

Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

March 2, 2012

MSU-Northern Hosts Playoff Games

This week MSU-Northern hosted the first round of the basketball playoff games for both our men's and women's teams.



On Tuesday night the Lights secured their win against Montana Tech Orediggers with a score of 72 to 57. The Lights finished the regular season with a 24-6 overall record and a 10-4 record in league play. Their efforts were worthy of being named Frontier Conference regular season Co-Champions. The Lights earned the #1 seed in the Frontier Conference playoffs. The Lights will do battle against the 5th seeded Great Falls Argonauts on Friday March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium. If we win against Great Falls, we will host yet another game against a yet-to-be-determined team on Monday.

The MSU-Northern Skylights finished with an overall record of 20-8 and 7-7 in conference play. The Skylights entered the Frontier Conference Tournament in 3rd place. They played host to the Bulldogs from UM-Western on Wednesday night in the Armory Gymnasium. They were led by senior Laramie Schwenke with 20 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assists. The Skylights will travel to Lewiston, ID to take on the Warriors of LC-State on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. (PST). If the Skylights win and Carroll wins, then Northern will host the following game. If the Skylights win and Westminster beats Carroll, then the game will be in Westminster.



2012 Spring Career Fair

On Tuesday more than 20 employers who were seeking to fill full-time, part-time and internship positions were at the 2012 Spring Career Fair on campus. Job opportunities for a wide variety of majors were represented at the fair. Local job opportunities as well as national opportunities were available. Career fairs are great opportunities for students to get their feet wet with job searching. If you missed out on this fair, be on the lookout for the next career fair coming to MSU-Northern.

Indian Taco Sale- \$2 Off!

The Sweetgrass Society is offering \$2 off to anyone wearing Northern clothing or gear at the next Indian Taco sale on Monday, March the 5th from 11am-1pm. The Indian Taco Sale will be held in Cowan Hall, room 308.

Making Relationships Matter

Students, faculty, staff and the local community of Montana State University-Northern have been invited to attend a relationships program facilitated by none other than "The Dating Doctor" on March 6, 2012. This program is being brought to the campus by ASMSUN Program Council.

David Coleman is known nationwide as "The Dating Doctor." He has been honored 13 times as the National Speaker of the Year - 10 times by Campus Activities Magazine and 3 times by The National Association for Campus Activities. He is a highly sought after speaker, entertainer, emcee, author, leadership trainer, retreat facilitator, and radio and television personality.

His program is titled "Making Relationships Matter" and teaches how to create and maintain healthy relationships. Topics to be discussed include: who controls relationships and why, basic differences between men and women, arousal points for men & women, the "attraction factor," how to be more physically and emotionally romantic with others, discerning healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, and steps to follow to ensure that all your relationships matter. For a further description, please visit www.DatingDoctor.com. For additional information regarding his program, please contact Denise Brewer at 265-3732 and/or brewer@msun.edu.

Blood Drive

Don't forget to register for the Blood Drive which will take place on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 in the SUB Ballroom from 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

You can register online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-695-7258) or call the Student Health Services at 265-3599.

Professors, please let all of your students know about this event, and if you are offering extra credit in your class please let Director of Student Health Nicki Branden know.

Science Fair

Next Monday, March the 5th, beginning at 10 a.m., a myriad of young scientists will be descending on the SUB for the regional Science Fair. If you have a moment on Monday, please stop by the SUB Ballroom and take a look at all the interesting projects these young people have been working on this winter.



Chancellor's Lecture Series Presents Julie Galloway and "Ceramics in Montana"

The MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture series presents Julia Galloway, a utilitarian potter and professor. Galloway will be presenting "Ceramics in Montana" on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Student Union Building. Please mark your calendars and encourage students to attend the lecture.

Galloway has been an Artist in Residence at the Archie Bray Foundation and at the Anderson

Ranch Arts Center. She was also a visiting scholar at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax. Galloway has demonstrated at the Utilitarian Clay Conference and NCECA. She has taught workshops at Arrowmont, Penland, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Cleveland Institute of Art and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

Schedule Reminder

Here is a quick schedule reminder: second-half-semester classes begin the week of March 5, 2012. The last day to add these classes is on Thursday, March 8, and the deadline for dropping these courses (without a "W") is Wednesday, March the 21st.

As the deadlines for these partial semester courses creep up relatively quickly, instructors are encouraged to remind their students.

Spring Break Ski Retreat

The ASMSUN Chi Alpha student organization is a non-denominational Christian club on campus. Chi Alpha is extremely active on the MSU-Northern campus, providing weekly fellowship, weekly bible study groups and multiple social events for the MSU-Northern student body in general. From March 10-12, the club will host a Ski Retreat at Showdown for 20 students that belong to the organization. The purpose of this retreat is to create better and deeper relationships and community while skiing, having devotion times, eating meals together, having fun and creating memories together. If you are interested in becoming involved with Chi Alpha, weekly meetings are held on Thursdays in the Morgan Hall Red Room at 7pm.

Introducing Musical Performers Rebecca Spencer & Philip Fortenberry

The Northern Showcase Concert Association is proud to present singers Rebecca Spencer & Philip Fortenberry. Spencer and Fortenberry perform as solo artists and as a duo with symphonies and in major concert halls and performing arts centers nationally. Each performer has Broadway, Las Vegas and Hollywood credits, and their collaboration is a magical exchange that stimulates the mind and enriches the soul.

"From Broadway to Las Vegas", is a dramatic bouquet of music from classic Broadway to the contemporary musical theatre that wraps around timeless melodies. As original members of several Broadway casts and creative teams, this scripted concert highlights anecdotes and remarkable first hand stories about the process that led to premieres on Broadway and abroad.

Spencer recently co-starred in Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular, where she portrayed the role of Madame Giry in the new \$35 million dollar production under the direction of Harold Prince. Fortenberry has recorded nine solo albums, including his most recent solo recording entitled "Broadway My Way" which is now available online and in music stores. Both artists have an impressive resume of musical experiences.

Don't miss this final performance of the 2011-12 Northern Showcase Concert Association season. The performance is on March 13, 2012 at 7:30pm in the HHS Auditorium. For those who do not have a season pass, admission is \$15/adult and \$10/students. MSU-Northern students may attend this performance free of charge (with I.D.).

Daniel Martin Magic

Envision an audience member feeling another person's touch from across the room and a lesson in sleight of hand that will have the audience laughing hysterically. Experience true mental manipulation as items begin to move on their own and predictions come true!

Daniel Martin is quickly becoming one of the most in-demand entertainers in the country. His unique blend of escapes, magic, insane stunts and quick wit continually leave audiences craving more. Martin's show is interactive, visual and unlike anything you have ever seen. His ideas have been seen worldwide on CBS, NBC, ESPN, VH1 and WGN.

Continually hailed by his peers as one of the most creative acts working today, Martin was nominated for creating the "Trick of the Year." He was also nominated by Campus Activities Magazine reader's choice awards for: "Best Male Performer", "Newest Rising Star", "Entertainer of the Year" and "Best Live Novelty Performer".

ASMSUN Program Council is hosting this fascinating evening event. On March 20, 2012 at 7pm in the SUB Ballroom, Martin will be displaying his mystifying magic show. This event is free to MSU-N students, faculty and staff. The community is invited to attend for \$5/adult and \$3/student.

For more information contact: Denise Brewer - Phone 265-3732

Advance Registration for 2012 Semesters

The advanced registration times for the 2012 SUMMER semester are:

All Students -Wednesday, March 21

The advanced registration dates for the 2012 FALL semester are:

STUDENT CLASSIFICATION (As of end of Fall semester 2011-your class standing does not include Spring semester 2012 classes.)

SENIORS Mon., Mar. 26 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
(Sem. Cr. Earned: 90 or above)

JUNIORS Wed., Mar. 28 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
(Sem. Cr. Earned: 60-89)

SOPHOMORES Mon., Apr. 2 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
(Sem. Cr. Earned: 30-59)

FRESHMEN Wed., Apr. 4 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
(Sem. Cr. Earned: 0-29)

NEW STUDENTS Mon., Apr. 9 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Open registration will continue until the first day of classes.

Graduate & post-baccalaureate students may register at any time beginning March 26, 2012

STEAM BOILER WORKSHOP OFFERED IN GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

Montana State University-Northern Extended University is offering a four-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 Thursday through Sunday, March 29 - April 1, 2012, 7:00 AM - 6:00 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 \$200 plus \$75 for the textbook. Participants must pre-register by March 22. Enrollment is limited to the first 20 participants. For further information, please call MSU-Northern Extended University toll free at 1-800-662-6132, extension 3730 or 406-265-3730.

Points of Pride

Preite Appointed Chairman

The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) has selected Tony Preite as Chairman of the MEDA Economic Development Review Committee. MEDA is an organization consisting of approximately two hundred and fifty Montanans. It promotes and fosters economic and community development activities statewide.

The objectives of the committee are to:

- Establish an effective means of communication resulting in the overall enhancement of local, state and federal programs affecting economic and community development.
- Address and provide solutions to real or perceived problems within various program delivery systems.
- Serve as a means to educate fellow practitioners and program administrators regarding most effective use of various program resources.

This Committee will communicate with peer organizations and community leaders throughout Montana, gather information regarding overall administration of State and Federal programs, and in addition obtain comments from local economic and community development practitioners to determine changes in current programs and the potential creation of new programs. The information obtained along with specific recommendations will be presented to the MEDA membership through the MEDA board of directors. MEDA is committed to pursue and recommend actions that are cost effective and that best respond to the needs of the constituent.

Mr. Preite will be joined by fifteen members including those from Local Development Organizations (LDO'S), Congressional representatives, state and federal agency administrators, as well as some from the private sector. Mr. Preite is presently employed by MSU-Northern and the U.S.D.A. Rural Development.

Tony Preite, you make Northern proud.

Diesel Technician Training

Opportunity Link is working with the Bio-Energy Center and SIFE to offer an ASE certified "Diesel Technician Training". The training program is being offered by the National Biodiesel Board who will be sending their diesel technician training program manager Rachel Burton and technical projects director Kyle Anderson to Havre to teach it. The Diesel Technician Training will be held at the Applied Technology Center on Tuesday, March 6th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The training is aimed at educating diesel automotive instructors, service technicians, OEM representatives and diesel students. The training will be about the use of biodiesel and biodiesel blends.

The event will also coincide with the launch of Montana biodiesel at Ezzie's pump in Havre. Starting March 6th, Ezzie's downtown will be offering a 5% biodiesel blend with biodiesel produced by Earl-Fisher Bio-Fuels in Chester from oilseeds grown in the region. The official launch will be celebrated at noon and will be joined by training participants.

To register for the training, please call Patty Morning at (406) 265-5920 or register online by visiting www.bioenergytestingcenter.com. There is a registration fee of \$10 that includes lunch for the training.

Free Tax Assistance

On Wednesdays from 2pm-5pm, at the Financial Aid computers, IRS certified Campus Corps members are on hand to help you electronically file your taxes. You'll have access to free tax software that will build your confidence in preparing your own return later. Please bring any tax documents (W-2s, 1099s etc.), prior year adjusted gross income, and bank account and routing information.

Pet Supply Drive

Campus Corps is starting a pet supply drive for PAWS (Pets are Worth Saving) of Chinook. PAWS is a non-profit animal shelter dedicated to saving animal lives. On campus we'll have donation boxes at the Library, the SUB and Cowan Hall to collect gently used blankets, pet food, toys etc. Please donate to help animals in our surrounding community!

Correction

The information in last week's NNN about Jay Reed was incorrect, that paragraph should have read: Jay Reed is the new Industrial Technology Instructor for the spring semester. Jay has two Associate

Degrees. One is in Applied Science, Intelligence, and Analysis and the other is in Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning. In addition he has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology. Jay has over 30 years of experience in construction and maintenance.

Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

At last week's Chancellor's Forum, we discussed the results of the thematic analysis of the visioning responses. In last week's "Northern Network News," I reported that of 269 responses received, 24 comments (8.9%) addressed the future through comments about potential for the university (e.g., "In five years MSUN will provide an array of academic programs that are mission-relevant, unique, and cutting-edge"). Interestingly, 168 (62.5%) comments focused on current programs, initiatives, or issues/problems/concerns.



So how do these results factor into a vision statement for the future?

One option is to enhance the mission statement by highlighting specific programmatic areas. This approach clearly focuses us on a niche market. For example, consider this EXAMPLE: "Montana State University will be known for its outstanding programs in education, nursing, and diesel/applied technologies, offered in well-maintained facilities and complemented by outstanding programs that promote student success." This statement addresses several of the primary concerns that surfaced in the thematic analysis (focus on existing programs, focus on facilities, focus on student success).

Another option is to embellish the [mission statement](#) by stating that we will achieve excellence through comparisons to our peers and a commitment to a universality of student experience, as this EXAMPLE illustrates: "Montana State University will be known for its state-wide leadership in innovative academic programs that are responsive to local, regional, and state workforce needs, further distinguished by the opportunity for every student to participate in internships, cooperative education, and service learning."

Notice the implications of the second example. By committing to experiential education (which, coincidentally, is a focus of the mission statement), we are publicly announcing that our niche market will be in innovative programs marked by experiential education opportunities for every student. This could mean, for example, curricular revision as necessary to incorporate credit-bearing opportunities in each program.

Yet another option is to mix up the two previous examples or create a vision statement that establishes a completely new direction for the university.

This is why the vision statement is so important. It will drive future resource allocation decisions. Most importantly, it will be our legacy to the students, faculty, and staff of MSUN of the future, because we are establishing very specific aspirational goals for MSUN.

What are your thoughts? Our next Chancellor's Forum will provide an additional opportunity for you to provide input as we further "narrow the funnel" towards our final statement. The next Forum will also be highlighted by a presentation on the branding initiative.

Branding 101

By Jim Potter

What is image and how does that image relate to our brand?

For us to define our brand we need to understand our image. Image is the term we use to describe people's thoughts, feelings, perceptions, experiences, beliefs and attitudes toward MSU-Northern.

This experiential aspect consists of the sum of all points of contact with the brand and is also known as the brand experience. The brand experience is a brand's action perceived by a person.

During the past two weeks the branding committee has been conducting focus group meetings with Havre High School students, Northern students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members. Those sessions have been very informative and will help us to identify both positive and negative images people have in relation to our brand.

In addition to the focus groups, we are conducting a survey to better understand how people perceive MSU-Northern. This information will be vital in helping us determine what we need to do to strengthen our brand image. This survey has ten questions and will only take a few minutes to complete. If you have not already filled out our survey please click on the following link to take the survey.

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e5n54gbtgz1vx3tq/start>

The results of this survey and the focus group sessions will be presented at the Chancellor's Forum on Monday at Noon in Hensler Auditorium. I will be taking most of the time to present what the committee is doing on the branding initiative.

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

The Melba, ID 138-pound high school junior Jared Johnshoy won his AA state championship match, 16-10 against West Jefferson senior Ethan Hansen. The win gave him his third consecutive state title, matching the total set by his brother, Kyle Johnshoy, a 2009 Melba graduate. Jared and Kyle are sons of Melba wrestling coach and Northern alumnus Ron Johnshoy.

Jared entered his match with a lingering ankle injury from January 24. Although the pain was significant, it wasn't bad enough to prevent him using his single-leg attacks and dominating from the top position. It wasn't bad enough to keep him from becoming the second wrestler in school history - and the second Johnshoy, to boot - to win three titles.

"I'm pretty fortunate to have boys who have done as well as they have," said Ron Johnshoy, who wrestled at Northern Montana College and qualified for the national tournament.

Northern Alumni Association would like to congratulate the Johnshoy family on all of their great success!!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you planning on doing research and working on your papers or speeches during Spring Break? Did you know that you can search for books and journal, magazine, and newspaper articles from home? Simply go to the Library's website. Go to the "Databases" page and click on the database that you want to search. At home, a Library Proxy Service Login box will appear. Simply type your D2L, NetID or first.last username and password into the box. You can then search for information as if you were still on campus.

Many of our databases include full-text books and articles. You can read, print, or save the articles or book chapters to your computer for easy later access. For assistance on which databases are good sources for information for your topic, contact the Library's staff. Come in person, call us or send us an email. And most importantly-enjoy your Spring Break!

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel 2010 Tip

Quickly copy a source column's width when copying data in Excel

When you copy data from one column to another, you probably adjust the target column's width to

accommodate the new values. If you do so by checking the source column's width and then setting the target column's width to match-you're working too hard! Here's a quick and easy way to copy a source column's width to a target column:

1. First, copy the data using any method you like, such as **Ctrl C** and **Ctrl V**.
2. After pasting the data, right-click the data you just pasted.
3. Move your mouse to **Paste Special** in the menu.
4. In the **Paste** section of the submenu, click the **Column Widths** option (it's the file folder that has arrows pointing left and right ↔).

Excel will update the column widths to match the source columns widths.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

As the Northern wrestling team heads into the 55th National NAIA Wrestling Championship games, it is worth noting how successful and consistent the Lights wrestling team has been over the past three decades. Here are a few numbers to back that up. Northern has had at least one All-American (place in the top eight) every year for the past 30 years. In fact, for the past 28 years, Northern has had at least two All-Americans (place in the top eight). Northern has more NAIA National team championships than any other current NAIA school and only one current NAIA school has more individual National Champions than Northern (Simon Fraser has 40 compared to 30 for Northern).

This year Northern will be sending 11 student/athletes to the National Tournament. Heading into the Tournament these 11 wrestlers have 218 wins on the year. Good luck Lights!

Featured Program

Social Science: Our Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Social Science will prepare students for the secondary education job market by equipping them with the subject matter background and skills to teach a broad range of social sciences.

Since this is the last "Featured Program" entry, there will be a new column next week focusing on bits of national information about each month, week, and day.

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."