

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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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.

Chancellor Hosts His First Open Forum



Chancellor Rolf Groseth held his first open forum during the lunch hour on Wednesday. He talked about his charge from President Gamble to evaluate all facets of the college and get the college ready for the next chancellor. Chancellor Groseth talked about some of his ideas to streamline the decision making process. He also received feedback on how to make the Open Forums more productive and accessible.

Northern's Accreditation Reaffirmed

This Tuesday Chancellor Rolf Groseth received the letter for the Northwest Commission on Colleges stating that they had reviewed our self-study and the report from the visiting team and had decided to reaffirm our accreditation for another ten years. They will have an interim visit by one or more Commission representatives in the spring of 2009 to review our progress on their recommendations.

New Student Regent Needed

Governor Brian Schweitzer is looking for students to submit their names or their friends' names to be a candidate to replace the current Student Regent Kerra Melvin whose term expires June 30, 2008. Students are to submit their names to the Northern Student Senate. Each campus will bring their recommendation to the March Board of Regent meeting where the Montana Association of Students will interview candidates and send three names to the Governor for final selection. The person selected must commit to spending a lot of time on Board of Regents business.

College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday is taking place this Sunday, February 10th from 1-4 in the library. The website is www.collegegoalmt.org. This event is for all families who want assistance in completing the Free Application

for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2008-2009 year. There will be a drawing for all students who file a FAFSA and at least one \$500 scholarship will be given away.

Fridays are “Northern Days”

Chancellor Rolf Groseth is encouraging everyone on campus and in the town to make Fridays “Northern Days” by wearing your favorite Northern attire.

Lung Power Contest

Student Health will be conducting “lung power” contests in the SUB dining hall from 11:30AM-1 PM on Wed., Feb. 13th. There will be kazoo blowing, bubble gum blowing and bubble blowing contests in an effort to show lung power in those folks who don’t smoke. For those who do smoke or chew tobacco and want to stop, Quit kits will be available.

This event will be held in conjunction with ReSPONSE’s program “Love Without Fear” week.

Local Wrestling Club Visits Campus



Kids from the Havre Wrestling Club were the honored guests at last Wednesday’s dual against UGF. These talented kids could be some of Northern’s next national champions. Keep up the good work.

I Love Northern Ball – April 19

The “I Love Northern Ball” is scheduled for April 19 so mark your calendars and polish your shoes. Ladies start shopping for that new Spring dress. Many departments have already started to work on their Basket. If you or your department want to enter a basket for the Ball then please let Debbie Ritz (3720) or Janice Brady (3730) know of your intentions by March 1. When your basket is finished, please drop it off at 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 28th.

Door Monitors Needed

The Havre Chamber of Commerce is looking for people to help as door monitors in the evenings at the upcoming 9C Basketball Tournament. The Tournament will be February 13-16 at the Havre High School. If you can help please call the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce at 265-4383.

How I Learned to Drive

Montana Actors Theatre is pleased to present the play “How I Learned to Drive”. This Pulitzer Prize-winning play is about physical disassociation; about owning your body and your memories; about the emotional changes

in a teenager's psyche, about the physical changes in a woman's body, and about the way the one fits into the other. This is where the imagery of driving, steering and shifting and the way the play's narrative commutes between the past, present and future. This is for an adult audience.

Co-Directed by Northern's own Brenda Skornogoski and Jay Pyette, show dates are February 6- 9 and 13-16. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00/ person and free to students with current student IDs. Students are encouraged to pick up your tickets in advance at the SUB info desk.

Local Executive Board



Northern's Local Executive Board met this week to officially meet Chancellor Groseth, initiate two new members and talk about opportunities facing Northern. Members of the Local Executive Board are appointed by the Governor and serve as an advisory board to the Chancellor and his Executive Staff. This board meets four-times a year and consists of three community members who help provide community input on key institutional decisions. They also foster increased public awareness and encourage discussion and support of steps and plans to enhance Northern's ability to carry out its mission, especially through contact with community opinion leaders. We want to thank (L to R) Jupe Compton, Pam Hillary, Rolf Groseth, and Darrel Briese, and for their willingness to serve on this committee.

Auditions Coming Soon

Auditions for the next MAT play entitled "Divorce Southern Style" will be February 26th and 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Northern Little Theatre.

Presentation on the Consequences of Chewing Tobacco

MSU-Northern has been fortunate to be chosen among many applicants as a site for a Gruen VonBehrens presentation on consequences of chewing tobacco use. He will be here on campus for a presentation that is open to the public on Tues., Feb. 26th at 5:30 PM in the SUB. The students working on the project will be putting up posters shortly. Refreshments will be served and there will be a drawing for an iPod for attendees. If there are any faculty who wish me to keep names of their students attending (possibly for extra credit, etc.), Sue Swan will be happy to do that. Just let her know.

Student Excellence Awards

Once again it is that time of year to submit your nominations for the Student Excellence Awards. We will be honoring 10 recipients at the annual awards convocation on April 18th. To nominate a student, a nomination form MUST BE completed and returned to Bill Lanier by Thursday, February 14, 2008. For a nomination form please go to: <http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/asstdeanstatus/docs/ExcellenceNominationForm.doc>
For more information regarding the Student Excellence Awards please go to:
<http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/asstdeanstatus/excellence/index.htm>

In the coming weeks, nomination forms will also be placed in mail boxes in Cowan Hall. Forms will also be made available at the information desk in the SUB, Cowan Hall 213 or by contacting Bill Lanier.

Library Corner

By: Vicki Gist

Hearts West by Chris Enss (HQ802.E575 2005) is a recent addition to the library. This book is captivating, intriguing and interesting. It is about the mail order bride business that was popular at the turn of the century. It includes many quotes taken from people's diaries and newspaper ads. The book not only shows the stories that ended well, but also includes stories that were sad. It has a familiar ring to today when you consider eHarmony and Match.com. There have always been lonely people looking to find someone to share their lives with. I recommend this book because it is easy to read, historically sound and short (the newspaper ads are especially entertaining). There is a very detailed bibliography if you want to find out more on this subject. (Review by Belinda Potter)

There has been an addition to the Japan display of books and artifacts. Amber Brinkman loaned her antique WW II era Japanese camera for the display. Be sure to come over to see the unique camera.

Campus Coffee Cart beverage specials for Feb. 11-15 are a Caramel Nut Latte (with caramel and hazelnut syrups) and a Caramel Apple Italian Soda (with apple and caramel syrups).

Career Center News

By Terry Lillevedt

Several Career Fairs are scheduled around the state during February. Northern students are invited and encouraged to attend these fairs. Information about the fairs and the employers planning to attend are available on the web sites listed below. Please take some time to review these web sites and the employers scheduled to attend to determine if attending one (or possibly more) of these fairs may be worthwhile. Remember, career fairs are a wonderful opportunity for students to interact, one-on-one, with potential employers looking for both full-time and Co-op employees. While students are not normally hired at a career fair, it is an important first step in the employment process. Some fairs also include interviewing on the day following the fair. If you are interested in signing up for interviews following the fairs please contact Terry in the Career Center. Upcoming Career Fairs include:

MSU-Billings Career Services is hosting the 11th Annual Career Fitness Fair on Thursday, 2/14/08 from Noon - 3pm. It will be held in the Student Union Building on MSU-Billings' campus. The Employer Directory along with more information is available on their web page at www.msubillings.edu/careers.

The University of Montana is sponsoring its Annual Big Sky Career Fair on Wednesday, 2/20/08 from 9am - 3pm. It will be held in the University Ballroom. More information is available on their web page at www.umt.edu/career.

MSU-Bozeman will host a couple of fairs in February. The first being the 5th Annual Cultivate Montana Agriculture Industry Fest on Wednesday, 2/6/08 from 10:30am - 1:30pm in the Strand Union Ballroom A. The 3rd Annual Almost Spring Job and Internship Fair will be held on Thursday, 2/21, 9am - 3pm in the Strand Union Ballrooms. More information is available on their web page at www.montana.edu/careers.

If you have questions concerning the Career Fairs, please see Terry or Jennifer in the Career Center located in Donaldson Hall.

Computer Tip of the Week **Rename Multiple Files Sequentially**

By: Marianne Hoppe

If you have numerous files you want to rename (for example, photos from a digital camera), here is how you can rename them sequentially all at once:

1. Select the group of files you want to rename. (Click on the first file, hold the **Shift** key down and click on the last file. If the files are not adjacent to each other, you can press the **CTRL** key and click each item in the list you want to select.)
2. Right click on the **FIRST** selected file and rename it. The remaining files will follow suit.

For example, if you rename the first file from *20070605-115143.jpg* to *Yellowstone.jpg*, the rest of the select files will be renamed *Yellowstone (1).jpg*, *Yellowstone (2).jpg*, etc.

Tidbit

By Bill Lanier

Since 1982 there have been 327 Student Excellence Award recipients. We currently have seven of those recipients employed here at Northern. Faculty and staff members who received the award while attending Northern include: Vicki Clouse, Krista Milligan, Cynthia Small, Wane Boysun, Trygve Magelssen, Andy Morris and Anna Batemen.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 8

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Lights Wrestling @ Boise State Dual 7:00 PM

Montana Actors Theatre presents: "How I Learned to Drive" 8:00 PM - 10:15 PM

Feb. 9

Skylights Basketball @ Rocky Mountain College 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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Feb. 10

College Goal Sunday - Get help filling out financial aid paperwork for college! 1:00 PM

Feb. 11

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Student Senate Meeting 5:15 PM

5 on 5 Basketball 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Feb. 12

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM

5 on 5 Basketball 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Feb. 13

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

“Lung Power” Contests! 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

IRFD Sack Lunch Session 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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Feb. 14

Sweetheart Luncheon 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

NCF ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

Montana Actors Theatre presents: “How I Learned to Drive” 8:00 PM - 10:15 PM

Feb. 15

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Skylights Basketball vs. Lewis-Clark State College 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Lights Basketball vs. Lewis-Clark State College 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Montana Actors Theatre presents: “How I Learned to Drive” 8:00 PM - 10:15 PM

Feb. 16

Skylights Basketball vs. Westminster 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Lights Basketball vs. Westminster 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Montana Actors Theatre presents: “How I Learned to Drive” 8:00 PM - 10:15 PM