



Northern Donates \$30,000 to Transit System



Monday morning, Chancellor Frank Trocki (right) presented a check for \$30,000 to Jim Lyons who is the Director of the North Central Montana Transit System. MSU-Northern has taken a lead role in the support of this local transit system. This transaction took place in front of Cowan Hall. The bus in the photo, driven by Randy Graves, is on loan until the actual buses arrive. Northern also plans to produce and donate some biodiesel fuel for the transit system. This will give Northern's Biodiesel Testing Center a chance to test their fuel mixtures on a practical, real life application.

Northern Now on Social Networks

Check us out on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and Flickr! MSU Northern is now available on these social networking sites with news and information about the campus and current events. The easiest way to find Northern is to visit our main website at <http://www.msun.edu> and click on the appropriate button located on the bottom left corner of our home page. When you click, you will be taken directly to MSUN's page, with the exception of Facebook. You do need to be logged into Facebook in order to view our Facebook page. Once you have logged in, type "MSU Northern" into the search field.

If you choose to follow us on Twitter, you will receive real-time "tweets" (updates) during MSUN athletic events, reminders of important campus events, and information on everything that is going on at MSUN! If you choose to receive updates on your mobile phone, the messaging can be turned on and off as you choose. You can view our tweets online without a Twitter account, but in order to receive tweets on your mobile device, you will need to sign up for a free account. Sign up today and follow MSU-Northern! You'll receive updates on the Northern vs. Carroll game on Saturday!

Energy Saving Tip #7

If possible use rechargeable batteries and unplug battery chargers when batteries are fully charged.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 10

1:00 - 4:00 PM
Lights Football vs. Carroll College

Oct. 12

9:00 - 10:00 AM
Employer Recruiting Visit: Fort Knox Gold Mine

8:00 - 10:00 PM
Intramural Volleyball

Oct. 13

8:00 - 4:00 PM
Employer Recruiting Visit: Fort Knox Gold Mine

4:00 - 5:00 PM
Student Senate Meeting

6:00 - 7:30 PM
Wall Climbing

7:30 - 9:30 PM
Northern Showcase Presents: Everything Fitz

8:00 - 10:00 PM
Intramural Volleyball

For more information or for help with any of our social networking sites, please contact Tracie Dahl at 265-3704.

Diesel Advisory Board Meets on Campus



MSU-Northern's Diesel Advisory Board met this week to talk about ways to make the program even better. The Diesel Advisory Board is made up of key people from major corporations around the country. They review the curriculum and make recommendations on how to make the program meet the needs of industry.

NAPA Offers Student Discount Cards

Mike Hollenbeck from NAPA will be on campus next week Oct. 14 for some meetings and during his visit he will be handing out 10% discount cards to all MSU-Northern students. This card will allow our students to get a 10 % discount from any NAPA parts store in the United States. Hollenbeck will also leave extra cards with the auto and diesel instructors.

Legends for Light Pheasants Jamboree



The Northern Lights Athletic and Scholarship Foundation is hosting their ninth annual Pheasant Jamboree this weekend. The Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree is a combination of former NFL, NHL, MBL and other professional legends along with locals and outdoor enthusiasts from across the country coming together for a 4-day jamboree that includes trap shooting, pheasant hunting, the Taste of Havre and a little storytelling. Participants pay to be in these teams and the money raised during this event goes toward athletic scholarships.

Oct. 14
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Wii Competition

Oct. 15
Biodiesel Workshop:
Fuel Performance

Praxis Test
Registration Deadline

6:00 - 8:00 PM
Family Board Game
Night

7:00 - 8:00 PM
Chi Alpha Meeting

Oct. 16
Biodiesel Workshop:
Fuel Performance

7:00 - 8:30 PM
Skylights Volleyball @
University of Great
Falls

Oct. 17
Alumni Games & MSU-
Northern All-Sports
Hall of Fame

Biodiesel Workshop:
Fuel Performance

1:00 - 4:00 PM
Lights Football @
Rocky Mountain
College

Taste of Havre

The Taste of Havre is this Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Havre Holiday Village Mall. Tickets are \$10/person to taste samples of the best food from the best restaurants up and down the Hi-Line. You can also get an autograph from the Legends.

Wii NIGHT

Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. this semester, the ASMSUN Program Council will be hosting a Wii Competition in the SUB Fireside Lounge. Wii games will vary from week to week but include bowling, tennis, boxing, swordplay, frisbee golf, table tennis, canoeing and American Idol. We have also purchased Rock Band2 and The Beatles Rock Band. Take a break from your studies and have a little fun!

MAT Presents Unnecessary Farce

This comedy by Paul Slade Smith and directed by Audrey Barger is about two cops, three cooks and eight doors. The show opens next week and will run October 15,16, 22-24 and 29-31. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Doors and bar open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door \$10/Adults \$8/Seniors and Students. MSUN Students are free with a current student ID. Play contains some adult language and humor.

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Parents want a night out!! The ASMSUN Program Council committee has scheduled Family Board Game Nights throughout the semester. The next night will be October 15th @ 6 p.m. in the SUB Fireside Lounge. Bring your children and the committee will have games for them while you play board games with other adults!! Games available for adults are cribbage, scrabble, monopoly, yahtzee, skip-bo, uno, phase 10, taboo and outburst. Children's games and puzzles are available for all ages of children. The other date scheduled for this semester is November 5th. See you next Thursday at 6 p.m. in the SUB Fireside Lounge.

Opportunity Link Donates \$30,000 for Biodiesel Workshops

Opportunity Link has partnered with the MSU-Northern Bio-Energy Innovation and Testing Center with a check for \$30,000 to help fund workshops that will help produce skilled workers and increasing the awareness of the growing bio-based industries in Montana. Given the level of employment these projects are likely to produce, the individuals who receive the training will have the opportunity to secure jobs that offer long-term employment opportunities in positions that provide living wages.

Triangle Communications Donates \$500

The Havre office of Triangle Communications provided MSU-Northern with a donation of \$500 to be used for student scholarships. Triangle has been a long-time supporter of student scholarships and they plan to continue their support every year.

Northern Showcase Presents: Everything Fitz

Northern Showcase Concert Association presents "Everything Fitz" on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Havre High Auditorium. The Fitzgerald family band, from Bancroft, Ontario, features some of the finest young fiddlers and dancers in the country. The sounds of the East Coast,

French-Canadian, Texas-style and Old-Time are combined with Ottawa-Valley style step dancing to bring you a high energy and heartwarming performance. With roots in the Canadian old-time fiddle tradition, their unique stage show combines a variety of musical styles- everything from Celtic, bluegrass, western swing, to entertaining novelty tunes and choreographed step dance routines.

Northern Showcase Concert Association season tickets will be available at the door along with individual tickets for this performance. Season tickets are \$55/Adult, \$30/Student and \$115/Family. Individual prices at the door are \$15/Adult and \$10/Student. All MSU-Northern students are admitted free of charge with a current ID. For more information on this and all of our performances check out our website @ <http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/stuactivities/showcase.htm>.

THREE SKYLIGHTS INDUCTED INTO MSUN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The 2009 Northern Alumni Association All-Sports Hall of Fame awards will be given out during Alumni Games Weekend, October 17th, 2009 on the MSU-Northern campus in Havre, Montana. The awards highlight an 80-year tradition of excellence both in the classroom and on the playing field at Montana State University-Northern. Since the first awards in 1994, the Hall of Fame has inducted 60 individuals who have contributed to that tradition. MSU-Northern and the Northern Alumni Association will recognize three outstanding individuals joining that esteemed group. Lori M. Hagen of Great Falls, Montana, Dani Davison-Holgate, of Belgrade, Montana, and Charlene Noreen Wasson of Whitewater, Montana will each be introduced and presented commemorative awards in ceremonies during the halftime of the Lights/Alumni basketball game on October 17, 2009.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

This week's tip: Lock it when you leave it

Your desktop computer should be locked, or logged off, whenever you step away - even if it's just for a minute. Make it a habit to lock your workstation whenever you get up. Just press the keyboard shortcut combination of the Windows logo key and the letter "L". If you don't have a Windows logo key on your keyboard, just press Ctrl + Alt + Delete and then press the Enter key ("Lock Computer" is selected by default).

Donate Your Winter Clothes

The Community Involvement Association (CIA) on campus is collecting winter gear such as coats, scarves, mittens, etc. to give to MSU-Northern students and their families for the upcoming winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the CIA room #309 at Cowan Hall.

Dinner Murder Mystery

The Montana Actors' Theatre will be presenting a murder mystery event entitled "Death by Chocolate." This fundraiser will be on Saturday, October 17th in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres as well as a variety of delectable chocolates. As the activities get underway, the murder mystery will unfold. Guests seated in "teams" of eight will work together in a "clue" like game in an attempt to discover the who, what, where, and why of the murder. For tickets or more information, please call 945-0272 or go to www.mtactors.com

STUDENT ALUMNI JOBS

The Northern Alumni Association is interviewing students to call alums for the Alumni Phonathon. You need not be eligible for work-study to apply for

these positions. We are looking for responsible and reliable individuals with a pleasant telephone manner, who pay attention to detail, and have a good work ethic.

Fall Phonathon will run from October 12-November 19. Calls are scheduled Sunday through Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. in Cowan Hall - Room 307

The salary starts @ \$7.25/hour plus (10%) commission. To apply contact Judy in the Alumni Office, 265-3770, bring two forms of ID (a photo ID, & your birth certificate or Social Security CARD).

Seeking Public Comment

The College of Education, Arts & Sciences, and Nursing at Montana State University Northern is preparing for a continuing state accreditation site visit by the Montana Board of Public Education, Office of Public Instruction (OPI). The visit is scheduled for November 15-17, 2009.

State regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation or continuing accreditation. Both OPI and Montana State University-Northern recognize that graduates, parents, schools, and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel.

Please submit your comments to the Chancellor's Office.

Computer Corner

Excel 2007 Tip: How to add a drop-down list to an Excel cell

By Marianne Hoppe

You can create drop-down lists in an Excel sheet, but the process isn't intuitive. The option is in the Data Validation feature. Fortunately, once you know the feature exists, it's easy to implement. You need only two things: a list and a data entry cell. Once you've created a drop-down list, if a user tries to enter something that isn't in the list, Excel rejects the entry.

To add this drop-down list to a sheet, do the following:

1. Create a list of items in cells in either a row or column. For example A1:A4 or A1:D4.
2. Select the cell where you want to put the drop-down list.
3. On the Data tab in the "Validation" section, click "Data Validation" and select "Data Validation"
4. On the Settings tab of the Data Validation window, select "List" from the "Allow:" option's drop-down list.
5. Click the Source control and drag to highlight the cells you've entered your item list in (ex: A1:A4). Or you can enter the reference (=\$A\$1:\$A\$4).
6. Make sure the "In-cell dropdown" option is checked. If you uncheck this option, Excel still forces users to enter only list values, but it won't present a drop-down list.
7. Click "OK".

You can add the drop-down list to multiple cells: Just select a range of data input cells in step 2 instead of a single cell. It even works for noncontiguous cells: Hold down the Shift key while you click the appropriate cells.

It's worth noting that the drop-down arrow is visible only when the cell is active.

Tidbits

By: Bill Lanier

Since football was brought back 10 years ago, Northern has had 33 first time All-Conference recipients. The first three include Jeff Burt (P), Havre High Basketball Coach Andy Smith (WR) and MSU-Northern Head Groundskeeper Kino Detrick (DL).

For a complete listing of all post season awards for the past 10 years go to:
<http://www.msun.edu/athletics/football/AllAmerAllConf.htm>

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