

MSU-Northern Receives Five Star Rating for Character



MSU-Northern recently earned the 2011-2012 NAIA Champions of Character Five-Star Institution Award. The Champions of Character Program strives to promote high levels of moral reasoning within athletic students across the nation. Research has proven that students who remain involved in sports past the age of 13 gain an undeniable regard for social reasoning (e.g. sacrificing for the good of their team), while moral reasoning (e.g. fairness, justice, and honesty) declines. More and more students are willing to sacrifice moral reasoning to elevate their teammates' surface value; for instance lying or cheating to get their teammates ahead.

The Champions of Character Program believes that "character is handed down from one generation to the next." Champions of Character desires for students to maintain a healthy balance between social and moral reasoning, and MSU-Northern's student athletes have learned this balance from observing character-driven adults and coaches.

The Champions of Character five core values are: integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership. The program was initiated in 2009-10. This is the third year in a row MSU-Northern has received this distinction. Northern will continue to pursue greatness in these moral and social arenas so MSU-Northern's athletes will shine like lights to the Hi-line and other campuses in the conference.

New Drinking Fountains



Northern's new drinking fountains are a big hit! These newfangled fountains offer the campus purified drinking water and even have a handy place to set water bottles for easy filling. With the push of a button, you can have purified water with you all day long. The "Aqua Pointe" by Oasis fountains have been installed in Cowan Hall, Brockmann Center, and the Student Union Building. The Hagener Science Center and the dorms will soon receive their fountain updates. Not all the water fountains on campus have been replaced by the new ones, so if the Aqua Pointe in your building is in use, and you are parched beyond all reason, never fear! Many of the other water fountains are still available for use.

Scheduled Network Outage- Beginning Today at 5 p.m.

In order to reduce power outages, and the issues caused by power outages to our network & telephone systems, MSU-Northern will be installing a backup generator for the Network Operations Center. In order to do this, the power in the center must be turned off. What this means is that beginning Friday, October 26th at 5pm and running through Saturday, October 27th:

****ALL** network services will be unavailable:**

NO internet access to or from campus.

NO on campus access to on campus network resources.

NO off campus telephone service.

(We are hoping to keep the phone system up; however, you will only be able to make internal campus calls.)

You will still be able work on your office or dorm computer, but all your work will need to be local to that machine (no Z drive).

Gmail and D2L are directly accessible from off campus at the following URLs:

D2L is at <http://msunonline.org/>

Gmail is at <http://gapps.montana.edu/havre>

Chancellor's Lecture Series Presents Lyle Johnson

Lyle Johnson, master bronze sculptor of Native American and Western Art will be on campus to talk about his award winning monuments and sculptures on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 7 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium. Johnson specializes in sculptures which help remind people of cultural events and parts of America's heritage which should not be forgotten. The campus community and general public are cordially invited to attend the lecture. Admission is free.

Students Show off Their Sculptures

The students in the metal sculpture class have been working hard this semester to make some bold works of art. Starting next Tuesday (Oct. 30), their work will be on exhibit in the gallery on the second floor of the Student Union Building. The show will begin at 6:00 p.m. before Lyle Johnson's lecture and will remain open after Johnson's talk. The show is free and open to the public, refreshments will be served. Plan to spend the evening enjoying and learning about art.



The Montana Actors' Theatre presents THE PILLOWMAN

By Martin McDonagh



The first MAT production of the 2012-2013 season kicks off next week, appropriately on Halloween night! The gritty and compelling show is a perfect fit for that particular holiday. Set entirely in the holding cell of a police station in an undisclosed location, the play will test the audience's perception of what is real and what is not. As one character says, "A writer in a totalitarian state is interrogated

over the gruesome content of his short stories and their similarities to a number of child murders happening in his town. A number of child murders that aren't really happening at all."

The production, originally scheduled to open in the basement of Creative Leisure in downtown Havre, has been moved back to the MAT Little Theatre in Cowan Hall on the MSUN Campus. The audience, however, will still see a "show in the round," with special seating constructed on the stage.

The Pillowman opens this Wednesday, October 31st runs November 1-3, 9&10, and 16&17. Doors and the Backstage Lounge open at 7:30 p.m. with showtime at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and free for MSUN students with a valid ID. As a treat, however, MAT will offer Halloween night prices of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. This is a dark show and is not recommended for children.

Northern Clubs Join the SubZero SuperHero Plunge

On November 3, MSU-Northern will be teaming up with the Special Olympics to host the "SubZero SuperHero Plunge" after our football game versus Dickinson State University at Blue Pony Stadium. All MSU-Northern clubs and groups are invited to put together a team of 4 to take the plunge. Each team will have to get \$100 in pledges, and registration forms are available at the gym.

Advance Registration for Spring Semester 2013

Graduate & post-baccalaureate students may register at any time beginning October 29, 2012.

SENIORS- Wednesday, Oct. 31- any time after 8:00 a.m.
(Semester Credits Earned: 90 or above)

JUNIORS- Friday, Nov. 2- any time after 8:00 a.m.
(Semester Credits Earned: 60-89)

SOPHOMORES- Monday, Nov. 5- any time after 8:00 a.m.
(Semester Credits Earned: 30-59)

FRESHMEN- Wednesday, Nov. 7- any time after 8:00 a.m.
(Semester Credits Earned: 0-29)

NEW STUDENTS- Tuesday, Nov. 13- any time after 8:00 a.m.

Student classifications are as of summer semester 2012, so your class standing does NOT include fall semester 2012 classes.

Veteran's Day Celebration

On November 9, 2012 at precisely 11:11 a.m., MSU-Northern will be hosting a Veteran's Day Celebration on the south lawn by the Student Union Building on campus. The very specific commencement time for this ceremony celebrates the signing of the peace treaty that ended World War I. This treaty was signed during the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, so because November the 11th is on a Sunday this year, Northern will commemorate that date on the 9th, but at 11:11 a.m.

The Veteran's Day Celebration will be a short program consisting of a presentation of colors, taps, a commemorative song called "Angel Flight," and a roll call of the Montana casualties from the War on Terrorism. This short event is meant to bring honor to the men and women who served and continue to serve Montana and the United States of America so valiantly. The public is welcome to join us as we celebrate and honor our country's heroes.

Graduation Applications Due

Graduation applications are due in the Registrar's Office by November 2, 2012. Students will need to complete their application and program sheets with their advisor.

Forms are available in the Registrar's office or at <http://www.msun.edu/registrar/graduation.aspx>.

Weekly Columns

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Now that mid-term is here, you are probably starting to work on your semester final project. If you are looking for journal articles to support your research project, checkout the library's databases. The library has databases that cover many topics and are a good research starting place. Two of these databases are Academic Search Premier and Academic OneFile. However, to take your research to the next level, try one of the subject specific databases. For education research try ERIC or Educator's Reference Complete; for a literature project try Literary Reference Center or Literature Resource Center; for a technology project try IEEE Xplore Digital Library, or for a history research project try History Reference Center. These are just a few of many different subject databases that you can access through the library at <http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/DbDescript.htm>. Give them a try. Also, feel free to ask the library staff for assistance.

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

A promotional poster for a basketball game. The background is orange with black lines representing a basketball court. In the top center is a circular logo for 'NORTHERN FOUNDATION & ALUMNI'. The text 'Skylights VS Griz' is written in a stylized, cursive font. Below this, 'Basketball' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. On the left, a female basketball player in a white jersey with 'SKYLIGHTS 10' and a black 'N' on the shorts is dribbling a basketball. On the right, the following text is displayed: 'Northern Social', 'November 13th 4 - 5:30 p.m.', 'Press Box 835 East Broadway Street', and 'Cheer on our Skylights at the Adam's Center after the social.'

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Excel 2010 Tip:

Build dynamic charts using the table method

If you want to advance beyond your ordinary spreadsheet skills, creating dynamic charts is a good place to begin. The key is to define the chart's source data as a dynamic range. By doing this, the chart will automatically reflect changes and additions to the source data. The process is easy to implement in Excel 2007 using the table feature.

The first step is to create the table:

1. Select the data range

2. Click the **Insert** tab
3. In the **Tables** group, click **Table**
4. Excel will display the selected range, which you can change. If the table does not have headers, be sure to uncheck the **My Table Has Headers** option
5. Click **OK** and Excel will format the data range as a table

Now any chart you build using the table will be dynamic. To illustrate, create a quick column chart as follows:

1. Select the table.
2. Click the **Insert** tab.
3. In the **Charts** group, choose the first 2-D column chart in the **Chart** dropdown.

Now, update the chart by changing or adding values and watch the chart update automatically.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

October holds many national month titles. As I look through each month's titles, I always come across some goofy ones. Here are October's silliest titles: Hug a Texas Chef Month, Mom and Apple Pie Month, Restaurant Hospitality Month (shouldn't that be constant?), and Toilet Tank Repair Month.

I don't know who comes up with such outrageous month titles, but here's a more practical title for October in Montana: National Car Care Month. As the days grow shorter, the frost comes at night, and everyone bundles up, Montanans are anxious to see when the snow will fall. Havre's snowy winters demand change in everyone's schedules, and a lot of the change affects our vehicles. Obviously we all need to check our car's fluids regularly as well as possibly change the tires to a winter-suitable set, but what other updates are wise for Montana winters?

- For your vehicles sake as well as your own, keep a shovel stashed in your trunk. You never know when you could get stuck in an unrelenting pile of snow.
- If you are going to be traveling any long distances, pack a winter emergency kit. Everyone's preferences for this kit are different, but sand, blankets, clothes, food, water, and duct tape are common items for this type of kit.
- An extra jug of wiper fluid could be a lifesaver. You can't get out of a sticky situation if you can't see.
- Some of the best winter car care is found in the precision of your driving skills. Never rush on snowy/icy roads. Give yourself ample time to get from place to place, and just go slow. Do not try to do more than one thing while driving on snowy Havre roads.
- Also, brake on straight roads. Do not brake while turning corners.

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