

Northern Network News

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The Northern Network News is the official internal newsletter of MSU-Northern. When you have information you would like the campus to know about, e-mail it to Jim Potter at potterj@msun.edu and clearly mark it as for the NNN.

Committee Reports

In the upcoming issues of the Northern Network News I plan to present some brief reports on several of the committees that meet on campus. These reports will help people understand the purpose of the various committees and will give a brief update on what each committee has been doing during the past month. If there is enough interest, I will make these monthly reports a normal part of my weekly NNN. So please let me know what you think.

Enrollment Management Committee Update

The Enrollment Management Committee meets every Wednesday afternoon from 3 p.m. -5 p.m. and serves as a think tank to review enrollment issues. The last few meetings have focused on reviewing our Spring Semester enrollment numbers and resulted in a campaign to call students who did not return second semester in order to find out why they did not return. The information is not all in but the process has been very insightful.

Lewistown Campus Renovations Begin

Earlier this week the Birdwell Builders began the first phase of the renovations on the former BLM building in Lewistown. They have begun to rip out the carpets, walls and other elements that are not part of the new design. The renovation will take the entire summer to complete and the building is scheduled to be open for classes this fall. This project began ten years ago; fund-raising began 5 years ago with a half-million dollar grant from HUD and \$633,500 raised from Central Montana donations. Special thanks to Diane Oldenburg and The Central Montana Education Center for all of their hard work and for making this project a reality.

Baskets for the Ball

The I Love Northern Ball is only two months away and many departments are starting to work on their Basket. If you or your department want to enter a basket in the silent Auction for the ball then please let Debbie Ritz (3720) know of your intention to enter by March 1. If your basket is finished then please drop it off to my office (Jim Potter) as all of the baskets will be photographed for the Ball web site. Many of the baskets will be placed in the display case in the entryway to Cowan Hall. All baskets will need to be turned in by March 30th. The person or department whose basket sells for the highest amount will be given one of the ten scholarships (of at least \$500 each) that will be awarded from the Ball profits. Their scholarship will then be awarded to the student of their choice.

Celebrate National TRIO Day

Northern's Student Support Services (SSS) have set aside Monday, February 26 to celebrate National TRIO Day. They will be serving refreshments in Cowan Hall 211 (hopefully some oatmeal raisin cookies). This day is the result of a 1986 Congressional resolution and is designed to focus the nation's "attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives". TRIO is a federally funded grant program that funds our Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers and our Veterans Upward Bound programs.

Vagina Monologue Opens March 1

The benefit performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" opens next week at MSU-Northern. Produced by ReSPECT, MSU-Northern's ReSPONSE Peer Education Campus Theatre, the production will be held in the SUB Ballroom, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Dates and ticket prices are as follows:

Thursday, March 1 and Friday, March 2:	Students: \$10	Non-Students \$15
Saturday, March 3:	Students: \$12.50	Non-Students \$20

Saturday's events also include live music by Kevin Campbell, raffle drawings for donated artworks by two Northern students (David Waters and Will Loret) and a Northern professor (Mariann Miller), and a V-Day basket of goods and services donated by Havre and Chinook merchants. Raffle tickets are available from cast members, the ReSPONSE office and at the door; you need not be present to win.

Annual productions of "The Vagina Monologues" on campuses around the world benefit V-Day, an international non-profit organization raising awareness and funds to end violence against women and girls worldwide. Each year, V-Day designates a focus group as international beneficiary; in 2007, the focus is "Women in Conflict Zones." A local beneficiary is also chosen and this year the local designee is Stone Child College's Domestic Abuse Program, which is a grant partner with MSU-Northern's ReSPONSE.

For more information, contact Margaret Meggs at 265-3557.

Sue Swan to Receive Award

Northern's favorite nurse, Sue Swan, will receive the Vagina Warrior award for her work in helping to end violence against women, and for her leadership in bringing peace and non-violence to our community. Sue will receive her award after next Saturday's (March 3rd) performance of the Vagina Monologue.

Umpires Needed

The Havre district of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) is looking for students, staff or faculty members who can help officiate games during the 2007 season. They are hosting an organizational and recruitment meeting on Monday March 19th, 2007 at 7pm in the Library of the Havre Middle School for more information call Kyle Leeds at 945-2524.

Career Center News

The following employers are scheduled for on-campus recruiting visits. Additional information and sign-up sheets for interview times are available in the Career Center in Donaldson Hall. Upcoming recruiting visits for both full-time and Cooperative Education positions include:

Wyoming Machinery – Feb. 27th - Interviews will be in the Career Center. Recruiting for both full-time and Co-op positions (Diesel & Automotive)

R.D.O. Equipment – Feb. 27th & 28th - A general information session will be given at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 27 in the Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will take place on the 28th in the Career Center for both Co-op and full-time positions.

Kiewit – March 6th & 7th -A general information session will be given at 4:00 pm on March 6th in the Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will take place on the 7th in the Career Center for both full-time and Co-op positions.

There is one more Career Fair scheduled to take place this month at the University of Montana in Missoula. MSU-Northern students are invited and welcome to attend.

Big Sky Career Fair

The University of Montana – University Center 3rd Floor
Wednesday, February 28th
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For more information please visit their website at:
www.umt.edu/career/bscf/bigsky.htm

Career fairs are an excellent opportunity for our students to network with several companies in a more relaxed person-to-person setting. While hiring is not usually done at a career fair, it is often the first step in the hiring process. Please make your students aware of this opportunity and encourage them to attend if possible.

We strongly recommend that students interested in attending the fairs visit the web sites and review the information available there. From this information students can determine if the recruiters that are participating and the jobs that are available would make this a worthwhile event for them to attend.

For more information students may also contact the Career Center.

Second Annual ReSPONSE Theme Competition

In honor of Women's History Month (March) and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April) ReSPONSE will conduct their second Annual Theme Competition. This year's theme is "Honoring Women who work for Peace." See last week's issue of the NNN for competition guidelines or contact ReSPONSE at ext. 3557.

A Northern Tidbit

Student Support Services (SSS) is one of three federally funded TRIO grant programs at Montana State University-Northern. SSS has been a part of Northern since 1979. During that time Northern has received approximately 4.5 million dollars to help more than 5,000 disadvantaged students. The other two programs are the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) which began at Northern in 1991 and the Veteran's Upward Bound (VUB) program, which is located on the MSU-billings campus and began the following year in 1992.

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 23

Skylights Basketball vs. UM-Western 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Lights Basketball vs. UM-Western 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Hi-Line Concert Association Presents: Alexandre Moutouzkyne 7:30 PM

Feb. 24

Skylights Basketball vs. Montana Tech 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Lights Basketball vs. Montana Tech 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Feb. 26

Intramural Volleyball Tourney
Celebrate TRIO Day 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Feb. 27

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Feb. 28

Board of Regents Meeting, Helena
Big Sky Career Fair – Missoula 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Frontier Conference B-Ball Tourney - Butte

Mar. 1

Board of Regents Meeting, Helena

The Vagina Monologues 8:00 PM SUB

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Mar. 2

Lights Wrestling @ NAIA National Tournament

Board of Regents Meeting, Helena

The Vagina Monologues 8:00 PM SUB

The Grapes of Wrath Movie 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Hensler

Frontier Conference B-Ball Tourney - Butte

Mar. 3

Lights Wrestling @ NAIA National Tournament

The Vagina Monologues 8:00 PM SUB

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