are a student and need help updating your Banner account, please contact the Registrar's Office. If you are a staff or faculty member and need help updating your Banner account, please contact Kathy Jaynes.

Northern Hosts Science Fair



On Wednesday, 137 budding scientists, ranging from 5th to 12th grade, congregated in the SUB for the Regional Science Fair, seeking to impress judges with their demonstration of the scientific method and independent research. Participants hailed from Box Elder, Turner, Malta, Hinsdale, Frazer, Culbertson, Glasgow and NorthStar and conducted experiments and research on a variety of topics including environmental quality, fossils, and computer programs. Students who received a coveted purple ribbon have the opportunity to represent their community at the State Science Fair, March 17-18 in Missoula.

Ruined Opens Tonight



A Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Lynn Nottage, *Ruined*, MAT's newest production, centers on a brothel in a small town in the present-day impoverished and volatile Democratic Republic of Congo amidst its frequently overlooked yet recent and deadly civil war. The story follows a young woman's nightmarish path to Mama Nadi, a savvy businesswoman who, in the midst of war, both protects and profits from the young women she shelters - young women who have been subjected to brutal sexual assault. *Ruined* pays homage to the

courageous and resilient young women who must piece their bodies, minds and souls together after the ruin.

This play is not suitable for youngsters due to thematic content and language. Show runs March 7-8, 13-15, and 20-22. Doors and backstage lounge open at 7:30, show begins at 8. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$10 for students/senior, MSUN students free with valid ID.

A talk back will be held on March 14 which is a post-show discussion where audience members can meet with members of the artistic staff and cast. This is a chance to ask questions about the show or artistic process and gain insight into the author's work.

Blood Drive Success

This past week Northern hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. Each time we hold a drive, our goal is to meet or beat the last drive's blood collection numbers. The stats have not yet been reported. Northern thanks everyone who donated life-giving blood to the Red Cross this week.

Ralph Esposito Presents the Porcelain City



Professor of Art and Chair of Fine Arts at Carroll College, Ralph Esposito came to Northern as a Chancellor's Lecture Series speaker and discussed his recent sabbatical to China. His speech was entitled: "Jingdezhen: The Porcelain City." Esposito's perspectives on art and life have been crafted by his exposure to the world and its various artistic cultures in Bulgaria, Greece, China, and beyond. Esposito shared his experiences and exploratory findings from China in a captivating speech for a riveted crowd.

Leah Olson - Lets Her Light Shine



When Leah Olson first came to Northern, you might have spotted her maneuvering the ball down the court during a Skylights game, or caught a glimpse of her cheering for her brother Zeb at a Northern football game. Olson's involvement at Northern has taken many forms, and she has enjoyed every season of her time spent here. Olson is a senior pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a minor in reading. She graduated from Whitewater High School but her family's ranch is located directly between Whitewater and Saco in "the middle of nowhere," as Olson puts it. On that secluded ranch, Olson spent many years with her beloved family, learning all she could from each unique person. Olson's mother played basketball and her father and grandmother both played violin. It was at Whitewater High School that Olson was able to explore her inherent athletic abilities. She experimented with volleyball and track, but remained dedicated to her main sport- basketball.

The Skylight basketball team was the main attraction that drew Olson to Northern, and the girls she played alongside very quickly became her good friends and close confidants as she spent hours with her team. Olson expressed fondness for her experience with the Skylights saying, "It was a great experience. It took a lot of work, but it taught me to be a team player, to practice self-discipline, and it strengthened character within me." Though Olson enjoyed three years playing basketball for Northern, she has decided to spend her time differently this year, and is now applying more energy and focus to her studies and musical endeavors.

Olson has been pursuing her family's legacy of musical passion by playing the violin since the seventh grade. Her grandmother was her personal instructor for years. Now Olson sharpens her skills by participating in the local orchestra she heard about through MSUN. She encourages everyone to attend their concert tonight at 7 p.m. at the Fifth Avenue Church.

Besides athletics, education, and the orchestra, Olson has found another joy through MSUN: international travel. Last March, the college offered a historical group trip to Ireland. Olson was able to spend her 21st birthday and St. Patrick's Day on the green isle learning the rich history and taking in breath-taking landscapes.

Overall, Olson has greatly enjoyed her experience at Northern. From the loud, persistent, and passionate crowds in the Armory Gymnasium to the quiet contemplative orchestra audiences, MSUN's family of supporters is one of the best around. Olson said, "I couldn't have asked for more support or for a better learning environment." Olson will student teach in the fall, and will pursue a teaching position in Montana. She hopes to secure a job near her family's home. Olson thanks Northern for giving her the education that will make her dream job a reality and for the fantastic memories that will stay with her for years to come.

Share Your Spring Break!

The NNN would love to feature some spring break stories; so please use your cameras or cell phones to capture those lifelong memories. If you'd like to share some of your adventures with your Northern family, send your photos and stories to potterj@msun.edu

Important Announcements

No NNN Next Week - Spring Break

Student Senate Applications Due Mar. 28

The Student Senate elections are upon us; we will be taking applications until March the 28th, there are applications at the SUB info desk, and they will be available online. Voting will take place February the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

Advance Registration for Summer and Fall Semesters- 2014

Advanced registration for the upcoming Summer Semester will be open to all students on Monday, March 24, 2014.

Advance registration for Fall Semester 2014 will be on the following days for the listed student classifications (as of the end of the Fall Semester 2013, so class standings do not include Spring Semester 2014 classes):

Graduate & Post-Baccalaureate Students May Register At Any Time Beginning March 24, 2014

Seniors (90+ credits earned) -Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 8 a.m.

Juniors (60-89 credits earned) - Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 8 a.m.

Sophomores (30-59 credits earned) - Monday, March 31, 2014 at 8 a.m.

Freshmen (0-29 credits earned) - Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 8 a.m.

New Students- Monday, April 7, 2014 at 8 a.m.

Open registration will continue until the first day of classes.

Get Your Graduation Garb

It is time to gear up for graduation! If any of you need to order regalia for graduation, please let Sue Solomon (in the MSUN Bookstore) know no later than March 10, 2014.

She will need the following information:

For master's or doctorate (these are rentals), Prices are approximately \$60.00-70.00

Information needed: degree, school, height, and weight

For bachelor's or associate's (these are class keepers) price is \$35.00

Information needed: degree, height, and weight

Upcoming Events

Orchestra Concert Tonight

MSU-Northern Community Orchestra is pleased to present "A Night at the Movies," a concert featuring medleys from The Sound of Music, Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera, Star Wars, Indiana Jones, West Side Story and Superman. Several of the songs will be sung by Angela Pratt, Casey Pratt and the Pratt Family Singers. This delightful evening will occur on Friday, March 7, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Fifth Avenue Christian Church. The concert is free but donations are welcome.

MSU-NORTHERN COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

CASEY PRATT • ANGELA PRATT • PRATT FAMILY SINGERS

Rhonda Minnick Conducting

**AN EVENING OF
MEDLEYS FROM:**

Star Wars

Superman

Sound of Music

West Side Story

Indiana Jones

Les Miserables

Phantom of the Opera

**A NIGHT AT THE
MOVIES**



Friday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Fifth Avenue Christian Church

Concert is free but donations are welcome

Sound Workshop - March 11

Havre's Montana Actors' Theatre will be holding a sound workshop on March 11 at 7 p.m. at the MAT Theatre. This is a free workshop that will teach the basics of sound from microphone to speaker and everything in between. Specific focus will be on an automated digital sound board. Everyone is welcome to attend this amazing opportunity to learn a new skill.

How will you benefit from using this new skill?

Your name will be in the program of every show you work sound for.

You are afforded the opportunity to see a show (possibly several times) for free.

You gain the satisfaction of helping MAT continue providing outstanding performances in the Havre area.

Please RSVP to lamphierj@yahoo.com.

Tall Heights Live - March 18



A few years ago, Tim Harrington and Paul Wright were playing for spare change in Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace. In an attempt to add some permanence to their music, the two men dubbed themselves "Tall Heights" and began recording. They recorded their first EP, "Rafters" in a small bedroom of their Boston apartment with an SM58 microphone, an iMac, a guitar, a cello, and their voices.

The folksy urban Americana band didn't have to retreat to a secluded forest glen to record soothing harmonies. "Rafters" has spread across their Thoreauvian folk scene like brushfire, with over 6,000 copies sold to date, and now "Tall Heights" has headlined packed listening rooms across the country and performed alongside national acts like Laura Marling, Ryan Montbleau, and Andrew Belle.

Experience Tall Heights live on March the 18th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, and witness something remarkable. Captivating vocal harmonies drive a folk-inspired accompaniment of cello and acoustic guitar. It's little wonder that the two performers have quickly joined the ranks of New England's top artists.

This event is free to campus and community.

For more information about Tall Heights, visit: www.tallheights.com

Dr. Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer- March 20

Founder and Executive Director of Hopa Mountain, Dr. Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer has been a leader at various venues throughout her life, and will share some of her insight in her presentation, "The Five Habits of Citizen Leaders."

Citizen leadership is about being a leader in a community with integrity, passion and authenticity. Citizen leaders are men, women, young adults and teenagers who actively participate in, serve and lead efforts that better a community. They are people who take action and help shape a community. Sachatello-Sawyer links leadership to discovery, volunteerism and a service to communities. The program examines citizen leadership in our history, our heritage and why its importance is vital today.



Dr. Sachatello-Sawyer is the founder and executive director of Hopa Mountain, a nonprofit organization that invests in rural and tribal citizen leaders, adults and youth, who are working to improve education, ecological health, and economic development. Hopa Mountain works to create much-needed opportunities for advancing the well-being of rural and tribal communities. To learn more about Hopa Mountain, please visit their website at www.hopamountain.org.

Sachatello-Sawyer has a deep heart, and she is a recognized expert in nonprofit board development, grant writing, volunteer management, program development, community outreach and fundraising. Her presentation is sure to inspire, delight and educate the audience. Come hear her insight on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium.

Intramural and Recreation Floor Hockey

The Intramural & Outdoor Recreation Program is offering floor hockey March 24-25, March 31 and April 1 at 8 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium. Floor hockey consists of teams of 6 players (5 court players and 1 goalie). All players must wear shoes with non-marking soles. Intramurals will provide hockey sticks, pucks and helmets for the goalies. Sign up with your team by March the 21st at the SUB Information Desk. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

Comedian Mike Winfield - March 27

Strikingly brilliant comedian Mike E. Winfield is best known for his debut on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and his reoccurring role on NBC's "The Office." He was also a semi-finalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing. Winfield's down-to-earth comedy tickles ears as he portrays common yet hilarious occurrences in everyday life. People often leave his show saying, "Does he live with us?" Come see Mike E. Winfield on March 27 at 8 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Admission is free for MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff. Community members may attend for \$5/adult and \$3/student.



Find out more about Mike at: www.mikewinfield.com

People with Disabilities Gain a Voice in Montana- March 28

Sponsored by the Department of Public Health and Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services Program and the Statewide Independent Living Council, the upcoming forum will focus on the needs of people with disabilities. The forum will allow people with disabilities to voice their comments and concerns about current state-provided vocational rehabilitation and independent living services as well as their ideas for improvement. The meeting will take place on Friday, March 28 from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and will be available for viewing via videoconference at the following nine locations:

- Billings: MSU-Billings, 1500 University Dr., Education Building, Room 158
- Bozeman: MSU, Engineering and Physical Science Building-South Seventh and Grant, Room 126
- Butte: Montana Tech, 1300 West Park St., ELCB Room 225
- Great Falls: Great Falls College of Technology, 2100 16th Avenue South, Room B-133
- Havre: MSU-Northern, 300 11th Street West, Hagner Science Center, room 202
- Helena: Old Livestock Building, 1310 East Lockey, rooms 105 and 107.
- Kalispell: Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Dr., Learning Resource Center, Room 120
- Miles City: Miles City Community College, 2715 Dickenson Street, room 313
- Missoula: University of Montana, corner of Arthur and Eddy, Gallagher Building, room 104

If you are unable to attend the hearing, call in during the hearing at: 406-449-7478 using conference ID: 77178#. The call-in number will only be active during the time of the hearing.

You can submit written comments to Mike Hermanson, program manager, Montana Vocational Rehabilitation Program, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604, or to mhermanson@mt.gov. The deadline for written comments is April 4, and will be given equal consideration as ideas submitted in person.

You can make any of your requests for accommodation to Mike Hermanson 406-444-3833 or mhermanson@mt.gov, by March 14, 2014.

Career Preparedness Workshops held throughout April

Attention seniors, graduates and alumni- the Career Center will be conducting "Career Preparedness" workshops in April. The workshops will assist you with resume and cover letter writing tips. The Career Center will also be teaching interview tips as well as other pertinent information to help you get started in your careers.

All workshops will be held in Hensler Auditorium on four different days and times:

- Thursday, April 10th from 9am-10:30am
- Friday, April 11th from Noon-1:30pm
- Monday, April 14th from 2pm-3:30pm
- Tuesday, April 15th from Noon-1:30pm

The Career Center encourages you to sign up for this event on CareerExpress before the workshop you plan to attend.

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.

Chi Alpha Hangout Events

Chi Alpha's main meeting takes place at 7 p.m. every Thursday night in the Morgan Hall "Red Room" (now brown), and every week after the meeting (at about 8 p.m.), there's a fun hangout event. Here's the event list for the remainder of the semester (subject to change if an activity becomes impossible to carry out):

March 20- Movie night watching "Frozen" at Pastor Jim's house (1032 Lincoln Ave.)

March 27- Karaoke night in the Red Room

April 3- Brian Regan DVD comedy night in the Red Room

April 10- Board games and snacks in the Red Room

April 17- Nachos and fellowship at Uncle Joe's (1400 1st St.)

Weekly Articles

Vintage Northern

By Valarie Hickman



In 1918 the City of Havre purchased land on the southwest corner of the city on the south side of Highway 87. The city planned to expand the water system and develop a park. In 1920 the Havre Welfare Club built a shed, installed picnic tables, and landscaped parts of the area to provide a Tourist Park for visitors to the

city. This area later became the home of Northern Montana College. The Tourist Park was located near the present day SUB.

This Week in Athletics

By Laramie Schwenke

The Lights basketball team fell in the opening round of the Frontier Conference tournament to the University of Great Falls 64-54 last Friday night in the Armory. In the latest NAIA National Poll, the Lights stand at #19 and are a potential qualifier for an at-large bid in the NAIA National Tournament, which will be announced March 12 at 7 p.m. (MST).

The Skylights basketball team beat Carroll College 57-48 in the opening round of the Frontier Conference tournament last Monday night in Havre. The Skylights will travel to Lewis & Clark State College to take on the Warriors in the semifinal game March the 8th. Tipoff time is set for 7 p.m. (PST). In the latest NAIA National Poll, the Skylights held steady at #21.

The Lights wrestling team will be traveling to Topeka, KS to compete in the NAIA National Tournament March 7 and 8. Championship action is set to begin at 10 a.m. on Friday.

The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel 2013

How to Name a Cell or Range of Cells

By assigning descriptive names to cells and/or cell ranges in Excel 2013, you can have quick and easy access to important information in a worksheet. Rather than trying to remember cell coordinates or scrolling through a spreadsheet or having to use search, you just have to remember a name. After you name a cell or range of cells, you can then use the name with the Go To feature to easily locate the cell or range of cells.

When assigning names to a cell or range of cells, you do need to follow a few guidelines:

- Range names must begin with a letter of the alphabet, not a number. For example, instead of 2014Sales, use Sales2014.
- Range names cannot contain spaces. Instead of a space, use an underscore to connect the parts of the name together. For example, instead of Sales 2014, use Sales_2014
- Range names cannot correspond to cell coordinates in the worksheet. So you can't name a cell Q1 because this is a valid cell coordinate. Instead, use something like Q1_Sales.

To name a cell or range of cells in a worksheet, follow these steps:

1. Select the cell or cells that you want to name.
2. The **Name Box** is located to the left of the **Formula** bar. The **Name Box** will contain the address for the cell that is currently selected. Simply highlight the address and type the name you want to use.
3. Press **Enter**.

Now all you have to do to go to a named cell or range in a worksheet is click the drop-down arrow button on the Name Box and then click the name.

To remove a named cell or range:

1. Click the **Formulas** tab
2. In the **Defined Names** group click **Name Manager**. A window opens that contains a list of all the named ranges in the document.
3. Select the name you want to remove then click the **Delete** button
4. **Close** the **Name Manger** box.

From Your Learning Success Center

By Ligia Arango

Spring Break

The Learning Success Center (LSC) will not be staffed from March 10 - March 14. At the LSC we hope this week will be an avenue to dissipate stress so you can return to school ready to "spring" into the last half of the semester renewed mentally and physically. On Sunday March the 16th Professor Jamie Underwood will be hosting office hours from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the LSC. If you have any questions about your courses with Professor Underwood, please come and say hello to him!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you starting to work on that big project or paper for your course? Do you need some books and articles that didn't come from the Internet or Google? Check out the library's LibGuides for recommended databases for different areas of research. There are LibGuides designed for nursing, business, education, science, history, writing and speech and several technology classes. Each guide has links to recommended databases that you can use to locate full-text articles and print resources. You will also find tips on evaluating and citing sources and how to access these resources from home. You can do many searches using the search boxes included in the guides. These guides can be accessed from the "Library Guides (LibGuides)" link on the library's home page (<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/index.htm>) or directly from <http://libguides.msun.edu/>. If you have questions about any of these resources, contact the library staff.

Don't forget that the library is open during spring break. The library will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., March 10-14 and open 1 p.m.-10 p.m. on March 16. The library will be closed on March 8, 9 and 15. Most importantly, don't forget to have fun on your spring break!

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

Break the Spring Break Mold

During my preparation for this spring break Pinch of Salt, I searched for some fascinatingly crazy yet true spring break stories to share from college students around the world. I was hoping to find tales like a student surviving a barrel ride over Niagara Falls, a group of friends running from black bears in the woods, or a couple daring a shark cage. Instead, my Google searches involving the term "spring break" brought up all sorts of disgustingly shameful stories. This realization saddened me. I had to narrow down and specify my search in order to find something worthy of sharing in today's little blurb.

Then I remembered Chi Alpha's spring break trips. Most years, MSU-Northern's Chi Alpha club travels to Glacier National Park to offer their hardworking hands at Glacier Bible Camp grounds. Last year the team installed sheetrock in multiple structures, painted walls, and much more. They worked for five days, and went skiing at the end of the trip. With this type of spring break idea in mind, I found a similar endeavor called "B.A.D" (Break a Difference). Two veterans founded this organization after taking part in United Way's "Alternative Spring Break" through which they helped rebuild hurricane victim's houses. B.A.D now offers five locations for alternative spring break activities. They are helping college students make a difference with their time off.

Now I know many of you can't jump into a B.A.D project this year since spring break is almost upon us, but consider signing up for one next year, or perhaps consider joining Northern's Chi Alpha club for next year's work project.

For this year, get some quality R & R; maybe take on a detox diet; have a spring cleaning marathon, or just play as many card games as humanly possible. Whatever you do, stay smart, stay safe, do something productive, and enjoy your time with people you love.

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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