

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

Dec. 10, 2010

Last NNN for This Semester

This will be the last issue of the Northern Network News for this semester. I want to thank everyone for your contributions and I want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. See you again in January.

Jim Potter, Director of University Relations
Editor of the Northern Network News

Christmas Tree Lighting



On Dec. 6, 2010 at noon, Northern held its annual Christmas tree lighting in front of the Registrar's office on the second floor of Cowan Hall. Former MSU-Northern Provost Dr. Joe Callahan was in town and joined Chancellor Frank Trocki to turn on the lights using Northern's traditional North Pole light switch.

MSU-Northern Signs MOU for Drone Research

MSU-Northern recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mississippi State University, Montana State University in Bozeman and Rocky Mountain College in Billings to research the use of drones. The plan is to use the vast military operations area, or MOA, in Montana to research and test aerial drones. Northern will be the administrative arm of the center, along with doing research on some aspects including the production of biofuels for the drones. The engineering department at MSU would be doing the majority of the research, with the aviation programs at Rocky Mountain College handling the aviation aspect. The research center will apply to the military for permission to test the drones in the Montana MOA. Northern plans to apply for a grant to pay for a feasibility study for the project. Once a feasibility study is completed, the next step would be to ask the FAA to include the research project as a Center of Excellence to research, study and monitor the issue.

Recycling Facts & Tips

Recycled paper can also be made into paper towels, notebook paper, envelopes, copy paper and other paper products, as well as boxes, hydro-mulch, molded packaging, compost, and even kitty litter.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 10

Graduation Applications
DUE

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors' Theatre
presents: Anitigone

Dec. 11

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Principal Auditions:
Fiddler on the Roof

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors' Theatre
presents: Anitigone

Dec. 13

Fall Semester Finals
Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy Back

Dec. 14

Fall Semester Finals

Faculty Receives Training for Online Web Grading

MSU-Northern professors will be receiving instruction that will enable them to enter their grades online. The semester is almost over and finals week will soon be upon us. In preparation for end of term grading, three Web Grading Training sessions are scheduled for the next two weeks. Their times are as follows:

Dec 10th 9:00-10:00 - Library 102B
Dec 13th 12:00-1:00 - Cowan Hall 113
Dec 16th 11:00-12:00 - Brockman 214

The sessions will provide an opportune time for faculty to learn more about web grading and ask any MyInfo questions they may have. If time is available, there will also be a review of the Wait listing process. Paper grade rosters will only be issued by special request this semester, so all faculty and pertinent staff are highly encouraged to attend a session. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Registrar Lindsey Brown.

Finals Schedule for Fall 2010

Class is on M W F at:	Final is:
8:00 - 8:50	Thursday 1:00 - 2:50
9:00 - 9:50	Monday 3:00 - 4:50
10:00 - 10:50	Tuesday 3:00 - 4:50
11:00 - 11:50	Wednesday 3:00 - 4:50
12:00 - 12:50	Monday 8:00 - 9:50
1:00 - 1:50	Tuesday 8:00 - 9:50
2:00 - 2:50	Wednesday 8:00 - 9:50
3:00 - 3:50	Thursday 8:00 - 9:50
4:00 - 4:50	Monday 10:00 - 11:50

Class is on T Th at:	Final is:
8:00 or 9:00	Tuesday 10:00 - 11:50
10:00 or 11:00	Wednesday 10:00 - 11:50
12:00 or 1:00	Monday 1:00 - 2:50
2:00 or 3:00	Tuesday 1:00 - 2:50
4:00 or 5:00	Wednesday 1:00 - 2:50

Evening Classes: Final examinations for evening classes are given at their regular class meeting times.

Graduation Applications Due

Graduation applications are due on Friday, December 10, 2010 for students who will be completing their degree requirements Spring or Summer 2011 semesters, REGARDLESS IF THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN COMMENCEMENT 2011 ACTIVITIES. All forms are available from the Registrar's Office, (Cowan Hall 220) Please use blue or black pen and verify that all required signatures are present. For more information contact the Registrar's Office at: 265-3703 or Email: registrar@msun.edu

Larry Strizich Receives Doctorate

Recently MSU-Northern's Chair of the College of Technical Sciences received word that he has successfully completed his Education Doctorate in Higher Education from Montana State University.

This milestone marks the completion of a 10-year journey that required many trips to Bozeman. His dissertation was on Assessment of Distance Education Programs in Montana. His findings



Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy Back

Dec. 15

Fall Semester Finals
Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy Back

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors' Theatre
presents: Anitigone

Dec. 16

Fall Semester Finals
Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy Back

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs.
University of Great Falls

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors' Theatre
presents: Anitigone

Dec. 17

Fall Semester Ends

Fall Semester Finals
Week

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Book Buy Back

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors' Theatre
presents: Anitigone

Dec. 18

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Lights Basketball @
Lewis-Clark State
Tournament

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors' Theatre
presents: Anitigone

should be very helpful to Montana educators who are looking for ways to help students complete their online programs. He provided many recommendations on how to prepare and prequalify students for online programs. He has been asked to present his findings at an up-coming conference on Higher Education at the University of Montana.

16 Job Positions Available at Northern

There are 16 job openings at Northern. Job descriptions are available on our website. The following is a list of these openings:

- Instructor of Nursing
- 2 Assistant Professor of Nursing positions (Lewistown)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Havre)
- Adjunct Instructors (Various Departments)
- Instructor of Diesel Technology
- Academic Affairs Office Manager
- Library Technician
- Bus Drivers for MSUN Athletic Events
- Admissions Office Admissions Evaluator
- Dean of College of Education, Arts & Sciences, and Nursing
- Biodiesel Production Research Assistant
- Administrative Assistant/Web Page Administrator for Bio-Energy Center
- Performance Laboratory Technician for Bio-Energy Center
- Senior Engine Controls and Emissions Test Engineer for Bio-Energy Center

SIFE Provides Christmas for Three Families

Northern's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) club has taken on a noble challenge this Christmas season. SIFE plans to provide Christmas gifts for three families in the Havre community. Money for this project has come from money from the Student Senate and raised by the SIFE club.



Gregory Stivers Helps Great Falls Students

Gregory Stivers has been recently hired as the new Academic Transfer Advisor and Student Support Coordinator for the MSU-Northern Programs in Great Falls. If you are a Northern or Great Falls student in Great Falls and you have questions about our programs and schedules Stivers is your best contact. You can find him in C-107 of the Student Center in Great Falls. His e-mail address is: gregory.stivers@msugf.edu. His phone number is (406) 771-5124.

MSUN Ball Coming in February

The MSU-Northern Ball committee has been working for over 6 months preparing for the 25th Annual "We Love Northern Ball". The Ball will take place on February 12th, 2011. To purchase your ticket please call: 265-3767. All departments who donate a basket to the silent auction will be placed in a drawing for the opportunity to give a student scholarship to the student of your choice.

Dec. 19

Lights Wrestling @
Reno Tournament of
Champions

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Lights Basketball @
Lewis-Clark State
Tournament

Dec. 21

Grades Due in
Registrar's Office

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs.
Concordia University
College of Alberta

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs.
Concordia University
College of Alberta

Dec. 22

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs.
King's University
College

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs.
King's University
College

Dec. 24 - Jan. 2

Offices Closed
Holiday Break
MSU-Northern Havre
Campus CLOSED

Jan. 3

MSU-Northern Offices
Open

MAT Presents Antigone



Havre's Montana Actors' Theatre will be performing Sophocles' *Antigone* on December 9-11 and 16-18 at 8 p.m. each night- with the lounge opening at 7:30 p.m. The director of this version of *Antigone* is Casey James Pratt. This extraordinary classic is about a determined girl who longs to have her brother's death honored with a proper burial. The new king, however, has made a decree that no one should bury Antigone's slain kin. The plot expounds on Antigone's circumstances and trials as she tries tirelessly to honor her brother's name. Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. MSU-Northern students will be admitted for free with their current student IDs.

Get Ready for Shape Up Montana 2011!

With another round of holiday cheer just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about your plan for better health in 2011. Shape Up Montana has everything you need for that all important lifestyle change or lifestyle boost!

Shape Up Montana will be going on from February 1 to May 1, but registration Begins December 15. This is a statewide movement. For Montana University System Employees only the cost is just \$10! The program will include access to Interactive Personal Mile Log Sheets which automatically total weekly and monthly miles. Wellness and Miles Calculators (exclusive for SUM members) will also be available. The Wellness Calculator enables you to calculate your BMI, healthy body weight, energy requirements, and target heart rate. The Miles Calculator has hundreds of activities to choose from and calculates what you do during those activities into miles. It can also tell you how many calories you've burned.

Now is the perfect time to form teams! - Beginner, Intermediate, or Experienced, & Professional or Family Teams.

Shape Up Montana is a fun, interactive three-month team competition that encourages Montanans to develop healthy physical activity and eating habits. The teams are made up of a minimum of four and a maximum of ten people.

New Director of Institutional Assessment

Jay Howland has been named MSU-Northern's new Director of Institutional Assessment. Howland brings to the position many years of related assessment and data analysis experience. His expertise will be immensely helpful as we realign our University to a new set of accreditation standards. Howland will begin his new position in January.



Kegel attends National Energy Summit

Greg Kegel MSU-Northern's Dean of the College of Technical Sciences is currently attending the National Science Foundation's National Energy Technician Summit in Washington D.C. It's a three day event focusing on defining the future direction of the energy technician education field, by focusing on current and projected needs, opportunities and constraints. There's representation from colleges and industry around the United States.

Campus Closed Between Christmas and New Years

Just a reminder, the MSUN Havre campus will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. All buildings except the Armory Gymnasium will be closed from end of the work day on Thursday, December 23 through Sunday, January 2. The regular work schedule will resume on Monday, January 3, 2011. There will be no snow removal on campus during the break. Northern is asking its staff and faculty to not work in their offices during this time as the heat will be turned down. Last year we saved about \$13,000 and we have made some adjustments to our automated temperature control units so we hope to experience about a \$30,000 savings in heating costs this year.

Holiday Cash - Textbook Buyback

The MSU-Northern Bookstore would like to remind students that they will be holding a Textbook Buyback December 13-17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students must bring their Northern receipts in order to sell back their books. Also students should bring back all CDs, DVDs, and supplemental materials purchased with the books. For more information visit:

<http://bookstore.msun.edu/>

Course Evaluations Now Online

Students, this is a reminder that course evaluations are now online for your convenience. The links for the evaluations will be sent to your campus e-mail accounts, so if your student e-mail account is not your primary account, be sure to check it as the semester closes or have the e-mails from that account forwarded to your primary account.

MSU-N Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction

The Rodeo Team had their annual Cowboy Christmas which is their primary fund raiser of the year. All of the benefits are used toward financing MSU-N Rodeo team travel expenses, practices, and scholarships.

NWCCU Peer Evaluator Training

MSU-Northern was selected to send a team of three to the NorthWest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Peer Evaluator training in Seattle, WA. Registrar/Dean of Students Lindsey Brown, Budget Analyst Chris Wendland, and Provost Rosalyn Templeton, received professional development organized by Ronald Baker, Executive Vice President of NWCCU. The workshop focused on the implementation of the new NWCCU Standards. MSU-Northern will begin aligning its operations to the new standards and submit its Year One Report on September 1, 2011. Brown, Wendland, and Templeton are excited about helping MSU-Northern in its accreditation process. Also they are looking forward to being NWCCU peer evaluators that review other institutions of higher education.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Word Tip

Display a table heading across multiple pages

If a table extends beyond a page, or across several pages, you might want to display the table's header row at the top of each page. Here are two ways to do this in Word 2007/2010:

1. Click inside the table,
2. click the Layout tab.
3. click the down arrow in the Data group and select Repeat Header Rows.

Or...

1. Select the table (by clicking the crossed arrows at the top left of the table)
2. Right click then select Table Properties
3. On the Row tab, check the Repeat as header row at top of each page box.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

This semester (Fall 2010) marks the last semester for long time faculty member Darryll Thackeray. Darryll began teaching at Northern Montana College in 1974.

To put this in perspective when he first started teaching at Northern, Richard Nixon had just resigned as President of the United States and Gerald Ford was President, a first class postage stamp was \$0.10, a gallon of gas was \$0.53, a dozen eggs was \$0.78, a gallon of milk was \$1.57 and here on the Northern campus Dr. J.R. Crowley was the President. Thank you, Darryll, for all you have done for Northern over the past 36 years!