

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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## *Learning Center Gets New Walls*



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## *From the Chancellor*

*By Dr. James Limbaugh*

At last week's Board of Regents meeting, much discussion focused on two System-wide initiatives that will have a direct impact on Montana State University-Northern. [Complete College Montana](#) is part of a national initiative to improve college graduation rates; its many tenets related to student success and retention will directly impact our initiatives in these areas. [Performance-based funding](#), scheduled to be implemented in FY2015, will impact directly our budgets based on our performance as measured against two metrics: college completions and first-year to second-year retention rates. Additionally, MSUN took the next step in implementation of the academic program prioritization process by submitting for Board approval the [cessation \(either through termination or moratorium\) of thirty-two programs](#). I encourage you to review the information provided in the links so that you will have a better understanding of these important System-wide programs.

## *This Week on Campus*

### **MSU-Northern Celebrates Enrollment Increase**



Last

Friday the campus took a few minutes to celebrate our increase in enrollment. Many people were acknowledged for their efforts. The celebration came to a climax when the group spontaneously broke out with the singing of the fight song. Refreshments and cupcakes were provided by Northern's Dining Services and then decorated by the Northern Ambassadors.

### **GLOW RUN/CLINTON SHELTON BAND**



As part of the homecoming festivities last week, Northern held the first annual Glow Run Friday evening. The 1-mile walk/run, 3-mile run, and 5-mile run routes were dappled with neon outfits, glow sticks, and smiling participants.



After the race, former Northern Lights Basketball player Clinton Shelton performed his newest rap hits. Glow Run participants and the Northern family, alike, enjoyed the remainder of the evening with Shelton's unique style and original talent.

### Festival Days Parade



Have residents and the Northern family lined the city's main streets to enjoy this year's Festival Days Parade. The fun floats, excited spectators, and energized candy-throwers made the parade an event worth attending.

## Northern Alumni Auction



The annual Northern Alumni Auction was held right after the Lights homecoming football game. The auction was, once again, a great success with immense support from Northern's devoted friends. The Northern Alumni Association would like to send a special thank you to all the generous businesses and individuals that donated to the Alumni Auction. Without your support, this auction would not be a success. Please put the Alumni Auction on your calendar next year and join us for a great evening.

## HOMECOMING Court Chosen



(Pictured left to right: Tyson Ferda, Mary Kaercher, Nick Louma, Kassie Kudrna, Kody Reed, and Molly Grubb)

Northern's Homecoming Court was announced at the football game this weekend and this year's Homecoming King and Queen were Nick Louma and Kassie Kudrna, representing SEA (Student Education Association). The Prince and Princess were Kody Reed and Molly Grubb, two of Northern's RAs, part of the Residence Hall Association. The Duke and Duchess were Tyson Ferda and Mary Kaercher, two of Northern's Ambassadors. Congrats to the winners, and thanks to the other participants (Andrew Walker, Jordana Nile Mitchell, Eric Billmayer, and Wendy White) for playing your part in this year's homecoming fun.

## American Indian Heritage Day



The fourth Friday in September of each year was designated by the 1997 Montana Legislature as "American Indian Heritage Day." In honor of that event MSU-Northern has a special display in the library and the Sweetgrass Society will be raising Northern's Tipi at 1:00 p.m. on the East lawn.

## **Northern Receives 1.7 Million Grant**

The state of Montana recently earned a \$25-million federal grant that will provide funding to prepare workers for jobs in energy and manufacturing industries. The grant will be dispersed over four years and will be distributed to 13 two-year colleges and 57 employers throughout the state. The grant will support academic certificates for jobs including, but not limited to: manufacturing technician; industrial machinist; welder; fabrication technician; industrial maintenance worker; industrial electronics technician; diesel technician; heavy equipment operator; and energy technician.

"The energy boom in eastern Montana is rapidly creating new job opportunities across our state, and this grant will make sure Montana workers have the skills and training they need to land those high-paying jobs," said Senator Max Baucus. Montana State University-Northern's portion of this grant totals \$1,746,864 and will support the growth of our diesel technician program and several other areas of interest. This amazing opportunity for various Montana schools is made possible by the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Community College and Career Training program Baucus created in 2009 and secured funding for in 2010.

## **Frontier Conference Football Special Player of the Week**

MSU-Northern kicker Jordan Rueschoff was named Frontier Conference Special Teams Player of the Week for the September 14 game versus Dickinson State. In Northern's 45-27 home conference win over Eastern Oregon, Rueschoff was 6-for-6 in extra points and kicked a 27-yard field goal. Rueschoff is a junior from Gillette, WY, who transferred to Northern this season. Northern is thankful for this transfer student's contribution to our school and football team. Jordan Rueschoff, you make Northern proud.

## *Important Announcements*

**Today is the last day to drop a first-half semester class with a "W"!**

### **Flu Shots**

On October the 8th from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and October the 10th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Student Health Center will make flu shots available to the student body, faculty and staff. The cost of the shot is \$18.00 and must be paid for at the time of service or charged to the student's account (they will then have to remit payment to the Business Service Office). Students can come to the Student Health Center at any time to receive flu shot, and the staff will try to accommodate them the best they can, provided they still have the vaccine.

Free flu shots will be given to staff and faculty at the Wellness Clinic, "It Starts With Me" on October the 30th. They will need their insurance card and identification.

### **Dress Up for a Dollar Off Your Meal**

The Northern Food Court is doing something new this year, and all faculty, staff, students, community members, and their families are invited. Once a month we will have a "Theme Dinner" in the Food Court. The dining room will be decorated to go along with the theme. If you dress according to the theme, you'll get a dollar off the price of your meal. The first meal was on Wednesday, and as it was Homecoming Week, people were asked to wear their best Northern Gear. Be on the lookout for the upcoming themed dinners.

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Comedy Magician Derek Hughes- October 1**

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are proud to present the comedy magic of Derek Hughes on October the 1st at 7p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Admission is free for MSUN students, faculty and staff. Community members may attend for \$3/children and \$5/adult.

Hughes grew up in Minnesota, where he studied acting at the University of Minnesota. In 1997, the International Brotherhood of Magicians awarded first place in stage magic to Hughes and his collaborator

Steve Cuiffo for their performance, Express Train. In June of 1998, they were invited to stage it again at the Hudson Theatre in New York City. These days, Hughes sometimes finds himself in Minneapolis, performing in Triple Espresso or at ACME Comedy Club.

The New York Times calls Hughes "Thoroughly entertaining," while he's also called the "Critic's choice" by the Chicago Reader. The Minneapolis Star Tribune calls Hughes, "A superb magician with a gift for the unexpected and off-beat." Don't miss Derek Hughes at the MSUN SUB Ballroom at 7 p.m. on October the 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information about Derek Hughes, visit: [www.derekhughes.net](http://www.derekhughes.net)

## BINGO BOWLING

If you love bingo and bowling, come on down to the Pin-n-Cue (in the SUB) on October the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. The bingo/bowling combination may sound a bit different from your other hobby choices, but give bingo bowling a try. Snacks and refreshments will be served, and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

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INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR  
**1ST ANNUAL  
ALUMNI VS ALUMNI  
ATHLETICS WEEKEND**

NOVEMBER 29 - 30, 2013  
NORTHERN ARMORY GYM

29 - VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI 7 PM  
ALUMNI SOCIAL 9 PM

30 - WOMEN'S ALUMNI  
BASKETBALL 2:30 PM  
MEN'S ALUMNI  
BASKETBALL 3:30 PM

SKYLIGHTS VS CARROLL  
6 PM  
LIGHTS VS CARROLL  
8 PM

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## Alumni Weekend is BACK!

Join the Northern family with other excited alumni on November the 29th and 30th for the Northern Alumni Games. We're trying something new with this year's first annual Alumni vs. Alumni games. The weekend will begin with Alumni Volleyball on November the 29th at 7 p.m. with a social to follow. Saturday will feature both the women and men's Alumni vs. Alumni games starting at 1:30 p.m. Support the current Northern athletes, and stay for the first conference home opener when the Lights and Skylights basketball teams take on Carroll College!

Join us October 5th at 3 p.m. for the Northern Wrestling Alumni Dual. After the dual, there will be an alumni social for all alumni and interested Havre community members at the Elk's at 5 p.m.

November the 29th and 30th will be the Volleyball and Basketball Alumni Games. November the 29th at 7 p.m., the alumni volleyball game will take place, with a social, after the game, for all alumni and Havre community members at the Elk's. November 30 at 2:30 p.m. the women's basketball alumni will take the court with the men's basketball alumni taking the court at 3:30. Right after the Alumni Games, stay for the Lights' and Skylights' home opener vs. Carroll College at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. This fun-filled weekend will be a great opportunity to come back and see all the changes on the Northern campus and see those teammates you've been missing.

If you are interested in coming back to either play, coach or simply take in the festivities please contact the Alumni Office ASAP so we can get your t-shirt size.  
We hope to see all of you amazing Lights and Skylights back on campus.

The Chancellor's Lecture Series Presents:  
**Singing the Lewis and Clark Legacy**

Featuring traditional and original folk songs, history, and a few laughs. Based on the journals of the Irishman Patrick Gass, longest-lived survivor of the Lewis & Clark expedition.

Thursday, October 10, 2013  
7:30 PM  
ATC Hensler Auditorium  
Free Admission, Everyone Welcome

**Neal Lewing**  
Actor, singer, songwriter, recording artist, playwright, poet, storyteller, author and historian

**"A wonderful performance!"**  
- Jeff LaRock, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center - Great Falls, MT

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## Weekly Articles

### @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Getting started on that paper for your speech or writing class? The library has numerous resources to help you locate information to use when writing. One place to start is to visit the WRIT 101 library guide (<http://libguides.msun.edu/writ101>) for links to books, journal, magazine, and newspaper articles. This guide includes tips on evaluating and citing sources and is useful for anyone writing a speech or paper. For personal assistance with locating information, visit or call the library and ask to speak to Belinda Potter, the Instruction & Reference Librarian, or Vicki Gist, the Library Director. In the evening and on Sundays, ask to speak to Will Loret, the Evening Circulation Supervisor. For assistance with writing your paper, visit the Learning Success Center, located on the main floor of the library.

### Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

#### New in Outlook 2013: Weather

Okay, this one isn't essential to working in Outlook, but it is kind of fun that Outlook 2013 displays the weather forecast on the calendar. The weather bar displays a three-day forecast for a selected location at the top of the calendar view. If you travel a lot, it can be handy to be able to see the weather for the city you are visiting or about to visit.

To change the city:

1. Next to the Weather Bar city, click the down arrow.
2. Click the city that you want.



You can then quickly switch the three-day forecast for up to five cities. To add a city:

1. Next to the location name, click the down arrow, and then click **Add location**.
2. In the search box, type a city or zip and then click the magnifying glass or press **Enter**.
3. If multiple cities match your search, click the city that you want.

To delete a city in the list, simply hover over it and then click the **X** at the end of the city name.

**Don't see the weather bar on your calendar? Then you're probably not running Office 2013. MSUN users can call or email the HelpDesk to get their upgrade scheduled.**

## From Your Learning Success Center

By Michaela Howe-Cobb - math tutor

To be a successful college student, one must treat school as his or her full time job. Yes, that means 40 hours a week. Sports, jobs, and friends can drastically cut into your "hours," which is why time management is crucial. Make yourself a daily and weekly schedule, so that every free second you have you can be working to finish a project or study for a test. Use social activities and "friend time" as a motivator to get work done. If you finish the paper by Friday, you can go out that evening with friends. Most importantly, don't procrastinate. This leads to added stress, and no one truly does better under pressure.

## A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

As classes proceed and exams and assignments become more rigorous, it's tempting to look ahead longingly for the break the Thanksgiving holiday promises. The calendar may depress you as you see weeks and weeks of challenging schoolwork ahead. As tempting as it is to focus on the goal of just getting through until the break, try to focus on the positive choices you can make today to transform the next months into an academic adventure instead of a struggle to survive. Here are some tips from the blog "Lovelyish" to help enhance your college experience:

1. **Make a friend in each class.** Making new friends is a great idea in general, but it's especially helpful to have an ally in case you miss class or need a study buddy.
2. **Show up, and pay attention.** Simply attending class won't get you an A, but soaking in as many lectures as you can definitely increases your chances of scoring better on your exams. It can be tempting to skip classes or sleep in, but be punctual. It'll pay off.
3. **Use a planner.** Year after year, college life gets more intense and can be overwhelming. Relying on your memory alone to keep track of all your responsibilities can be dangerous. Write them down, and cross them off when they're completed. This visual helps many students thrive.
4. **Sit in the front of the room.** You may feel like a goody-two-shoes at first, but you'll be amazed at the wonders a prime spot in the room can do for your retention. It can also help you stay awake better if you tend to fall asleep during lectures.

## 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."

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