

Student Orientation



Last weekend MSU-Northern hosted the annual New Student Orientation. The event featured several practical workshops, fun activities, and a drawing of a free 42" TV, which went to Logan Snyder.

Mike Wojtowick Donates ATDI & Diesel Program Equipment



Recently Mike Wojtowick who is a Professor Emeritus in Automotive Technology at Northern Montana College/Montana State University-Northern donated the following equipment:

- * Two Detroit Diesel electronically controlled diesel engines (60 Series)
 - * Two twin counter shaft Eaton Fuller Manual Transmissions
 - * Two class A tractor frames and front axels complete with all brake and suspension components
- These donations have a monetary value of over \$20,000. The donations are a wonderful contribution to our auto diesel (ATDI) and diesel program lab courses. The donated equipment will be used in the follow courses: DIES 272 Diesel Engine Diagnosis, DIES 273 Shop Practices, DIES 216 Heavy Duty Powertrains, ATDI 264 Electrical/Electronic Systems II, ATDI 384 Electrical/Electronic Systems III and DIES 219 Heavy Duty Chassis, DIES 114 Basic Diesel Engines, DIES 115 Diesel Fuel Systems. The ATDI/diesel faculty thanks Wojtowick for these generous donations and for contributing to our world class #1 auto, AG-mechanics and diesel programs here at Montana State University - Northern.

Student Ambassadors Program Returns to Northern

This fall 10 students will make up the first group of Student Ambassadors for Northern in over 12 years. The Northern Ambassador program has been established to help execute special university functions and represent the university at events both on and off campus. Ambassadors assist with visits to campus by potential students and their families. The position of a Northern Ambassador is a student leadership position.

The current Northern Ambassadors had to meet a list of qualifications and make it through a selection process. Northern Ambassadors is an outstanding organization that is well-respected on this campus. Being an Ambassador takes responsibility, dedication, and hard work. In addition, it is also fun!

This year's Northern Ambassadors are:

Jackie Richmond, Ashley Velasquez, Jonnalea Tatsey, Molly Grubb, Michael Schulteis, Brianna Fox, Mary Kaercher, Paul McClendon, Shayla Bly, Kassie Kudrna

Caterpillar and Tractor & Equipment Company Continue Yearly Donation



Two generous businesses, Caterpillar and Tractor & Equipment Company, teamed-up once again this year to donate funds towards the betterment of MSU-Northern's diesel program. Caterpillar donated the first \$10,000; then Tractor & Equipment Co. matched the amount with a second \$10,000. The total \$20,000 will be used towards MSU-Northern diesel scholarships as well as program development. Jack Ferry of Tractor & Equipment said that the companies appreciate the great work MSU-Northern does, and because they trust our university, they've been hiring MSU-Northern students for a very long time. Thank you Caterpillar and Tractor & Equipment Co. for supporting our diesel program and students!

Students Beautify the Stadium "N"



Last week student athletes Rachelle Bennett, Micah Kirkpatrick, and Nikki Tresch along with Shauna

Albrecht of the Northern Foundation broke out the paint brushes and added color to Northern's "N" at the football stadium. The "N" was placed on the hill in 1999 when football was reinstated as an intercollegiate sport. The "N" has never been painted. Painting the "N" was a way to rally even more spirit and pride for our Northern players. Northern thanks Shauna Albrecht for coordinating this effort and thanks Murray Barkus for donating the paint.

Reifschneider Graduates from HERS Institute

Dr. Carol Reifschneider, Associate Professor at MSU-Northern, has graduated from the HERS Denver Summer Institute which had as its special focus this year on women leaders who face challenges as they attempt to reinvent higher education. Her participation was sponsored by MSU President Waded Cruzado. Dr. Reifschneider was selected to represent Northern as the result of a selection process overseen by Dr. Cruzado and MSU-N chancellor Dr. Jim Limbaugh.

Festival Days Coming This Fall

It's that wonderful time of year again! With summer coming to a close, anticipation for our yearly Havre Festival Days is rising, and you are welcome to join the fun. Any MSU-Northern clubs or organizations that want to participate in the Festival Days Parade should contact Jim Potter ASAP at: 406-265-3727 (office).

Festival Days is a community event comprised of many activities organized by community groups. Throughout the September 14-16 weekend, our 32nd Annual Havre Festival Days will celebrate our county with the theme "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Hill County." Activities start on Friday with the "Friends of the Library Book Sale", the quilt show and the 48 hour softball tournament. The Chamber's "Festival of Crafts Show" and the oh-so popular parade top the list of returning events for the weekend. You can also join a friend at the Kiwanis Pancake Feed, BBQ challenge, and/or catch the last farmer's market on Saturday. The weekend celebration wraps up with the "Festival Walk/Run" and the Shrine beef raffle drawings which will take place at the demo derby.

For a full listing of the weekend's schedule of events, go to the Chamber's website- www.havremt.com, click on calendar/events, and find there you can look at or print off the Festival Days schedule. Thank you MSU- Northern for being our Festival Days Sponsor!

Volleyball Beach Party

On September 8 at 5 p.m. MSU-Northern will host the first game in the newly renovated gym. While some construction will still be taking place, we hope you will join us for the first appearance of the Skylights while they take on the Saints. We ask that you join us in a festive manner with flip-flops, board shorts, and a chair or beach towel to cheer on the Skylights. If you take part in this beach party, you'll get a chance to see the many changes to the gym. Please support your Skylights by joining our volleyball beach party!

Intramural/Recreation Flag Football Starts Soon

Flag Football will be held September 10 on the SUB East Lawn. Get your teams together and pick up a roster at the SUB Info Desk, and return that roster by September the 7th at 5 p.m. to participate.

Eclectic Approach to Perform At Northern

The band name "Eclectic Approach" suits this upcoming Seattle group well since they perform with blended poetic hip hop infiltrated with rock. Eclectic Approach has discovered a way to serve listeners a unique musical experience by blending genres and breaking stereotypes. Meeting somewhere between Maroon 5 and the Black Eyed Peas, Eclectic Approach has got it all - tight beats, catchy hooks, sweet guitar licks and smooth vocals.

Don't miss Eclectic Approach on the Pershing Lawn on September the 6th at 12 p.m. This event is free to students, faculty, staff and the general public. For more information on this unique band, visit: www.eclecticapproach.com

Open Mic Night Tuesday

The MSU-Northern Student Activities office is sponsoring an Open Mic Night in the newly renovated

Food Court on September the 4th at 5 p.m. Can you sing? Recite poetry? Play an instrument? Spout some standup? Sound equipment (including microphones) will be provided; just bring your own instrument. The campus and community are invited to come to the Food Court for dinner and join in the fun or just sit back and enjoy the entertainment. Open Mic Nights will be held the first Tuesday of every month this semester in the MSU-Northern Food Court.

Monday Night Football Begins Soon

The Intramural & Recreation committee will be sponsoring Monday Night Football every Monday night in the Northern Food Court. The first game will be September the 10th at 5 p.m. with the Cincinnati Bengals and the Baltimore Ravens. Check the schedules posted around campus for future games and times. Each week we will be providing drinks and snacks for your enjoyment while watching the game on our 4 big screen TVs. Come on down and cheer for your favorite teams!

ASMSUN Club Carnival

Wednesday, September 5 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Pershing Lawn, the Associated Students of MSU-Northern will be hosting a club carnival. Various campus organizations will be providing information about their clubs and a little bit of fun for you too. Sack races, human bowling, water balloon volleyball, music, blood pressure checks, root beer floats, massage information, waffles, basketball and more. Various Havre businesses will also be in attendance, handing out information and possibly hiring students. Some of the clubs available at the carnival will be Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Sweetgrass Society, Student Education Association, Cheerleading, Ambassadors, Nursing, Chi Alpha, Student Senate, Intramurals and Program Council. Some area businesses scheduled are voter registration, Havre Job Service, Child Care Link, HRDC, Kmart, and Herberger's. Come out to the ASMSUN Club Carnival, and get involved on campus with academic clubs or just have some fun!!

MSU-Northern Starts a Community Orchestra

MSU-Northern is pleased to announce that it is hosting, supporting, and encouraging a community orchestra this semester. After working together for the past four years to provide live orchestral music for Montana Actors' Theatre (MAT) musicals and the community of Havre, a group of area musicians has finally found a place to call home, and that home is at MSU-Northern.

The group is open to accepting skilled musicians who possess the ability to read music well and who desire to gain experience playing in an orchestra. High school and college students may use this opportunity to gain one college credit in the arts and humanities section of general courses. Community members are encouraged to join as well.

A preliminary meeting for those who are interested in joining will be held Tuesday, September 4, at 7 p.m. in the music room on the second floor of Pershing Hall on the MSU-Northern campus. The orchestra will rehearse weekly on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning September 11. For more information call Rhonda Minnick at 265-5987.

Confirm Your Attendance

Attention students! MSU-Northern uses paperless billing so you will NOT receive a bill in the mail. This means that you are responsible for checking your Portal e-mail account for date sensitive e-mails regarding tuition, fees, and/or room and board payment deadlines.

To access your bill online:

1. Go to www.msun.edu and select MyInfo from either the dropdown list located in the upper right-hand of the page, or the menu on the lower left-hand side of the page.
2. Click on Enter Secure Area.
3. Enter your User ID and PIN.
4. Select Electronic Billing and Payment.
5. Select the term then click Submit
 - If you have a credit balance select Confirm Attendance at the bottom of the page.
 - If you owe money, select QuikPay to go to the QuikPay site. Select Make Payment.
 - If you are making a partial payment, you must also fill out and send or FAX the Application for Installment/Deferred Fee Payment form.

Alternatively students can fill out the form from the following link:

<http://msun.edu/admin/busserv/forms/deferredfee.pdf> (or in person at the Business Office) and drop it off

at the Business Office, fax the document to 265-3777, or mail the document to MSU-Northern Business Office, PO Box 7751, Havre, MT 59501. All students must confirm their attendance.

The Pin-n-Cue Hours this Semester

Beginning August 27 the Pin-n-Cue in the SUB will be open on Monday - Thursday from 4-9 p.m.

First Ever Lights Miniature Golf Tournament

We will be holding our first annual Lights Miniature Golf Tournament on Saturday, September the 8th, from 9 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m., at the Pro-Putt course on 5th Avenue here in Havre. This will be a fundraiser for Lights Basketball as well as a chance for our new and current players to connect and meet the fans and friends of our community.

The tournament format will include two-player teams. Teams per hole will be determined by the number of entries. After playing the first 18 holes, there will be a short break for lunch and refreshments that will be held across the street at Memorial Softball Field. Upon completion, all scores will be posted, we will potentially hold a Calcutta, and then we will play the back 18 holes. At the conclusion of the tournament, we will head back over to the softball field and announce the winners and award the top three teams and payout for the Calcutta (if applicable).

We are looking forward to this kickoff event for a new season for Lights Basketball. You can e-mail a confirmation of attendance to Coach Huse at shuse@msun.edu or call/text at 945-1373 with your name and the name of your golfing partner. The cost will be \$50 per team and payment will be due upon check-in. After you are registered, you will be sent a copy of the rules and guidelines for the tournament.

MSU-Northern Blood Drive

Northern will be hosting 3 blood drives on campus this year- two this fall and one in the spring. Our goal is 50 donors. The Red Cross is in short supply of blood, so we need as many volunteers as possible to help out by either donating or helping out with registration. Students, friends, and family are also welcome.

The American Red Cross will be conducting the first of three blood drives in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building on September 13, 2012 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact: Nicki Branden @ nicki.branden@msun.edu or 265-3599 or signup online at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code msunorthern).

MSU-Northern Employee WellCheck

The next MSU-Northern employee WellCheck will be Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the SUB Ballroom (300 W 11th Street). Register online for your screening at www.ItStartsWithMe.com

Northern Showcase Concert Association Season 2012-13

Tickets are available for the 2012-13 Northern Showcase Concert Association series. For ticket information call 265-3732. Admission for the 2012-13 season is \$60/adult, \$35/student, \$125/family or FREE to current MSU-Northern students. MSU-Northern Faculty and Staff may purchase their season passes at a reduced rate: \$55/adult, \$30/student or \$115/family. Listed below is the upcoming season information. Remember, with your 2012-13 season pass, you will also receive admission to 1 (one) Montana Actors Theatre performance. NSCA also has a reciprocity agreement with Great Falls, Fort Benton, Hobson, Gardiner, Conrad, Helena, Chinook, Malta, Glasgow, Lewistown, Flathead & White Sulphur Springs. With your NSCA Season Pass, this agreement will allow you admission to any of their community concert performances for \$5/show. For more information on these shows, check out this website: <http://greatfallscommunityconcert.com/id9.html>.

JAMES LEE STANLEY - October 9, 2012 - 7:30 p.m. - SUB Ballroom

MIKE STRICKLAND -October 23, 2012 - 7:30 p.m. - HHS Auditorium

VIGILANTE THEATRE "History Mystery Train 2" - November 13, 2012 - 7:30 p.m. - HHS Auditorium

JOHN WORT HANNUM DUO - February 28, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. - HHS Auditorium

MEN OF WORTH - March 16, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. - SUB Ballroom

Hiking and Canoeing

MSU-Northern Intramurals/Recreation will be sponsoring two fun-filled events on September the 1st and 2nd for students, faculty, and staff. A nature trail hike in the Bears Paw Mountains is planned for Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 10 a.m. Those interested in attending must sign up at the SUB Information desk by Friday, August 31 at 5 p.m. The group will be meeting at the SUB Lobby at 10 a.m. and caravanning out to the Bears Paw Mountains. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for those who attend.

On Sunday, September the 2nd, a canoeing trip is scheduled with a departure time of 10 a.m. Again, we will meet at the SUB Lobby to caravan out to the mountains for a wonderful day of canoeing, swimming, volleyball, fishing (if you choose) and a BBQ with all the fixings. WE HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!

Havre Pride Clean-Up

Saturday morning, September 8, between 9 a.m. and noon, local groups, organizations, businesses and individuals will contribute to the city-wide clean-up, for HAVRE PRIDE, and your help is needed.

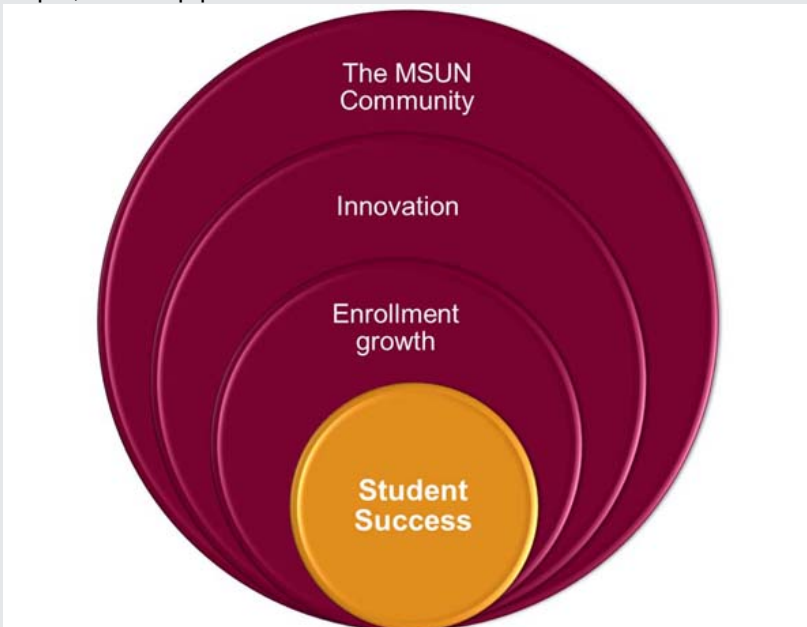
The redemption site will be located in the parking lot at the corner of 5th Avenue and 1st Street. If local organizations or clubs would like to select a specific area to clean, call the Chamber at 265-4383. You can help keep Havre clean and attractive by joining the HAVRE PRIDE clean-up, Saturday, September the 8th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Weekly Columns

Chancellor's Corner

By Dr. James Limbaugh

A 1920s-era Broadway theatre producer is credited with observing, when asked to produce a play, that "If you can't write your idea on the back of a business card, then you don't have a clear idea." In this same spirit of succinctness, our strategic initiatives over the next two academic years will be guided by a simple, four-step plan:



In other words, student success will improve when we grow through innovation and work together as a community of educators. These four components will be central to our discussions, our decisions, and our allocation of resources. We will maintain a singular focus on maximizing our students' educational experiences and ensuring their success, both as students and as contributing community members in the world beyond MSUN. For each of us, progress toward our overarching goal begins with the fundamental tenet presented in our workshop on service excellence: productive and supportive one-on-

one interactions with our students to support their personal growth and capacity for success.

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

MSU-Northern invites you to visit the Vande Bogart Library. The library is your best source for research materials to use when writing papers and speeches. The library provides a comfortable place to use a computer, study on your own or with a group, or just to relax for a few minutes between classes. The library has Wi-Fi so you can browse using your laptop, tablet, or other electronic device. The library is also a place where you can grab a beverage or snack between classes. If you have any questions, please stop by to talk with the library staff. Stop into the library, and check it out!

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

It wouldn't be the same without you!

Join Northern alumni, families, and friends on September 28-29, 2012, for our largest annual gathering to celebrate Northern.

We have many fun-filled activities, including Golf, BBQ, Skylights Volleyball game, Bonfire, Bloody Mary Brunch & tours, and to top off the weekend Northern vs. Rocky Mountain College football game. What better way to connect to campus?

Click on the RSVP Now button below to read more on all of our events and also to take part in our decorating contest! Great Prizes for the winner of each category.

Call 406-265-3770 or e-mail alumni@msun.edu if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you this fall. Go Lights and Skylights!

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=cy9dmwcab&oeidk=a07e6aven3bd1d86b4f>

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel 2010 Tip

A quick and dirty way to compare columns of Excel data

There are a number of ways to compare values. For example, conditional formatting is an easy way to highlight differences as they occur. However, there's a quicker way if you don't need a dynamic and more permanent solution. When you need just a quick one-time comparison, use Go To instead. Here's a simple example:

1. Select the columns of data you want to compare. This technique works with two or more columns. It's important to remember that the feature compares all selected columns to the first column you selected. If you select left to right - A,B and C - then B and C will be compared to A. If you select right to left - C, B and A - then B and A will be compared to C.
2. Press **F5** to launch the **Go To** dialog.
3. Click the **Special** button at the bottom.
4. In the resulting dialog, select **Row Differences**.
5. Click **OK** and Excel highlights the values in columns B and C that don't match their corresponding values in column A.

The selection is temporary, but if that's all you need, this is a quick and easy way to find differences between columns.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

Have you ever longed to treat your significant other to a fun and romantic evening but knew you did not have the cash to support an expensive outing? As college students, many of us do not have extra cash

to throw down on travel expenses and entrance fees to extravagant romance venues, but that does not change the fact that we would like to make our loved one swoon. August is Romance Awareness Month, so in celebration of this month, I am offering you some geographically and financially appropriate ideas to try out with your girlfriend, boyfriend, wife, or husband.

1. **Movie night-** Borrow a movie from the local library or SUB info desk. They both have decent selections, and borrowing is free! Just splurge on some popcorn and you're set!
2. **Kiddie Fort-** Build a sheet/blanket fort together complete with twinkly lights and pillows. Pass the time playing board and card games, talking, and sharing your favorite snacks.
3. **Playing House-** Don your most grown-up outfits and visit open houses or plan to tour houses with a realtor. You can pretend to be seriously concerned as to where your favorite love seat should go.
4. **Volunteer-** For a feel-good activity, plan an afternoon during which the two of you can lend a helping hand. Whether it be painting for the Giveaway House, sorting clothes for the Hi-Line Pregnancy Resource Center, or playing games with kids at the Boys and Girls Club, you'll be glad you bettered the world together.
5. **Dance Party-** Hold a two-person dance in your living room. Create a playlist of your favorite dance/couple songs. If you want to go the extra mile, buy some sherbet and 7up to make a simple punch for your dance, and spend \$5 on two decadent cupcakes from Henny Penny's downtown.
6. **Personality-** Look up various personality tests online. (You can print them off and take them to a romantic spot if you'd like to.) You and your significant other can take turns filling out the tests and learn a bit about each other in the process.
7. **Stargazing-** Snag some blankets, a constellation chart, a flashlight, and a thermos of toasty cocoa. Challenge your dear one to find as many constellations as possible with you.
8. **Dramatic Measures-** Print out the Montana Actors' Theatre schedule for upcoming plays. Plan to attend one or two of them. You get in free with your Northern I.D.
9. **Teaching Time-** You may like to play guitar while your love likes to build wooden works. Take an evening to teach your significant other the basics of your favorite hobby.
10. **Celebration Picnic-** Celebrate August as both "Romance Awareness Month" and "National Picnic Month" by putting together a light meal and heading out to the Bears Paw Mountains. You can add to this date by taking a scenic walk/hike, swimming in one of the lakes, and/or adding a photo shoot to your date by bringing your digital point-and-shoot camera along.

Mission Statement

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."