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Welcome to the Northern Network News. This e-mail newsletter is provided weekly, except during the summer and scheduled academic breaks, to subscribers who include students, alumni, employees and friends of MSU-Northern.

Northern Hosts 09 SkillsUSA Competition

Northern hosted the 38th annual Montana SkillsUSA Competition (formerly known as VICA - Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). During the first part of this week (April 6-8), over 350 secondary and post secondary students from 32 schools around the state arrived in Havre to compete in 31 different contests. Competitions were held in various categories such as architectural drafting, welding, diesel technology, automotive technology, public speaking, and technical computing. Students also enjoyed activities which included a concert and an engine endurance contest.

SkillsUSA is a national organization with 250,000 members across the country that promotes leadership abilities in high school and college students through educational, vocational, civic, and social activities. State competition winners from Montana will be eligible to compete at the National SkillsUSA Competition held in Kansas City, Missouri this June.

Outstanding Wrestlers Recognized

Last night was the annual wrestling banquet and during that event the following awards were presented:

Rookie of the Year - Evan Hinebauch - National Runner up as a Freshman

Coaches Award - Colter Dimas - National Qualifier

Most Inspirational - Colt Heger - National Qualifier and Champion of Character Award winner

Outstanding Wrestler - Corey Borges - 2x National Champion

Please congratulate these outstanding young men when you see them walking around campus.

Yuri's Night

Over two dozen people attended the Yuri's Night 2009, Northern's third annual, celebration of the first human in space; a Russian Cosmonaut named Yuri Gagarin (April 12, 1961). Over a dozen Local Boy Scout troops along with other young children and their parents came and discovered the first animals in space along with the notable "firsts" in space, such as the first American in space, Alan Shepard (May 5th, '61), the first woman in space, Valentina Terishkova (June 15th, '63), The first American woman in space, Sally Ride (June 18th, '83), the first animals in space (fruit flies), the first satellite in space, Sputnik (Oct. 4th, 1957). We also presented information about the Lunar Crater Observation Sensing Satellite (LCROSS) which will launch, tentatively June 2nd, 2009 along with the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO). The LCROSS mission is scheduled to slam an impactor into the Shackleton Crater on the South Pole of the Moon to allow for the ejecta plume to be analyzed by the sensing satellite that is a part of the mission to do an spectral analysis of the 250 metric tons of debris lofted out of the crater. A special NASA program is setup to help amateur astronomers here on Earth look at the ejecta plume with 10" & 12" telescopes; go to NASA.gov for more details. The LRO is being sent up to analyze the hydrogen signature found from the previous Lunar Prospector satellite fly-overs (Jan. '99) and radar data collected. Havre's premiere band, Blind Luck, did an acoustical set that included space related tunes. Nalivka's Pizza provided ten very delicious pizzas; Nalivka's heritage and ancestry has some Russian background and it was great!!

Telescopes were setup and we did get to look at the almost Full Moon, but clouds did hinder good viewing. If anyone is interested in starting, or knows of a local astronomy club, perhaps we could get together to help the kids and folks in the local area know more about space; contact Spike at 265-4123.

Orientation Meeting for Summer Cooperative Education Students

The Career Center will be holding orientation sessions for Summer coop students. It is MANDATORY that you attend one of the sessions. They will be held in the Library Downstairs Computer Lab on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 21st at 4:00pm

Thursday, April 23rd at Noon

Monday, April 27th at Noon

Wednesday, April 29th at 4:00pm

If you are a first time cooperative education student, purchase a Cooperative Education Handbook at the Bookstore and bring it with you to the session.

Spring Thaw Celebration

The MSU-N Food Service & Program Council will be sponsoring a semi-formal dinner and dance for all MSU-Northern students on April 17th at 5pm in the SUB Dining Hall. The Social Hour will begin at 5pm with dinner to follow. Mocktails will be served and door prizes will be given out throughout the night. At 7pm, Northern will have it's own rendition of "Dancing with the MSUN Stars". Music will be provided by "Mystic Rhythms" from 8pm-midnight.

This event is free to all MSU-Northern students. All we ask is that the students pick up their tickets from the SUB Information Desk by April 15th at 5pm. Students may bring a guest to this event for the low cost of \$3.00.

OPI to Visit Campus

The Montana Office of Public Instruction will have an accreditation team on the campus next week April 14-17 to review our teacher education programs. This visit is a technical visit and will provide us with valuable recommendations for the official visit which scheduled for the fall. This visit is very important to all of us at MSUN, inasmuch as our teacher education and preparation programs are a critical part of our institutional mission.

Rachael Price in Concert

The final performance for the Northern Showcase Concert Association's 2008-09 Season, jazz vocalist Rachael Price, will be held Tuesday, April 14th at 7:30pm in the Havre High School Auditorium.

Born in Australia and raised in Nashville, Price admits she has been singing jazz since a small child. In 2003, at seventeen, she recorded "Dedicated To You", a collection of standards as a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, Doris Day, Nat King Cole and others. After winning many local talent competitions in Tennessee, she was selected as a vocalist by the Grammy Foundation of their National High School Jazz Choir and went on to become the youngest semi-finalist in both the Montreaux International Jazz Vocal Competition in Europe and the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition.

Singer Rachael Price, who performed at The Kennedy Center on Thursday night, is young, gifted...it became clear that Price...has the talent to match her enthusiasm." - - The Washington Post, Mike Joyce

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15/Adults & \$10/Students for those who do not have a season pass. MSU-Northern Students are admitted free of charge with a current MSU-N ID.

2nd Annual Rummage Sale

The Skylight and Light basketball programs will be teaming up to hold a 2nd Annual Rummage

Sale Saturday, April 18th from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Armory Gym. Proceeds from the sale will directly benefit the Skylight and Light programs.

Anyone interested in donating items to the sale can call Chris Mouat (265-3584), Anna Bateman (265-3779), or Shawn Huse (265-4131) to arrange for items to be picked up. We will be running pick-ups from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We look forward to hearing from you and assisting in your Spring Cleaning!!!

Raining Jane - Back By Popular Demand

Raining Jane is an independent eclectic rock-folk band based in Los Angeles and they will be performing at the Student Union Ballroom on April 13th at 7pm. Mai Bloomfield, Becky Gebhardt, Chaska Potter and Mona Tavakoli joined forces in 1999 and soon developed a loyal fan base out of UCLA's music scene. While their music is rooted in rock and folk, it is further shaped by funk, hip hop and world music influences. Raining Jane is known for their exuberance, sincerity and for putting on a show that will make their audiences think, feel and laugh.

Tickets are available at the door for the evening performance. Adult prices are \$5 and students are \$3. MSU-Northern Students, Faculty and Staff are admitted Free.

For more information check their website at www.rainingjane.com.

3rd Annual Energy Day event

This year the Energy Day will Monday, April 20th in the MSU-Northern SUB. There will be several presentations by some leading experts and a panel discussion on how to take advantage of some of the new energy opportunities. Jim Rowlett will be talking about ground source heating systems and Scott Plenninger from Windterra System Inc. will also be returning to make some presentations on how wind can be used to generate electricity.

Northern's Energy Use and Conservation Committee has been working with the Focus the Nation organization, Campus Chillout organization, the National Wildlife Federation, and the National Teach-In organization to develop informative resources and activities for this event and to develop an awareness on campus and encourage student involvement in energy issues. This year students have been actively involved in contacting their legislative representative to encourage them to be more supportive of Alternate energy issues.

Cheryl Ulmer, Great Falls Field Director from Senator Jon Testor's office will be presenting a letter from Senator Jon Testor with an update on what they are doing at the federal level to develop renewable energy for Montana. Also the Hill County Commissioners Mike Wendland and Kathy Bessette will also be hand to be a part of the panel discussion.

The schedule of activities is as follows:

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Energy Issues Teach-In (on campus - participating classes)
3:30 - 4:30 Poster Presentations and Video/Webcast Viewing OPEN TO PUBLIC
Bio Diesel Research poster presentation and Remote Controlled Biodiesel Vehicle demonstration, Hill County Recycling Committee, MSU-N Student Senate, Community Services class, and Math Science Club information tables
4:30 - 5:30 Energy Conservation Open Discussion Forum with State/Local Officials
"Seizing the Opportunities in the new Energy Economy - Together"
6:00 - 7:00 Presentations - SUB
6:00 - 6:20 Ground Source Heat Systems Presentation by Jim Rowlett
6:20 - 6:40 Wind Energy Presentation/Demo by Scott Plenninger (Windterra)
6:40 - 7:00 Solar Thermal Water Heating by Lorren Schlotfeldt
Anyone interested in presenting information or demonstrating energy products can contact Spike at 265-4123.

Campus Improvement Day

Tuesday, April 21 is Campus Improvement Day. This has been a tradition at Northern for many years and is a day when faculty, students, and staff can participate in a variety of campus improvement activities, (i.e. planting flowers, picking up trash and paper, etc.). This day is devoted to developing a sense of pride among the Northern community by improving the appearance of our campus. If possible, the Chancellor asks that you arrange your classes scheduled between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on this day so that all students can take part in this activity. A BBQ for participants will be held beginning about 4:30 in the SUB dining hall.

Although offices are kept open during the Campus Improvement Day, staff members with the support of their immediate supervisors, may form clean-up teams and participate in campus improvement. Please contact Kristiny Loret, President of Associated Students, at extension 3714 if you are interested in forming a team or if you would like to help with a project.

Wyoming Machinery to Visit Campus

Wyoming Machinery will be on campus recruiting for a Summer Coop Student on Friday, April 17th. General Information Session at 9:00 am in Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will be held in Brockmann 104. Log in to CareerExpress at www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/career to sign up for an interview time or come to the Career Center in Cowan Hall 213.

Steam Boiler Workshop Offered in Great Falls

Montana State University-Northern Extended University is offering a five-day workshop to prepare people to take the state examination for low-pressure boiler operator's license. The workshop is designed for people without boiler operator's licenses who work in physical plants.

The workshop, "Low Pressure Steam Boilers and Systems" will be offered Monday through Friday, April 27 - May 1, 2009, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the O'Haire Motor Inn, 17 7th Street South, Great Falls, MT. Bill Fisher, Certified 3rd Class Boiler Operator and Certified Water Operator, from Missoula is the instructor.

The cost of the workshop is \$175 plus \$50 for the textbook. Participants must pre-register by April 20. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 participants. For further information, please phone MSU-Northern Extended University toll free at 1-800-662-6132, extension 3730 or 406-265-3730.

Student Health Service - Open House

The Student Health Service has moved to the SUB so there will be an Open House on Thursday April 23rd from 3:30-5 p.m. to show off the new facility. Refreshments will be served.

Legislative Update

By Tyler Trever

HB 2 Status:

HB 2, the appropriations bill for state government, passed 2nd reading on the floor of the Senate today. The current general fund budget in HB 2 for the Montana University System is \$12 million below the December 15th version of the Governor's Budget. The majority of the reduction (\$7.2 million) is the result of a 2% across the board reduction to all agency budgets. In comparison to FY09 funding levels, HB 2 contains approximately \$6 million less in each year of the biennium for the MUS. The Senate added one new program; the MSU Extension Service received \$857,000 (OTO) to coordinate a brucellosis education program.

HB 645 Status:

Senate Finance and Claims approved HB 645, the stimulus bill, on Wednesday evening. The bill contains \$52 million of one-time-only funding for the Montana University System. HB 645 is scheduled to be heard on the floor of the Senate on Tuesday (4/14). Below is an itemized list of

funds in HB 645:

· Tuition Mitigation for Resident Students.....	\$10,000,000
· Tuition Mitigation for Resident Students (additional).....	\$8,207,098
· 6 Mill Levy Backfill.....	\$2,493,921
· Distance Learning	\$2,000,000
· Community College Assistance	\$1,277,775
· Community College Assistance, deferred maintenance.....	\$1,800,000
· Community College Tuition Mitigation.....	\$1,600,875
· Tribal College Assistance	\$900,000
· MUS Energy Conservation Improvements	
o Federal Revenue	\$12,300,000
o Energy Revolving Loan Fund	\$8,700,000
· UM Western - Main Hall.....	\$6,000,000
· Ag Experiment Station, equipment & infrastructure	\$2,000,000
· Ag Experiment Station, sawfly research	\$500,000
· MSU Extension Service, local government center.....	\$300,000
· PBS Satellite Delivery.....	\$400,000
· Virtual High School	\$2,000,000
Total (minus energy loan program)	\$51,779,669

HB 5 Status:

Earlier in the week, Senate Finance and Claims also approved \$10 million for long-range building and planning projects in the MUS. Below is a list of projects approved for funding in this bill:

· MUS Deferred Maintenance	\$3,600,000
· MSU Animal Bioscience Building	\$2,500,000
· MSU Great Falls, building completion.....	\$1,600,000
· MT Tech re-appropriation.....	\$2,500,000
· CC Energy Projects - Revolving Loan Fund	\$1,000,000
· Authority Only Projects	\$26,500,000
(UM \$6 M, MSU \$5M, MSU-labs \$7.5M, UM-ISB \$8 M)	
Total (minus loan and authority only projects)	\$10,200,000

Computer Tips

By Marianne Hoppe

Word 2007: Use Find and Replace to apply formatting

You probably use Find and Replace to replace existing text with new text - that's the feature's typical use. However, it's flexible enough to handle much more than switching out text. You can use it to apply formatting.

For instance, let's suppose you want to display MSU-Northern in blue so it stands out against the normal black text. You could review the document to find each occurrence of your company's name and apply the appropriate color manually. But that would be tedious, and you'd risk missing an occurrence or two. Instead, use Find and Replace as follows:

1. From the **Edit** menu, choose **Replace** (or press **Ctrl H**).
2. In the **Find What** box, type the text you want to format. In this case, MSU-Northern.
3. Click the **More>>** button at the bottom left.
4. Click the **Format** button at the bottom left and select **Font**.
5. Choose a color from the **Font Color** control's palette and then click **OK**. (You can, of course, apply any combination of formats.)
6. Click **Find Next** to format each occurrence individually, or click **Replace All** to format them all at once.

This feature will find each occurrence of the search text and add the specified font color in just a few seconds. In addition, you can use Find to locate specific formats in your document, even if you're not applying the format.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

So far this academic year MSU-Northern has had two student-athletes receive NAIA Scholar-Athlete Awards (Academic All-American). They are Skylight Basketball players Jennifer Lee and Kaylee Shaw. Congratulations to these two outstanding student-athletes.

Upcoming Events

April 10

University Day ~ No Classes, Offices *OPEN*

April 11

Library CLOSED

April 12

Special Library Hours

April 13

Skylights Golf @ Lewis-Clark State College Invitational

IOC Club Meeting 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM

ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

I/R Coed Softball 6:00 PM

Raining Jane Band 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

April 14

Skylights Golf @ Lewis-Clark State College Invitational

I/R Coed Softball 6:00 PM

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Northern Showcase Concert Association "Rachael Price" 7:30 PM

April 16

ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

April 17

Employer Recruiting Visit: Wyoming Machinery 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Spring Thaw 5:00 PM - Midnight

Montana Actors Theatre presents "Run For Your Wife" 8:00 PM

April 18

Miller Analogies Test (MAT) 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Montana Actors Theatre presents "Run For Your Wife" 8:00 PM



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