

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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Welcome Reception - Huge Success



Pam Hillary, Paul Tuss and Dr. Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education were just a few of the many people who came to the reception to welcome Interim Chancellor Rolf Groseth and his wife Jaynee to Northern.

Summer Registration

Registration for Summer Courses and Workshops is now available on-line.

Ball Basket/Donations Deadline

Baskets and donations are starting to come in! The "We Love Northern" Ball committee is asking each department/office to donate a theme basket or items for silent auction at the Ball, which will be held on the evening of Saturday, April 19. Donations are due April 1.

Native American Collection Reviewed



On Wednesday we were very privileged to be visited by George and Joe Horse Capture (father and son) two very well-known scholars who came to view our Indian artifacts collection. George worked for the Smithsonian and his son is an Associate Curator at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. They have agreed to give Jaakko Puisto some ideas on how best to display and preserve our Indian artifacts.

Library Hours

Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday closed
Sunday, Easter 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
The coffee cart will be open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

2008 Montana SkillsUSA Conference

Again this year, MSU-Northern is proud to host the 2008 Montana SkillsUSA Conference and SkillsUSA Championships on April 7th, 8th and 9th. The SkillsUSA-VICA students have brought energy and vitality to the campus for over 30 years. We appreciate their leadership and involvement at Northern. This year's theme is: "Champions at Work."

This is a big deal for Northern and as in past years, we ask that you participate by serving as a chair or judge or as part of the general support crew for the various contests. It is also an opportunity for you to meet high school students and teachers from throughout Montana. We view each contestant as a potential student. Since many of our students will also be taking part in the setup and judging on Monday and Tuesday (April 7th & 8th), I hope you will support them by working with them on any missed assignments or classes.

For more information on this event or to offer your assistance, please call Lynn Stilger at 4158.

Leadership High School



20 seniors from Havre High and their parents visited Northern on Tuesday to participate in the closing ceremonies and receive a certificate for completing this year's Leadership High School. Leadership High School is a program designed to build leadership skills in some of Havre High's best students. During their seven-month program, students meet with several leaders and job shadow with people in the community. This banquet marked the end of the 8th year of running the program. After the banquet, students were given a campus tour, played Northern Jeopardy, and Jim Potter closed the day by giving a motivational speech on the "Five Things Necessary to have a Successful Career."

Board of Regents Report

At the last Board of Regents meeting, Northern was given permission to revise its course work for the Associate of Science degree in Nursing so it follows the model nursing curriculum approved by the Montana Board of Nursing. It was also given authority to deliver its Bachelor of Science degree in Business Technology at Medicine Hat College and permission to change the name of its Bachelor of Science degree in Business Technology to a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

The next Board of Regents meeting will be held on our campus. I will give more detail about the meeting when we get a little closer to the event.

Biodiesel Certification Lab Open House

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the open house for the new Biodiesel Fuel Certification Laboratory and the Kiewit Oil Analysis Laboratory. Doors will open to the Applied Technology Center at 11:00 a.m. The program will begin at 11:30 and will include comments from Governor Brian Schweitzer, Allen Rider from the 25x25 National Steering Committee, Tom Lever, Assistant Director of Montana DEQ, Lyle Nichols, Senior Vice President of Pacific Kiewit Co.

Congratulations Basketball Teams

By: Steve Hesse

Congratulations to Coach Shawn Huse--Frontier Conference Coach of the Year--and his Lights basketball team who shared the Frontier Conference regular season championship with three other teams and fell two-points

short in the conference tournament final to LC State. The Lights, who finished the season at 22-9, took a seven game win streak into the final which included a victory over Carroll College in the tournament semi-final.

The tourney win gave the Lights a 2-1 edge over Carroll in head-to-head play this season. But Carroll (23-8) was chosen for an at large bid to the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City next week, probably because they were ranked 23rd in the final national rankings which, for unknown reasons, are compiled before the conference tournaments.

Congrats also to Chris Mouat whose Skylights wrapped up another winning season at 16-13. One of the losses, unfortunately, was a tough overtime setback to Western in the first round of The Frontier Conference Tourney. Coach Mouat has never had a losing season in his three years at Northern.

All of our basketball athletes and coaches represented the school in excellent fashion this past season and a few were singled out for individual honors: Travis Noble and Delvaughn Tinned, the Lights backcourt duo, were First Team All Frontier Conference. Skylight center Stacie Barker was named Frontier Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was joined by teammate Becky Sorenson on First Team All Frontier Conference.

Congratulations to all those affiliated with both of these fine programs.

Comedian Eric O'Shea – March 25 - 8 p.m. SUB



Get ready to witness not only a comedy show, but an EVENT! The Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern (ASMSUN) welcome the 2007 Campus Activities Magazine "COMEDY PERFORMER OF THE YEAR" Comedian "Eric O'Shea" to campus on Tuesday night March 25th at 8pm in the Student Union Ballroom on the MSU-Northern campus. Tickets will be available at the door. They are: community adults \$5, students \$3 and Free to MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff.

As a veteran performer of over 800 colleges and universities, sit back, but buckle yourself in--and let his CLEAN wit and priceless observations take you through your embarrassing childhood and everyday moments that drive you insane!

WARNING!!! Thanks to a little A.D.D. and lack of segues, this show gets RANDOMLY WILD!!! From surviving family, to surviving all 24 hours of the day--from original stories to celebrity impressions including FAMILY GUY & ELMO--Eric's UNIQUE humor, expressions, and high-energy show is unlike anything you've ever heard...

...including his world-famous "Commercial Songs for Products" that caught the eye and got rave reviews from MR. STEVEN SPIELBERG!!!

Donation Outfits Electrical Program

By Trygve “Spike” Magelsson



Magelsson shows off electrical donation.

It was Saturday morning and I was sleeping in...Dan Harshman called from Chinook asking me if I was a part of the new Electrical Technology program at Northern. I sleepily stammered that, “yes, I am.” Dan says, “I have a little bit of stuff to donate, then, to the program in memory of my father, Maurice Harshman [Harshman Electric]; would [I] be willing to drive down with my pickup truck and pick some stuff up?”

When I got over to Chinook, I found Dan inside an old wooden garage that was jam packed with electrical materials, parts, supplies, boxes, bins, and shelves stocked and bustin’ the seams of the building; we had to navigate through very narrow paths inside the garage to get to everything. He, just so matter of factly, said, “Take whatever you want.” I looked at him in amazement at what he had just said; shook my head to rattle my brain a bit...”did you just say, ‘take whatever you want?’ “Yes”. Wow, really?

Harshman’s have donated well over 37,500 dollars worth of electrical parts, materials, etc.; light fixtures, boxes of all types, screws, motors and motor control parts, thermostats, conduit of all sizes, panels, breakers, fuses, switches and receptacles of all kinds, various tools, wire and cables; whatever you can think of seeing in a parts warehouse. It took seven truckloads to get it all to the college; I had to call the Dean, Greg Kegel, and a willing friend for help to move it all. I cannot express how much the donation has helped the Electrical Technology program and how much gratitude the personnel and students of the College of Technical Sciences, as well as the rest of the campus appreciate the very generous donation in memory of a loving member of the Chinook community, Harshman family, and the area; we have materials to work with, to build stuff with, to use for building the program around. Thanks.



Maurice Harshman

After serving a tour of duty in the Navy during World War II, Maurice Harshman returned to his home town of Chinook, Montana in 1946. While in the Navy he received basic electrical training; a field he enjoyed and loved. After working for Paulsen's Hardware & Home Furnishing for 29 years, he started his own electrical contracting business - Harshman Electric. Under his steady guidance; Harshman Electric served the Chinook area with electrical contracting service for many decades until his retirement from the business. Maurice Harshman passed away Dec. 12, 2006. His family donated his electrical tools & inventory to the Electrical Technology program at MSU-N.

Skylights "Sweet 16" Fundraiser

The Skylight basketball program is running a fundraiser revolving around the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Participants pay \$20.00 to have an opportunity to win \$50.00 on 15 different games in the tournament. For more information or to purchase a game booklet, call 265-3584.

22nd Hi-Line Invitational Basketball Tournament

The MSU-Northern men's and women's basketball teams will be hosting the 22nd Hi-Line Invitational Basketball Tournament at the Armory Gymnasium March 20-22. High school all-star teams (boys and girls) from each of the state's four classifications (AA, A, B, and C) will compete in the tournament. Some of the state's top talent will be on hand, including a total of 8 state tournament Most Valuable Players and a number of Hi-Line and area players.

The HIT utilizes a 24-second shot clock, leading to high-scoring games, and some other unique rules apply to the games. The opening game of the tournament is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Thursday, while championship and consolation games will take place Saturday. Friday (tonight) at 6:00 there will be a three-point shooting competition and Saturday's events will include a slam dunk competition slated for 4:30.

Diversity Committee Scheduled for April 28th

The Diversity Committee has been reactivated and will hold their first meeting on April 28th. Members include Kathy Jaynes, Jan Wiberg, Jamie Underwood, Lanny Wilke, Stacey Gonzales, and Denise Brewer. Ellen Swaney, the Director of American Indian/Minority Achievement will be in attendance as well.

The purpose of this group is to develop a campus climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for people of all backgrounds. Dimensions of diversity include race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation, sex/gender, disability, socioeconomic status, cultural orientation, national origin, and age. The goal is to infuse diversity into MSUN recruiting practices (both employees and students), admissions, curriculum, and administrative structures and practices.

Banner Upgrade This Weekend

Commencing 12:01am Friday March 21st, 2008 through Sunday March 23rd, 2008 the Enterprise Information Systems (EIS) will be unavailable to MSU Faculty, Staff and Students across the 4 campuses.

Banner Self Service (MyInfo) will be taken offline at 5pm Thursday, 20th March.

Banner, MyInfo, MSU Switchboard/Report Web, online payment and any other services that “talk” to Banner will be unavailable during the upgrade.

Note that “MyMSU” Portal will only be unavailable from 6am to noon on Sunday March 23rd. However, MyMSU Portal will not be synchronized with Banner throughout the upgrade period. Please plan your business activities accordingly.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The 2008 theme for SAAM is “Prevent Sexual Violence...in our workplaces.” This focus helps employers recognize the vital role workplace culture plays in the prevention of sexual violence. Safe, respectful workplaces attract quality employees and customers, and enhance productivity and morale. Take an active role in preventing violence in your workplace by voicing opposition to gender discrimination, sexual harassment, rape and sexual assault and using rape as a tool of war.

Teal ribbons commemorating SAAM will be available at the SUB Info Desk, Admissions, the Library and the Gym as well as at the ReSPONSE office. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an ideal time for faculty to schedule an interactive presentation in class and for organizations to offer an informational game night at a meeting (RESPONSE PROVIDES THE PRIZES in either event!) So if you need a ribbon or want to schedule an event, please do not hesitate to call either Deb or Margaret at 265-3557.

Graduation Announcements Available

The Graduation announcements have arrived and are available in the bookroom. They cost \$11.50 for a pack of ten. Get yours today while supplies last. Graduation caps and gowns are also in the bookstore and ready for pick up! Thanks.

Important Registration Dates

The last day to drop full semester courses with a “W” will be Friday, March 28th.

Pre-registration for Summer 2008 began on Monday, March 17th.

Pre-registration for Fall 2008 will begin on Tuesday, March 25th.

MSU-N Foundation Update

A Great way for you to show your Northern and help with student to purchase a Northern License Plate. \$30.00 and it can be claimed on your tax charitable contribution.

During one month the MSU-N received a check in the amount of license plate revenue – that equates to 32 one month showing their support of MSU-N in an easy way. To see the greatness of this simple act: as of December 31, 2007 the MSU-N Foundation has recorded deposits in the amount of \$122,575.00 from the License Plate Revenue; and in return the students have received \$106,450.00 in scholarships.



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March Wrestling Gun Winner

The latest winner of the MSUN Wrestling gun raffle was Dan Bouche. He won the CZ Mallard 12 gauge Over/Under on the March 15 drawing. He is the second community member to win out of the last three drawings.

The Rumor Buster Heard...

There was a rumor around campus that the owls are back. After hours of “Columbo” style investigation, I am pleased to say that John Donaldson saw one of the owls last week but he has not seen it since. John has agreed to keep an “eagle eye” out for the owls and we hope to undeniably confirm this rumor in the next few weeks. – Keep posted.

There have also been rumors of a Bald Eagle in town, let us know if you see it.

The Sammus Theory in Concert

The band “The Sammus Theory” will be in concert at the Northern’s Armory GYM April 8, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:00p.m during the Skills USA State Competitions. College students and Skill USA contestants are free (Student ID or Skills USA name badge required) Admission to the general public will be \$5.00 and will be sold at the door. Check out their sound at: <http://www.myspace.com/thesammustheory>

Library Corner

By Belinda Potter

The Real Toy Story by Eric Clark (HD9993.T693U627 2007) is a detailed look at the toy industry—where it came from and where it is going. It talks about yearly toy fairs in New York and that children no longer play with as many toys as they once did (mainly due to electronics). There is a really interesting part on the history of Mattel and the birth of Barbie (the most recognized toy in the world—she is banned in Saudi Arabia because “the religion police declare her a threat to morality”). If you only have time to read one chapter, I would suggest the chapter entitled “Santa’s Sweatshop.” It is a graphic look at toys manufactured in China and it is about the people doing the work. If you want to know about the toy industry, everyone who works in the toy industry and what the toy industry is trying to do—this is the book for you.

101 Ethical Dilemmas by Martin Cohen is a fascinating book offering a variety of ethical situations. Each dilemma is different and each makes you think. I am thankful that I have not had to face some of the dilemmas mentioned in this book. Some of the ethical questions are simple and others are quite complicated. If you are looking for some conversation starters for a class, this book may have just what you are looking for. Martin Cohen is an engaging writer and he has twisted some of the dilemmas and made them quite entertaining to read, but at the same time really get your mind to thinking. This book can be found in the New Book display and after that it will be in the stacks at BJ1025.C66 2007. Enjoy!

Career Center News

By: Terry Lilletvedt

Employers continue to contact us for on-campus recruiting. Sign up sheets for interviews are available in the Career Center. The current recruiting schedule includes:

Kiewit along with Buckskin Mining Co. (a Kiewit holding) will be on campus Tuesday, March 25th and Wednesday, March 26th. They will be holding a general information session at 4:00 pm in Hensler Auditorium on Tuesday, March 25th. Pizza and pop will be served. Interviews will take place on Wednesday, March 26th in the Career Center for students in Diesel and Automotive Technology. Kiewit is interested in both full-time

students and in students interested in summer Co-op employment. A sign up sheet for interview times is available in the Career Center.

Kredit Electric, out of Bozeman, is tentatively scheduled to be on campus Thursday, March 27th. Mark Kredit, owner, plans to recruit students in the Electrical program for a full time position with his company. Please contact the Career Center for more information.

Computer Tip of the Week

Windows XP tip: Utilize the Windows Logo Key

By: Marianne Hoppe

The Windows logo key is the shortcut anchor for a number of useful commands including the following:

Windows: Displays or Hides the Start menu

Windows + E: Opens the Windows File Explorer

Windows + F: Opens Search for files

Windows + F1: Opens the Help and Support Center

Windows + M: Minimizes all your open windows

Windows + shift + M: Undo minimize all windows

Windows + tab: Moves through taskbar buttons

Windows + L: Locks the workstation

Windows logo keys are located on the bottom row of the keyboard, between the Control and Alt keys.

Depending on your keyboard, you may have 2 Windows Logo keys - one on the right and one on the left, or you may only have one.

Tidbit

By Bill Lanier

Even though the Northern Skylights did not win the conference, they did extend their consecutive winning seasons to 27 years. The last time a Skylights team had a losing record was in the 1980-81 season. To put this in perspective Ronald Reagan was just elected president, a postage stamp cost 15 cents, gas \$1.25 a gallon and milk was \$2.16 a gallon.

Upcoming Events

March 21

University Day ~ No Classes, Offices *OPEN*

Special Library Hours 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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

March 23

Special Library Hours 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

March 24

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Student Senate Meeting 5:15 PM

Coed Softball 6:00 PM

March 25

Advance Registration for Fall 2008 (Current Students)
Coed Softball 6:00 PM
Wall Climbing 6:00 PM
Comedian Eric O'Shea 8:00 PM

March 26

Advance Registration for Fall 2008 (Current Students)
Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

March 27

Advance Registration for Fall 2008 (Current Students)
Presentation of Wildhorse Border Crossing Proposal 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
NCF ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

March 28

Last day to drop a class with a "W"
Advance Registration for Fall 2008 (Current Students)
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
Hi-Line Concert Association presents Djokic and Jalbert Duo 7:00 PM

March 29

Northern Showcase Event "A Thorn Among the Roses" 7:30 PM