

From the Chancellor

By Dr. James M. Limbaugh

Over the past year, two of three initiatives to sharpen institutional focus have been accomplished: the campus-wide development of a [new vision](#) and the implementation of a [two-year initiative emphasizing the establishment of an infrastructure that promotes student success](#). Now, I wish to share with you the third and [final component of our pre-strategic planning initiative](#), in which you will find reflected the consensus of what I have learned from you--through the visioning exercise, through open forums, through conversations both formal and casual-- regarding your visualization of MSUN five to ten years in the future. This five-point schema, which serves as the capstone component of our three-pronged pre-strategic planning framework, further highlights the importance of the work being accomplished by our faculty in their review of academic programs. The general tenets as presented will provide the basic structure for a strategic planning process slated to begin in fall 2014.

Rededication and Open House of the Gym



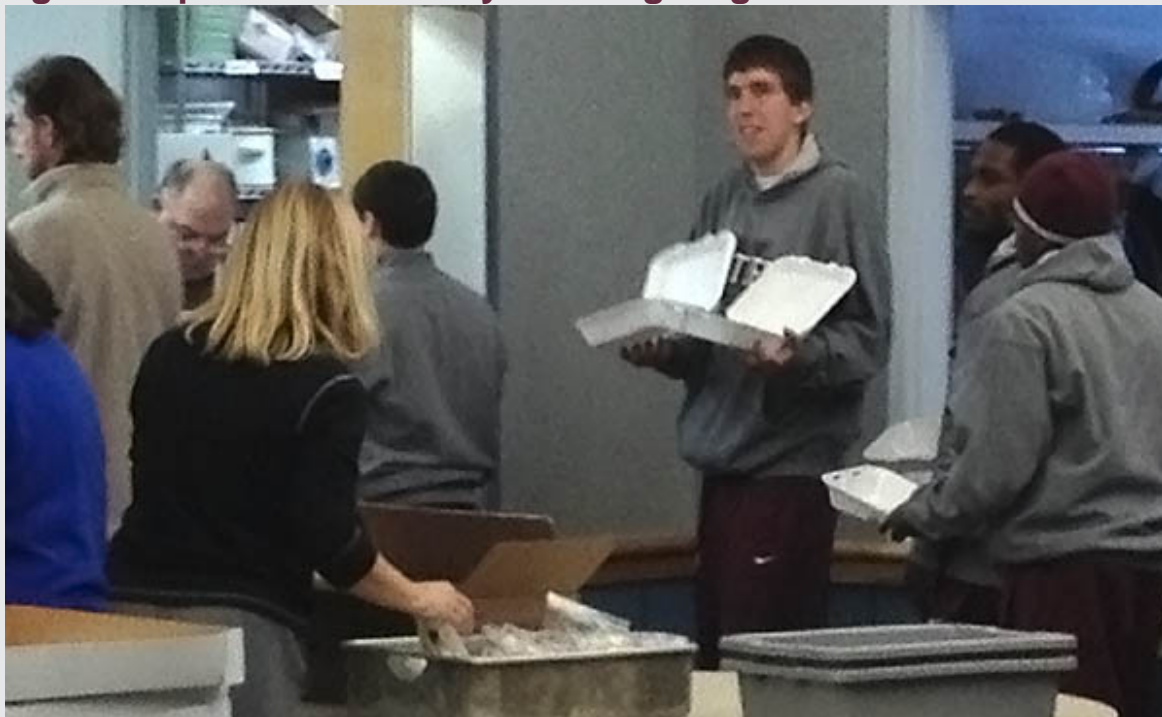
On Thursday, Northern rededicated the Armory Gymnasium and held an open house in celebration of the amazing new renovations. The festivities included a dedication and ribbon-cutting by Dr. David Abbott who was NMC Student Body President when the gym was first dedicated in 1957.

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Lights Help with Community Thanksgiving Meal



The Lights basketball team volunteers every Thanksgiving (if they are not on the road for a game) to help at the Havre community Thanksgiving Day meal. The team did a great job filling take-out cartons with food and delivering the food to place-bound people. This charitable meal was a great service to the community and a rewarding experience for the team. This year, the team was also able to secure two home game wins on Friday and Saturday against Jamestown College.

Northern's Wrestling Team - Ranked 7th in the Nation



On November 18th, the MSU-Northern Wrestling team competed in Spokane, WA at the Spokane Open Wrestling Tournament. During this tournament, the Lights had 3 wrestlers claim individual titles.

At 133 Chris Williams placed 1st, at 141 Hunter Azure placed 1st and at 174 Max Payne bested teammate Jared Miller to claim 1st place. The Lights also had Co-Champions at 184 with Kody Reed and Garrett DeMers sharing the honor. Eight other grapplers wrestled to medals: Jared Miller @174 and Jorrell Jones @ 197 claimed 2nd place, Cameron Neiss @133, Ethan Hinebauch @165 and Toby Cheff @ 197 all took 3rd place, Aaron La Farge @125 and Trevor Goss @149 placed 4th, while Eli Hinebauch @157 placed 5th. The Lights wrestlers claimed the team title at the Spokane Open ahead of North Idaho College, Boise State #2 and #3 rostered wrestlers, UGF 2's and 3's and Highline Community College wrestlers. It was a great weekend for us to go in and wrestle well against a good field of competitors. Each weight had about 14-20 wrestlers in the brackets. This was a good turn-around for us!

Northern's #7 national ranking is based off of individual performances, not by team records and such. We have a great group of guys leading this team and believe others will be close behind them. Our individuals who are ranked are:

- 133-Cameron Neiss, ranked #11
- 141-Hunter Azure, ranked #7
- 157-Micky Cheff, ranked #10
- 165-Ethan Hinebauch, ranked #1
- 174-Max Payne, ranked #5
- 184-Kody Reed, ranked #3
- 197-Toby Cheff, ranked #12

MSUN Student to Visit Washington DC

MSU-Northern student Betty Kling was recently accepted in the Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) with a full-ride scholarship through George Washington University in Washington D.C. The NAPLP Program will last from January 14 until April 26. During her time in D.C. she will take part in a practicum wherein she will learn the process of a federal campaign from the ground up to election status. Following the practicum, Kling will be given the opportunity to choose an internship with one of 450 organizations or individuals. Kling's biggest motivating factor in pursuing this scholarship was the opportunity to gain imperative political information and experience in order to come back to Montana and apply the knowledge gained while motivating other Native American students to pursue similar political goals.



Students Audition for Annie



Auditions for the upcoming musical Annie have already taken place, so we want to remind everyone who wants to see this play to save one of the following dates to take in this MAT performance that

promises to delight every audience. Dates for the show: February 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, and 21-23.

Orchestra Concert

MSU-Northern's Community Orchestra, conducted by Rhonda Minnick, will be performing their first concert as an official ensemble. The concert will take place on December 4, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the 5th Avenue Christian Church. The concert will pay tribute to the great works of the Beatles, Duke Ellington, James Bond, the West, and Beethoven. It should be quite a show! Admission is free. Come enjoy the local talent Havre has to offer.

Energy and the Hi-Line

MSU-Northern, Bear Paw Development and the Havre Chamber have teamed up to sponsor the first in a series of occasional lectures exploring the energy industry... its present and future impact on North Central Montana. The series will be called Energy & the Hi-Line: Options, Challenges, and Opportunities.

The first workshop will be held on December the 4th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the Hensler Auditorium in MSU-Northern's Applied Technology Center. It will consist of four presentations starting with Jay Gunderson a geologist from Montana Tech. His topic is called "Geology and Energy Resources of North-Central Montana". This presentation will be a discussion of regional geology and its influence on the distribution of energy resources in North-Central Montana. The talk will focus on fossil fuels in particular, with emphasis on the occurrence of coal deposits, the development of conventional oil and gas accumulations, and the potential for unconventional petroleum targets - including an overview of current Bakken shale oil activity in Montana.

The second talk will be conducted by Leslie Messer, the Executive Director of Richland County Development. She will give a lecture on the history of the Bakken formation. Tony Preite, MSU-Northern's Director of University Outreach and Economic Development and the U.S.D.A. Rural Development Coordinator, will be expounding on the topic entitled, "With Great Opportunities Come Great Challenges". Lastly, Greg Kegel, MSU-Northern's Dean of the College of Technical Sciences, will make a presentation on what is happening in the area of biofuels.

Tracey Jette to Attend HERS Institute



Northern's Director of Student Success and the Career Center, Tracey Jette, will be attending the Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Institute this spring. Chancellor Limbaugh nominated Jette to attend this 12-day residential learning experience. The program was created for women in higher education leadership positions and helps them develop imperative skills for their demanding positions. Jette stated, "I hope this experience will give me a new perspective into higher education, because it is such a different system than any other entity I've worked for." Jette wants to learn how to apply her profit industry experience to the higher education system in the most advantageous manner possible. MSU President Cruzado is funding this training for five women from various MSU institutions. Jette is one of these five lucky women who will follow in the footsteps of many great women before them by pursuing this extensive training.

Christmas Tree Lighting - Next Friday at Noon

The annual lighting of Northern's entryway Christmas tree will take place next Friday at noon in the Cowan Hall main entryway. The short festive event will include a brief address by Chancellor Limbaugh as well as refreshments for attendees.

Scholarship Applications

2013-2014 scholarship applications are now available! Students can apply online by logging into Banner Web-MyInfo:

https://atlas.montana.edu:9002/pls/hvagent/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage

or they can complete a paper version of the form at:

http://msun.edu/finaid/scholarships/ScholarshipApplication_1314.pdf

Students, please apply online and try and stay as "green" as possible.

We also have some scholarships that require additional applications. You can find these applications at: <http://msun.edu/finaid/scholarships/index.aspx>

or posted in the Financial Aid Office (Cowan Hall Room 213).

The deadline for the applications is January 28th, 2013.

Cowboy Christmas - This Saturday

The MSU-Northern Rodeo Booster Club and Team are currently planning their annual Cowboy Christmas Dinner/Auction. This event is the Rodeo Team's primary fundraiser of the year, and all benefits are used toward financing MSU-N Rodeo team travel expenses, practices, and scholarships.

Cowboy Christmas will take place on December 1, 2012 at 5 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom and is an all-you-can-eat prime rib dinner followed by a live auction (at 7 p.m.) and dance. The no-host cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m., with dinner following at 6 p.m. There will also be a silent auction, raffle items, door prizes, games, and a poker table throughout the evening. Tickets are \$60 per couple and \$35 for a single. Admission tickets also put you into a raffle for a paid trip to the circuit finals to be held in Great Falls.

Please come for a great time and to support MSU-Northern rodeo!

If you have any questions, please call: Doug Kallenberger @ 262-2422 or Karene Faber @ 265-1241.

SIFE Donates Books for Africa

During the month of October, Better World Books and their Books for Africa program, held a nationwide contest encouraging the donation of college textbooks to help support that program. The winners would receive a donation to their local food bank, as well as a basket of chocolates donated by Madécasse Chocolate. The MSU-Northern Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team earned second place in this nationwide contest with 76 cases of books. Better World Books will be sending \$100 to the Havre Food Bank and the MSU-Northern SIFE Team will be donating the basket of chocolates to a Northern Montana Care Center.

Students Sell Gifts to Raise Money for Ireland Trip

What are you buying for your Aunt Pearl this year? What about your cousin John? The students who are participating in the spring break Irish Heritage trip in March of 2013 are fundraising to offset the cost of the trip. They are selling items from Equal Exchange, which include organic and fairly traded foods (coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil), gifts, and recycled cotton gift wrap. Gift baskets, jewelry, scarves, and toys are also available. Please consider purchasing one, two, or a few of these items for gifts this year. Equal Exchange supports sustainability for small farmers and artisans. Thank you for supporting Northern students. For more information, or to find out which students are selling items, please contact Carol Reifschneider at 265-4126.

Retirement Party for Sue Ost

Northern will be hosting a retirement party for Sue Ost on Friday, December 14, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the lobby of Cowan Hall. Please join us in celebrating Sue's tremendous dedication of 31 years to NMC/MSU-Northern.

Weekly Columns

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Are you looking for a place to study or work on a group project? The Vande Bogart Library is a good place to find a quiet spot to study for that upcoming exam or to find a table to spread out and work on your paper or project. It's also a great place to meet with your fellow partners to work on that big project. You will find numerous tables and study rooms to work in. And you can even BYOD (bring your own device)-the library has WiFi!

The library will be open extended hours starting December the 3rd. The hours will be:

- 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. December 3-6 (Monday-Thursday);

- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. December 7 (Friday);
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. December 8 (Saturday);
- 1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. December 9 (Sunday); and
- 8:00 a.m. -11:00 p.m. December 10-13 (Monday-Thursday).

The Coffee Cart will be open until 9:00 p.m. on nights with extended hours for mixed beverages and snacks. Also, there will be complimentary black coffee available after 7:00 p.m.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

When you launch Outlook, it displays the **Outlook Today** view or moves straight to a specified folder. Opening to your preferred folder can eliminate a few clicks and put you right where you want to start your session. To specify which folder Outlook selects when launching, do the following:

1. Click the **File** tab and choose **Options** (under Help).
2. Choose **Advanced** in the left pane.
3. In the **Outlook start and exit** section, click **Browse**.
4. In the resulting dialog box, select the folder you want as the default.
5. Click **OK**, then **OK** again.

The next time you launch Outlook, it will open to the window specified in step 4. For instance, your default window could be your **Inbox** or the **Calendar**, **Tasks**, or **Contacts**.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month, and while this title doesn't seem as zippy and intriguing as some of the month titles I've focused on in the past, I find the topic worthy of a write-up and a bit of thought.

I find it very admirable that the SIFE group on campus is donating the chocolate basket they won from the Books for Africa competition (mentioned earlier in this issue) to the Northern Montana Care Center. Community consideration for the people in long-term care should be constant, but it is especially important to visit and bring some glee to the folks in long-term care during the holidays. Some people's families are not able to visit them during the holidays, so it definitely brings joy to their hearts when people (especially young people- like us college kids) take the time and effort to visit them.

Whether you can gather a group of friends to carol, make festive wreaths for doors, bake sugary sweets, or simply walk around with some encouragement and cheer, anything you offer these people will certainly enliven their holiday experience. Even though November is almost over, please consider illuminating someone's Christmas by giving of yourself and thinking of those in long-term care.

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