

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter For MSU-Northern

Feb. 18, 2011

We Love Northern Ball



The We Love Northern Ball was held last weekend to raise money for new and returning student scholarships. Our 25th Anniversary was a huge success and was made possible by the over 300 friends of Northern that came to enjoy dinner, dancing, and bidding on auction items donated by generous individuals and businesses. The Ball brought in more than \$20,000 to provide Northern students with assistance in achieving their dreams of higher education. The ball committee would like to thank all of those that attended, volunteered countless hours, and donated to make this a successful event.

Recycling Facts & Tips

Go paperless. You probably have a student bank account or credit card and receive a monthly statement for them in the mail. Instead of wasting paper, go online and switch to paperless mailing. This can save a lot of trees from being cut down.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 18

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Coed Volleyball Rosters Due

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Admissions and Standards
Committee meeting

Feb. 19

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball @ Carroll
College

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball @ Carroll
College

Feb. 21

President's Day ~ No Classes,
Offices Closed

Feb. 22

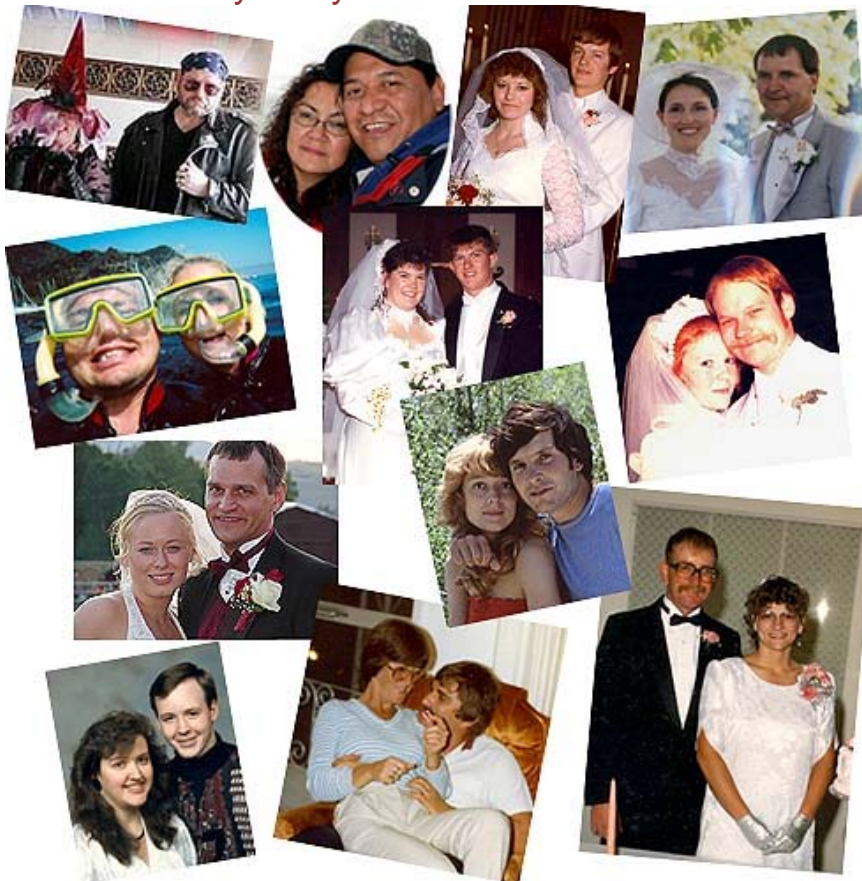
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Career Fair



The Spring 2011 Career Fair sponsored by Wartsila last Tuesday was a great success. There were 20 employers looking to fill full-time, part-time and internship positions with their firms. More than 160 students attended the fair. Four of the employers even stayed after the fair to interview students to fill their openings. Employers from as far away as Florida traveled to Havre for the fair. Nearly every degree program at Northern had employment opportunities for students, so if you missed the Career Fair this time, be sure to look into the next one for an array of job opportunities!

Valentine's Day Party



Love was in the air in the SUB Ballroom last Monday as Northern staff & faculty celebrated Valentine's Day together. These are just a few of the wedding photos from some of the couples who attended.

Through with Chew Week:
Kick the Can Event

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Wall Climbing

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Coed Volleyball

Feb. 23

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Coed Volleyball

Feb. 24

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Bowling League Tournament

Feb. 25

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs.
Westminster College

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs.
Westminster College

Feb. 26

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Montana Actors Theatre
presents: Caught in the Net

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Skylights Basketball vs. Lewis-
Clark State College

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Northern Showcase Presents:
The Singing Sons of Beaches

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs. Lewis-
Clark State College

Two Northern Professors to attend the 23rd Annual Lilly-West Conference on College Teaching

Two faculty members-Drs. Jebediah Gaffney and Fred Smiley will be attending a teaching conference hosted by the International Alliance of Teacher Scholars. The Lilly-West Conference will take place March 11-12, 2011 at the Kellogg West Ranch, California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, CA. Some topics covered will include: advancing active learning, teaching well with technology, engaging and motivating students, promoting diversity, service and experiential learning, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. Faculty members attending will share knowledge gained with faculty and staff at a brown bag presentation in March or April. Northern students deserve the very best teaching and learning environment possible, and committed faculty members attending this conference will help facilitate this process.

Kick the Can



Next Tuesday Feb 22, from 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. there will be an information display set up in the dining room designed to help students understand the dangers of chewing tobacco. Come see their table with free giveaways, information on quitting, and the truth behind smokeless tobacco!

The Singing Sons of Beaches

Northern Showcase is pleased to present The Singing Sons of Beaches, on February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. This is an entertaining vocal trio with acoustic guitars that present a musical-comedy show full of good conversation, original, general and political comedy songs, and beautiful harmonies. These three

Montana men, Steve Riddle, Greg Devlin and Nick Terhaar, have entertained together publicly for over ten years. This event will be in a Pub Night setting. Tickets are available at the door \$15/adults \$10/Students. MSU-Northern Students are Free with a current student ID. Refreshments & Snacks Available.



MAT presents: Caught in the Net



Montana Actor's Theatre is presenting the sequel to the very popular show, "Run for Your Wife". The play "Caught in the Net" by Ray Cooney is being directed by Pam Veis. "Run for Your Wife" told the story of a British cabdriver, John Smith, who had two wives - without either knowing about the other. The action of the play escalates as he comes closer and closer to having his dual existence discovered.

"Caught in the Net" picks up years later when Gavin Smith, son of John and Barbara Smith, ends up meeting Vicki Smith, daughter of John and Mary Smith, online. They are very anxious to meet when they discover that their fathers have the same name, occupation, and location. When they finalize a meeting day, their dad John finds out. He enlists the aid of his pal, the not-so-bright Stanley Gardner, who brings along his father. The result is confusion, and all sorts of craziness.

The play will run Feb. 17-19 and 24-26. The doors and the backstage bar open at 7:30 p. m. with the show beginning at 8 p. m. Tickets are \$15/adults, \$10/students and seniors, and MSU-Northern students are free with a valid student identification card.

Student Surveys

Montana State University-Northern wants to improve your educational experience and you can help by completing the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Four-Hundred and Forty randomly generated students will be sent an e-mail to their official campus e-mail account and their desire to learn account. This e-mail will contain the link to access the survey. The students who complete the survey will receive (via e-mail) a \$3.00 gift certificate for a free Latté, Mocha or coffee from the coffee cart in the Library. The certificates will be sent shortly after the last survey has been completed (end of March). All participants will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate at the Northern Book Store.

If you have any questions about the project at Montana State University-Northern or how we plan to use the results, please contact Ms. Lindsey Brown at lindsey.brown5@msun.edu or 406-265-3703.

Your feedback is valuable, and I want to thank you personally for taking part in this survey.

North Central Montana Relay for Life 2011

Relay for Life is an event that supports the American Cancer Society. Teams of 6-15 people can join together to raise money and awareness to help fight cancer. The team members raise support and then walk miles around the track to show their commitment to this worthy cause. At least one team member should be on the track at all times, and for the team members who are taking a break, there will be refreshments and activities available. The 2011 event will take place on July 8- 9. There will be a team captain meeting on March 7 to prepare the team leaders. If you are interested in putting a team together, being part of a team, or if you just need more information, please contact Teams Chair Michelle Burchard at 265-8781 or mburchard@bresnan.net or Committee Chair Jennifer Thompson at 945- 2623 or jfanning@bresnan.net. You can also visit the website: www.NCMTRelay.com.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel Tip:

Reclaim space in Microsoft Excel by changing text alignment

If you have a spreadsheet that doesn't quite fit on your screen - you have to scroll horizontally - you might be able to reclaim some space by angling the header text. This method works best when you have column header labels that are considerably longer than the actual data.

You can angle the headings as follows:

1. Select the header cells to be angled.
2. Right-click the selection and choose **Format Cells**.
3. Click the **Alignment** tab. By default, the **Degree orientation** is 0%.
4. Change the Degree setting to 65. Between 45 and 85 usually yields the best results. The highest setting is 90. Lower settings require a larger column width.
5. Click **OK**.

Finish by adjusting the cell widths and, if necessary the row height, to condense the display.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

This past weekend several Northern Alumni had much success at the Montana High School State Wrestling Tournaments. Ted Hill, Head coach for the Laurel Locomotives, lead his team to the State Class A title, knocking off the Havre Blue Ponies who's Head Coach is Scott Filius. Filius was a two-time All-American (1990 & 1991) for Northern and was a National Champion in 1991. The Blue Ponies were the four-time defending state Class A champions and finished in second place this year. In 1990 Filius earned Academic All-American status. Ted Hill was a two-time All-American and a two-time Academic All-American in 1996 and 1997.

The Class AA state champions, Bozeman Hawks, were guided by former Northern wrestler Nate Laslovich. Steve French who was a two-time All-American and two-time Academic All-American led Choteau-Augusta to a second place finish at the State B-C wrestling Tournament. Yet, another former Northern wrestler, Lonnie Robertson, guided Billings Senior to a fourth place state finisher. Former two-time All-American and National Champion, Mike Leinwand officiated the state wrestling tournament this past weekend.

Congratulations to all the state placers, champions and coaches!!