

Northern Network News

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Feature Video

Wärtsilä Expands Corporate Partnerships



Corporate officials from Wärtsilä North America were on the MSU-Northern campus this week to look over their recent engine donation and to tour the new Diesel Technology Center, which is currently under construction and scheduled to open May 23, 2018.

"Industry partnerships, like we have with Wärtsilä make Northern's Diesel program one of the best in the country," explained Kegel. "Wärtsilä has hired many of Northern's graduates over the years and the donation of this engine will make it easier for the students who are hired by Wärtsilä to hit the ground running," said Kegel.

This Past Week

Three Employers On Campus

Mary Heller - Career Center



Campus was buzzing this week with three employers visiting at various times; Butler Machinery Company, Wartsila, and Kiewit Equipment Services.

Butler gave an information session to students on Monday afternoon in Hensler Auditorium. Fifty four students in the two and four year Diesel program, as well as a few students in Ag Mechanics, came to the presentation. The next day, they interviewed eleven students interested in obtaining coops and fulltime employment throughout the Dakotas and Nebraska.

Tuesday, Northern was honored to host administrative officials from Wärtsilä North America. These representatives came all the way from Fort Lauderdale, Florida to spend the day with Chancellor Greg Kegel, interim-Provost Larry Strizich, and other Northern administration to discuss furthering the partnership with the company. Wärtsilä has recruited from Northern since 2001 and has graduates who are in technical service positions all across the globe.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Kiewit Equipment Services spent time giving an information session to students and conducting student interviews. Kiewit has recruited from Northern for more than twenty years and still employs over 25 alumni from Northern programs. This was the largest information session so far, with 86 Northern students attending who major in Diesel, Ag Mechanics, and Civil Engineering Technology. Respectively, Kiewit interviewed 19 students for coop and fulltime job placement in these degrees within their organization across the United States.

Northern is proud to work with these employers and continue partnerships with them for the benefit of our students.

MSU-Northern Students Help New Business



Three of MSU-Northern's students have chosen to spend their free time working and expanding their welding skills by helping a new local business succeed. (L to R) Dustin Portra, welding student; Teagan Friesen, Diesel Technology major; and Miles Brown, Diesel Technology major with the Field Maintenance option.

"That Guys Fab Shop" builds grain hopper bottoms that are designed to funnel green beans onto a conveyor belt with minimal damage to the bean. The bottoms also help aerate the grain in the bin so it can be dried in a fast yet controlled manner. Traditional methods of emptying grain bins would require augers and shovels, which often damage and devalue the product. For example, peas can go from \$8 a bushel to as low as \$3 a bushel if they are mishandled and damaged.

"We're really fortunate to have these three guys from Northern," stated Bruce Boyum, part owner of "That Guys Fab Shop". "They are outstanding workers and excellent welders. They have been able to put into practice the things they are learning in the classroom and they have been able to share some of things they have learned on the job with other students. It really is a great arrangement for everyone," said Boyum.

"That Guys Fab Shop" is having an open house on Wednesday, November 8. Everyone is welcome for lunch and to check out their hoppers and production facilities.

Northern Students Attend YALC



MSUN Postsecondary Agricultural Students (PAS) and the MSUN Collegiate Stockgrowers Club recently had 21 students attend and participate at the Young AG Leadership Conference (YALC) in Helena. The conference ran from October 13-15 and is sponsored by a number of Montana agricultural organizations. Northern has had excellent student representation at the annual YALC for several years. This year's conference was started by touring local agricultural related facilities including Tizer Meats, Lewis and Clark Brewery, and the Capital Building with Mike Honeycutt from the Montana Department of Livestock. This year there were 13 guest speakers who put on workshops and covered topics such as: How to combat Fear-Based Marketing, Three Secrets to Increasing Profit, and Financial Strategies for Small-Scale Producers. Overall it was a great conference that allowed Northern students to grow, learn, and network with peers and a variety of agriculturalists.

Dr. Fluck Shares Practical Insights into Cultural Intelligence



Dr. Udo Fluck, Founder and Director of Seminar Development at Intercultural and Global Competency Training and Consulting (IGCTV) an organization based in Missoula, MT, presented this week at Northern

the topic, "Cultural Environment and Cultural Intelligence." The noon session was geared toward faculty and staff while the one in the evening was geared toward students within the civil discourse framework.

Topics such as the Intercultural Learning Model (Bennett), the differences between high and low contexts cultures (Hall), as well as proxemics, chronemics, and kinesics were addressed. "Oftentimes we are lead to believe that we are so different in so many ways but we really aren't. There are things that are universally true and important; it doesn't matter what culture one comes from. As humans we all have the need for shelter, love, and food, for example. There are, of course, aspects that makes us different; in my research it was fascinating to always find similarities [amongst different cultural groups]." Thank you to all the faculty and staff who supported both of these presentations making them successful. Thank you as well to the students who attended.

Dr. Fluck also recorded an interview for Diverse Northern, radio show sponsored by the ODAMP that airs every Thursday at 11.00 am through KNMC College Radio, 90.1 FM. The interview is available at this link: <u>https://www.mixcloud.com/DiverseNorthern/10-26-17-dr-udo-fluck-cultural-environments-and-cultural-intelligence/</u>

MSU-Northern Head Football Coach Resigns



MSU-Northern's head football coach, Aaron Christensen, officially resigned on Wednesday morning. Jake Eldridge, MSU-Northern's Defensive Coordinator/Strength & Conditioning Coordinator, will be assuming the role of interim head football coach for the remainder of this season.

"We appreciate everything Coach Christensen has done for Northern and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors," said Greg Kegel, Chancellor of MSU-Northern. "I have instructed our Athletic Director, Christian Oberquell, to begin the search for a new Head Football Coach immediately. We are committed to seeing MSU-Northern's football team become a powerhouse in the Frontier Conference," said Kegel.

First Amendment Presentation



Leslie Taylor, Montana State University Office of Legal Counsel, came to the MSU-Northern campus on Wednesday to talk about how First Amendment laws in Montana work. Freedom of speech is part of our constitution, but each state has the responsibility and authority to determine how those freedoms are governed. MSU-Northern is in the process of developing a policy that will define how, when, and where freedom of speech can be conducted on the campus. Part of that process will be to review the other campus policies within the Montana University System.

Horror Movie 101 - This Weekend Only



Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to present a two-night Halloween-themed theatrical experience entitled "Horror Movie 101" written by Steven Stack and directed by Dr. Valerie Guyant. If you watch horror movies, you know that there are five rules you must never break...

In Havre, where people continually violate the rules of Horror Movie 101, it's practically impossible to survive unscathed. The rules are:

- 1. Never open the door if someone knocks after the lights go out.
- 2. If your car runs out of gas and a girl on the side of the road wants you to take her home to mother... DON'T
- 3. Avoid being caught in some twisted game a psychopath plays
- 4. Stay away from the cabin in the woods!

5. It's a bad idea to use an ancient burial ground to bring someone back from the dead

These haunting AND humorous scenes will keep you laughing and make you shiver. Shows are October 27 and 28 at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and seniors, MSU-Northern students are free. Show sponsors are MSU-Northern Cross Country and Bear Paw Monuments.

Important Announcements

Add/Drop Schedule for full session courses:

Last day to drop a class: Monday, October 30th with a "W"

Deferred Payment schedule (\$30 administrative charge)

100% of total fees due Friday, November 17th

Upcoming Events

October Activities

- 27 Alumni Foundation Auction
- 27 Skylights BB vs Dickinson State
- 28 Lights Football vs Carroll
- 28 Harvest Craft Show
- 30 Theater Thursday
- 30-31 Intramural Activity 3on3 Basketball
- 31 SSS Halloween Activity
- 31 IOC Campus Trick or Treat
- Ballroom/Fireside Gym Blue Pony Stadium Ballroom Ballroom Gym Cowan 211 Ballroom
- 6 p.m. 5 p.m. 1 p.m. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 8 p.m. 8-10 p.m. 11 a.m. 5:30 p.m.

Northern Alumni Auction - Tonight's the night!

Tonight at 6 pm the Northern Alumni Foundation is hosting their annual Alumni Auction! The event will be held in the SUB Ballroom and includes dinner, a cash bar, live, silent, and Chinese auctions and lots of fun games! The event helps raise funds for a variety of academic and athletic scholarships for students at Northern. Tickets are available for \$30 at the door. For more information call (406)265-3711.

Halloween Movie Night - Oct. 30

Students, come watch the movie, "Get Out," on Monday, October 30th, at 8 p.m., in Donaldson Hall. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Halloween Party at Student Support Services - Oct. 31

Please join us Tuesday, October 31, for some spooktacular chili! Please bring a monetary or food donation for the Havre Food Bank or come in costume and eat for free. Feel free to bring your favorite snack to share with others. Don't forget to sign up for services, while showing off your awesome costume. The meal will go from 11:00 a.m. until the pot's empty!!

Halloween Carnival - Oct. 31



MSU-Northern's campus clubs would like to invite you to attend our event in Donaldson Hall October 31, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Tacos in a bag, TONS of candy, and fun games for everyone!

ESL Classes - Nov. 7

Starting November 7, 2017, community English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will be offered at MSUN. The curriculum of these classes is primarily geared toward beginners. The classes are scheduled for Mondays and Thursday from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. For more information contact the ODAMP at 265-3589 or mcc@msun.edu.

Blood Draw - Nov. 9

The Red Cross is in desperate need of blood and is asking for our help. A blood drive has been scheduled at MSU-Northern on Thursday, November 9, in the SUB ballroom from 10 AM to 3 PM. If you are giving extra credit to the students for donating or volunteering, please ask them to sign the extra credit sheet at the registration table. If you plan on volunteering please contact Sherry Kegel (3599) prior to the blood drive. Once again, if you can donate lifesaving blood please consider doing so.

Book Club Returns with the Golem and the Jinni - Nov. 28

For those who would like to read the selection for this fall semester is the <u>Golem and the Jinni</u> by Helene Wecker. This is a fiction novel that tells the story of two super natural creatures that arrived in New York in 1899 in which history, magic, and religion braid. This is also the debut novel written by Wecker, and published in 2013. Those who are interested in checking out a book, could request it to the Multicultural Center. The conversation will take place Tuesday, November 28, at 5.00 p.m., at the Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308. This book club is a co-sponsorship between the ODAMP and the English Department.

Montana Actor's Theatre Season Lineup

Robin Hood - A Panto - Following the popularity of last season's Christmas Panto, MAT once again brings a fairy tale to hilarious life with "Robin Hood" - but certainly not in a traditional sense. Great fun for the whole family, this goofy romp through Sherwood Forest will amuse everyone.

Dec 8-10, 14-17, 21-23

Dinner With Friends - The complexities of marriage and friendship are dissected with wit and intelligence in this Pulitzer Prize-winning play. The play concerns the relationship between two married couples: food writers Gabe and Karen, whose apparent domestic bliss is signaled by their easy camaraderie as they prepare gourmet meals; and artist Beth and hotshot lawyer Tom, whose marriage, as we learn via Beth's tearful confession during dinner with her old friends, is breaking up. It seems that Tom, who travels frequently for work, is leaving her for a travel agent. Jan 12,13, 18-20, 25-27

Reader's Theatre - MOMalogues - What is like to be a mom in today's world? These women (and some men) tell us exactly what it's like, in hilarious fashion. Feb 2-3.

Valentine's Day Martini Night - MAT will again offer a great "date" night option for all you romantics out there! As we have for the past several years, MAT will present dinner, martinis, and "entertainment!" Not for the faint of heart, this night has had the crowds cheering and yelling with excitement for years! Don't miss out! Saturday,, February 17, 2018 @ 5:30PM.

Sister Act - Based on the beloved 1992 Whoopi Goldberg film, this Tony-nominated Broadway musical tells the hilarious tale of a wannabe disco diva whose life is turned upside down when she witnesses a crime and is put into hiding in a convent. As this free-spirited soul singer shakes things up under the watchful eye of Mother Superior, she rediscovers her own voice in the process.

Mar 9-10, 15-17, 22-24

Rugburns - Written by MAT's Artistic Director, "Rugburns" is back. After successfully touring the state several years ago, the show has been polished and is ready for dinner theatre! This fast-paced and irreverent farce strains the boundaries of relationships, suspicions and . . . old carpet. As a dinner theatre, the show will run two weekends in Havre, one in Helena and then close in Chinook.

Havre Dates: Apr 6, 7, 13, 14

Charlotte's Web - Join us for the children's classic on stage. Charlotte, Wilbur and all the rest of the lovable characters will be present in this heart-warming tale which is sure to delight both children and adults alike. May 4-6, 10-13, 17-19

Bugsy Malone - This pint-sized, pinstriped classic is a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the gangster films of the 1920s. Directed by our 2018 Summer Youth Interns - the show will feature the immense young talent we have in our community! Jul 26-28, Aug 2-4

Diverse Northern Radio Program - Every Thursday

The radio show airs every Thursday during the school year from 11:00 a.m. to noon at KNMC, 90.1 FM and online by linking to <u>www.msun.edu/KNMC</u>. Diverse Northern includes music in languages other than English as well as invited guests with information about campus life and community affairs. Like us on

Facebook Diverse Northern: <u>https://www.facebook.com/DiverseNorthern/</u> and Like on Facebook KNMC: <u>https://www.facebook.com/KNMC-901-FM-College-Radio-132839406764397/</u> If you would like more information, or you would like to participate, contact the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) at 235-3589 or <u>mcc@msun.edu</u>. If you missed the live editions, you can always listen to the podcasts now available on the Diverse Northern Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/DiverseNorthern/</u>.

Weekly Columns

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

This week I would like to highlight Hi-Line Native and Northern Alumni, Eva English. Eva graduated from Northern Montana College in 1988 with a Bachelor of Technology Degree with a Business Technology major and an Information Processing Technology minor. While a student at NMC, Eva was very active in the Muscular Dystrophy Association Super Dance Club. She and other students, for several years, traveled to Great Falls to assist with the Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Telethon. After graduating from Northern, Eva attended the University of Missouri-Columbia and in 1992 earned her Master of Arts in Library and Information Science. One month after graduating with her MA she took a job at Fort Belknap College as the Library Director, thus Eva is in her 25th year at the Community College. In 2011 Fort Belknap College changed their name to Aaniiih Nakoda College. Earlier this year, Aaniiih Nakoda College was ranked the #6 best Community College in the Nation. Congratulations Eva on your 25th anniversary at FBC and ANC! You make Northern proud.

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