



March 13, 2009

## Spring Break - Next Week

### Lights BB Go to Nationals

The Northern Lights Basketball Team will be headed to Kansas City to compete in the NAIA National Tournament. Their first game will be against Robert Morris (Illinois, 24-3, 8th seed) at 3:30 p.m. MST Wed. Mar 18. People will be able to watch the game on the big projection screen in the SUB. Bring your own pop and goodies.

The Championship is a single-elimination tournament featuring 18 automatic qualifiers from 11 Division I affiliated conferences, Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.), 1 host berth, and 13 at-large berths, which are determined using the final regular-season rating released today (March 11).

### Skylights Show Their Support



The Skylights Volleyball Team wore old Light Basketball Jerseys at the last home basketball game to show their support for the lights Basketball game.

## Governor Presents WIRED Grant



Governor Brian Schweitzer and Montana's Director of Commerce Tony Preite, were on campus today to present MSU-Northern with a check for a \$990,000 investment from the Workforce Investment in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Program for the purpose of supporting and expanding training activities of the University's Bio-Energy Innovation and Testing Center. The funds will help to train students in the growing bio-fuels industry and to purchase an alternate current engine dynamometer.

## Farmers Appreciation and Expo



Yesterday Tilleman Motors sponsored a Farmer's Appreciation Day and Expo on our campus. Farmers from across the Hi-line and into Canada came to campus to Northern's Applied Technology Center to see some of the latest equipment and to hear the latest developments in Bio-Diesel technologies and learn some new farming techniques policies.

## "Spring Thaw" Coming April 17th

The Dining Services are sponsoring a semi-formal dinner dance on April 17th called the "Spring Thaw" So make sure you grab your pretty dresses and your favorite tie for this semi-formal affair.

No one will be turned away so not of high importance. It will feature a Social hour- Dinner-Dance- Prizes... Fun filled night FREE for the students.

Will have more information after Spring Break.

## High Five Fridays



One of the fun things that started in the Admissions office and has been growing around campus is to greet people with a high five on Fridays. Even the Governor got in on the excitement during his recent visit to campus.

## Rasslin' Roundup

By Steve Hesske

Northern's wrestlers, coached by Tyson Thivierge and assisted by Kyle Fisher (both former Northern wrestlers), finished 9th in the recent NAIA National Tournament. The Lights Cory Borges (125) is a national champion. Sophomore Evan Hinebauch (184) is a national runner-up and Austin Oulette (174) finished seventh nationally. These three earned NAIA All-American honors as well. Colt Heger (133), Colter Dimas (165) and Robbie Shaw (285) also wrestled at Nationals. Jack Goodrich (149) made the trip to Nationals but couldn't wrestle due to a serious leg injury. Congratulations to Coaches Thivierge and Fisher and all of Northern's wrestlers for a successful season.

## COLIN ROSS in concert March 19, 2009

Sponsored by Northern Showcase Concert Association, Colin Ross will be performing Thursday, March 19th at 7:30pm in the Havre High School Auditorium.

Composer and multi-instrumentalist, Colin Ross plays a large and ever-shifting repertoire of original music, jazz standards and blues classics. Beginning with classical piano at the age of five, Colin has continued to study and grow throughout his career, playing a variety of instruments to include piano; electric, acoustic, 12-string and slide guitars; bass; drums; percussion; vocal harmonies; winds; and various folk and electronic instruments.

Season passes can still be purchased for ½ price at the door. Family \$60, Adult \$30 and Students \$15. Individual ticket prices are available at the door for Adults/\$15 and Students/\$10

All MSU-Northern students with a student ID are welcome to this performance FREE of charge!!

## Addy Award Winners

The Addy Awards were earlier last month and we had several students win. Cody Lindabury and Lindsey Krause won a Silver for their websites in the Student Category of Interactive Media. Lance Sapp won a Gold Addy for the same category. Norton Pease won a Silver Addy for a website in the area of Self-Promotion in the Professional Competition.

## Dallas Brass Coming to Havre

On Monday, March 23, at 7:30 pm, the nationally renowned group The Dallas Brass will be performing in concert at Havre High School. This group is well known among music educators as one of the most entertaining and inspiring musical ensembles of its kind. We are very fortunate to have a group of this caliber perform in Havre. Not only will Dallas Brass perform exclusively, but they will also perform one song with the Havre Middle School band and another with the Havre

High School band. The profits from this concert will go toward the Havre High School jazz band's trip to the UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival in Greeley, Colorado. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from Krista Milligan or from any Havre High School band member.

## Rumor Buster

There are rumors around campus that the internationally renowned "Strength Team" will be coming to campus. It is true that they will be coming to Havre April 1-5 and will be demonstrating their amazing feats of strength in several assemblies in the local schools and that they will be making presentations every night at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Alliance Church. But at this point they are not scheduled to perform on campus. We will follow-up on this story and let you know if they are able to fit Northern into their very busy schedule or if they are able to conduct a weight training workshop for some of our athletes. The team consists of former NFL players and several world class weight lifters. They break through bricks with their bare hands and blow up hot water bottles like balloons until they pop.

## Diesel Advisory Board Meets



The Advisory Board for our Diesel program met Thursday to talk about key issues relating to our Diesel program. Many of the programs on campus have Advisory Boards. The Advisory Boards review the current curriculum and talk about ways to improve the program. These meetings are essential in helping us develop curriculum that prepares students to meet the needs of industry upon graduation.

## Computer Tips

By Marianne Hoppe

**Google Search Tips** (Part 1 of 3)

Adapted from InformIT article *Top Ten Ways to Search More Effectively on Google*, by Michael Miller

Google is the Internet's most popular search engine, but as we all know, it's often difficult to find the one best site out of the hundreds or thousands returned in Google's search results. So how can you search more effectively on Google? Here some tips that can help you find what you're looking for-without having to wade through less relevant results.

**Tip #1:** Fine-Tune Your Query with More Keywords

One of the most common mistakes made by casual searchers is to use too few keywords. These searchers don't enter enough information to adequately describe what they're searching for.

You'll get better, more targeted results by using multiple keywords. The more words you use, the better idea Google has of what you're looking for.

**Tip #2:** Search for Either One Word or Another

It's important to know that Google automatically assumes the word "and" between all the words in your query. If you enter two words, Google assumes you're looking for pages that include both those words. If you are looking for web pages that include either one word or another, but not necessarily both you need to alter the query by using the OR operator between the two words.

For example, if you're searching for pages about both dogs and cats, you enter the query **dogs cats**. But if you want to search for pages that include information about either dogs or cats, use the query **dogs OR cats**. And when you use the OR operator, be sure to type it in all uppercase, or Google will ignore it as a "stop word" (see next tip).

**Tip #3:** How to Include Stop Words

Remember when I said you could improve the accuracy of a search by including more keywords? That advice doesn't include small common words, such as "and," "the," "where," "how," "what," and "or" (in all lowercase). These are called stop words, and Google automatically ignores them when you include them in a query. (For that matter, Google also ignores single digits and single letters, such as the letter "a".)

When you include a stop word in a query, it does nothing but slow down the search, which is why Google ignores them. As an example, Google takes the query **how a transmission works** and removes the words **how** and **a** and turns the query into **transmission works**.

If it's important to include a particular stop word in a query, you can override the stop word exclusion by telling Google that it must include specific words. You do this with the + (plus) operator, in front of the otherwise excluded word. For example, to include the word how in your query, you'd enter **+how**. Be sure to include a space before the + sign, but not after it.

You can also search for exact phrases by placing the phrase in quotations - "**One small step for man**"

**Tip #4:** Exclude Irrelevant Words

Just as you sometimes want to search for pages that include a stop word that Google normally ignores, you may also want to refine your results by excluding all pages that include a specific word. Homonyms-words with multiple meanings - often are a problem. For example, the word **bass** can refer to a fish, a male singer, a stringed instrument, a brand of beer, and a brand of footwear. If you search only for **bass**, you get results that include all of these variations.

Fortunately, Google lets you exclude words from your search by using the - (minus) operator; any word in your query preceded by - is automatically excluded from the search results. Be sure to include a space before the -, and none after.

So in the case of the word bass, if you're only interested in pages about bass singers, you would enter a query that looks like this: **bass -fish -guitar -beer -shoes**. You'll get much more focused results than a bass only search.

Next week: More modifiers to help refine your searches.

## Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Last weekend Corey Borges earned his second consecutive National NAIA National Wrestling Championship. This is the 29th title that a Northern wrestler has earned. Corey is only the fourth Northern wrestler to be crowned a National Champion two or more times (Turk Lords 4x, Emmett Willson 3x and Stryder Davis 2x). Corey is a three time NAIA All-American. Congratulations Corey.

## Upcoming Events

### March 13

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Guest Lecture: Russell Boham 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

### March 14

Library CLOSED

### March 15

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### March 16

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Northern Showcase Concert Association presents "Colin Ross" 7:30 PM

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**March 21**

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