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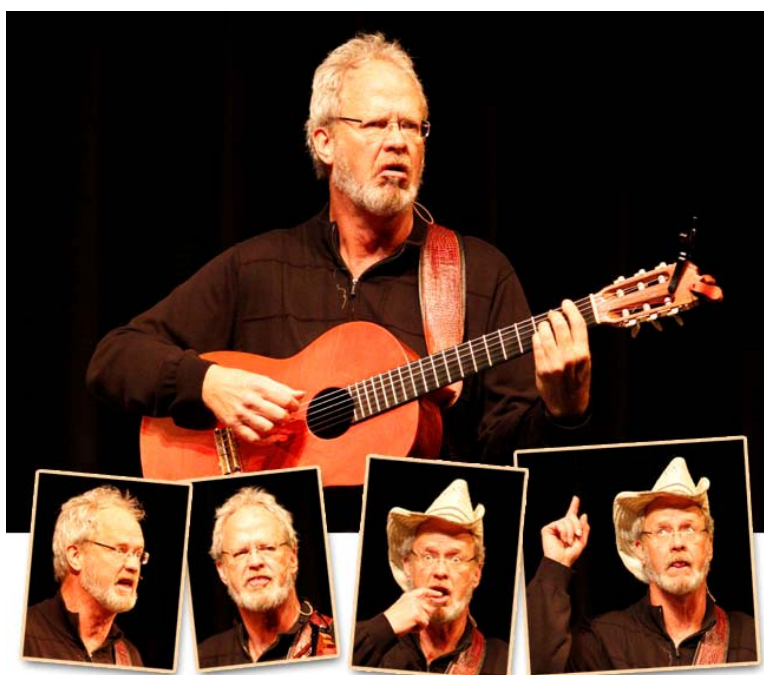
## *This Week on Campus*

### **Northern Student Named Miss Rodeo Montana Queen**



Laramie Pursley, a 21 year-old MSU-Northern Agriculture Operations Technology student and Chinook resident, made Havre and her hometown proud as she was named the 2014 Miss Rodeo Montana Queen. Pursley is a barrel racing MSU-Northern rodeo athlete and dedicated student. This coming year she will take on new challenges and adventures when she travels the state and country as the new Miss Rodeo Montana Queen. Pursley will compete in various rodeos, take part in community outreach, and compete in the Miss Rodeo America pageant.

### **Gordy Pratt Concert**



The Northern Showcase's final performance for the 2013-2014 season featured comedian Gordy Pratt. Pratt's comedy consisted of his one-of-a-kind Spanish guitar playing coupled with stand-up comedy, and it made for a uniquely hilarious show. Pratt's family-friendly humor and original music attracted fans of all ages Tuesday night. If you missed Gordy Pratt's show, but would like to hear his stuff, visit: <http://www.gordypratt.com/>

## Campus Recycling Program



This semester the Student Senate Sustainability Council has already collected and recycled over 800 pounds of cans and paper. Did you know that a single person produces around 4.5 pounds of garbage a day? That totals a whopping 1.5 tons of waste a year from just one person's day to day wasteful habits. This sad reality is mind-boggling as well as inspiring. We can make a difference in our community and world by taking a little time and expending a bit of effort to help our planet continue to "go green." Northern's taken a step in the right direction by stationing paper and aluminum can recycling receptacles around the campus. When you feel like throwing your recyclable trash into a general garbage can, think about the 4.5 pounds of waste you can generate throughout the day, and then think about the billions of people on this earth producing all that waste. Take a little time, save, and recycle. You won't regret it.

## Pool Table Finds New Home



The pool table in Mackenzie Hall was recently moved from the basement where it had to be supervised to be used to the main floor where students could enjoy it any time of the day or night. Students from Mackenzie and Morgan Halls helped move the very heavy pool table from the basement to its current location. The idea for this move came from the Mackenzie Hall Custodian, Linda Osterman, who noticed that the pool table was under-utilized in the basement. Linda, thanks for thinking about our students! You make Northern proud.

## The Northern Light Weights Become Heavy Hitters in Curling



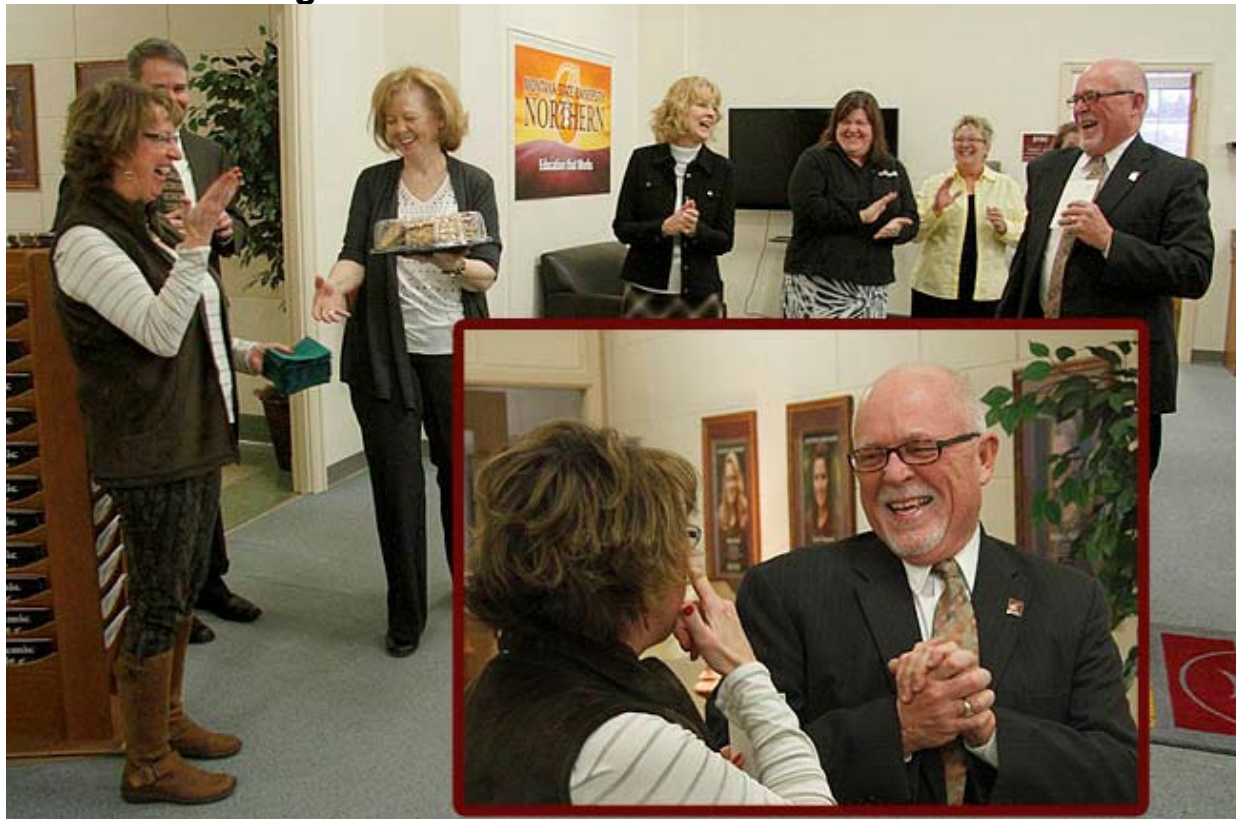
Several staff and faculty members got together on December 21 to form a Curling team known as "The Northern Light Weights." They are part of a 15 team local league that meets every week to play the game of Curling. It is a sport that has been around Europe since the 1500's but is just starting to catch on in the US. Currently they are undefeated. The NNN will check back after their season ends (March 8<sup>th</sup>) to see how well the Northern Light Weights did. Keep up the good work.

## National PAS Officer Visits Campus



Our MSU-Northern Post-secondary Agriculture Club (PAS Club) had a National PAS officer visit with our agriculture technology students and PAS Club members this past Monday. Mitchell Searle held a leadership session for the PAS officers as well as an informational presentation on PAS at the national level for any and all agriculture technology students. Searle was able to share his passion for farming while imparting useful information for our students' futures.

## Pride Patrol Recognizes Marianne Hamilton



Pride Patrol was spotted roaming the halls, once again, to name Marianne Hamilton as the winner of the January Staff Spotlight. Each Spotlight recipient receives a gift certificate to the MSU-Northern Bookstore and a plate of cookies. If you want to read more about these and other award recipients, please go to our website. Way to go Marianne! You make Northern proud.

## Northern Improves Emergency Notification System

MSU-Northern has recently adopted a new Emergency Notification Policy which defines the components and the protocols used by the administration to communicate with our students, staff, faculty and visitors when an emergency situation arises.

The MSU-Northern Emergency Notification System (ENS) includes:

- Text messaging through Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS)\*
- University e-mail list serves (All users and current students)
- Social Media (Facebook)
- Campus voice mail (campus phones only)
- Message on all campus computers
- University web page

Participation in MSU-Northern's Emergency Notification System (ENS) is required for all students, staff and faculty. All individuals with wireless communication devices paid for in whole or part by the University must participate in the WENS emergency text message system.

MSU-Northern will pre-populate the MSU-Northern Emergency Notification System with the e-mails and cellphone numbers that exist on Northern's Banner system for all MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff. These distribution lists will be updated every semester automatically.

People wishing to receive an emergency text message must register on the WENS emergency text message system. International and toll based numbers are not allowed. Use this link to sign up for the WENS emergency test message system

[http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/msu\\_northern/wens.cfm](http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/msu_northern/wens.cfm)

The MSU-Northern Emergency Notification System shall only be initiated only for emergency situations. General notifications of a non-emergency nature shall NOT be permitted via the Emergency Notification System.

## *Important Announcements*

### **Campus Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

#### **Have You Confirmed Your Attendance?**

Important Reminder from MSUN-Business Services: Please make sure you've confirmed your attendance for Spring 2014 in order to avoid late fees and being dropped from your courses.

Please print, complete, and return the "Student Insurance and Payment Form" to MSU-N Business Services TODAY!

Questions or concerns? Call: 406-265-3733 Visit us: Cowan Hall, Room 207

### **2014-2015 Scholarship Applications Deadline is January 31st!**

Attention all continuing students: You can apply for Northern scholarships online by logging into Banner Web-MyInfo or complete a paper version of the form located on the Financial Aid page of the MSUN website. Last year we awarded almost \$154,000 in our continuing student scholarships. We encourage you to apply online to try and stay as "green" as possible. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 406-265-3787 with any questions.

### **Important Dates for This Semester**

Last day to add a full-semester class: January 17

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday - campus closed: January 20

Presidents' Day - Classes are cancelled; offices will be open: February 17

## *Upcoming Events*

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ACTIVITIES**

The Northern campus will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but the Food Court will be open January the 20th from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. with our weekend brunch menu. Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite foods were: corn on the cob, chocolate ice cream, and pecan pie. In honor of the great civil rights leader, Tuesday, January 21st the Food Court will be serving scoops of chocolate ice cream during lunch, and the dinner special will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, corn on the cob, a dinner roll, and pecan pie for dessert.

Several MSU-Northern students will be sharing the honor of delivering Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Had a Dream" speech at noon January 21 in the SUB Food Court. Also the Residence Life staff will be hosting an "I Had a Dream & Ice Cream" social in Morgan Lounge at 6:50 p.m. There will also be a movie in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. shown following the ice cream social.

### **LEAGUE OF LEGENDS GAME NIGHT- Jan. 21**

The ASMSUN Program Council will be sponsoring a League of Legends game night, January the 21st at 5 p.m. in the Food Court. Dinner will be provided for those who want to participate. Bring your own laptops. Depending on participation, this is an event we will continue throughout the semester if the students are interested.

## **FUNKY BOWL - Jan. 23**

At 7 p.m. in the SUB Pin-n-Cue on January 23, Funky Bowl will take place. Funky Bowl is a different way to bowl each frame. Imagine bowling with your opposite hand, backwards, hopping on one foot, sitting down, holding hands with your teammate and an all-time favorite, through the legs of your teammates. Prizes will be given out for the highest score and for other surprise reasons throughout the night.

## **MAT Presents BAREFOOT IN THE PARK - Opens Jan. 31**

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK is a romantic comedy written by Neil Simon. It premiered on Broadway in 1963, featuring leading man Robert Redford. The play was a smash hit, running for over 1,500 performances.

Opposites attract when Corie and Paul Bratter are newlywed. He's a straight-as-an-arrow lawyer and she's a free spirit always looking for the latest kick. For their first home, they live in an apartment on the top floor of a brownstone in New York City. During the course of four days, the pair learns to live as a "couple" while facing the usual daily ups-and-downs. He's too staid, too boring and she just wants him to be a little more spontaneous, running "barefoot in the park" would be a start..

Tickets will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and MSUN students get in free with their I.D.s. The play will be showing in the MAT/MSUN Theater on January 31- February 1, February 6-8, February 13-15.

## **MSUN Spring Career Fair - Feb. 11**

It's Career Fair time again! The MSUN Spring Career Fair is set for Tuesday, February the 11th and will be held in the SUB Ballroom from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students, this will be a great chance for you to meet prospective employers. There is no pre-registration for students, but it is very helpful if you already have a profile on CareerExpress. This makes for an easier check-in on the day of the event.

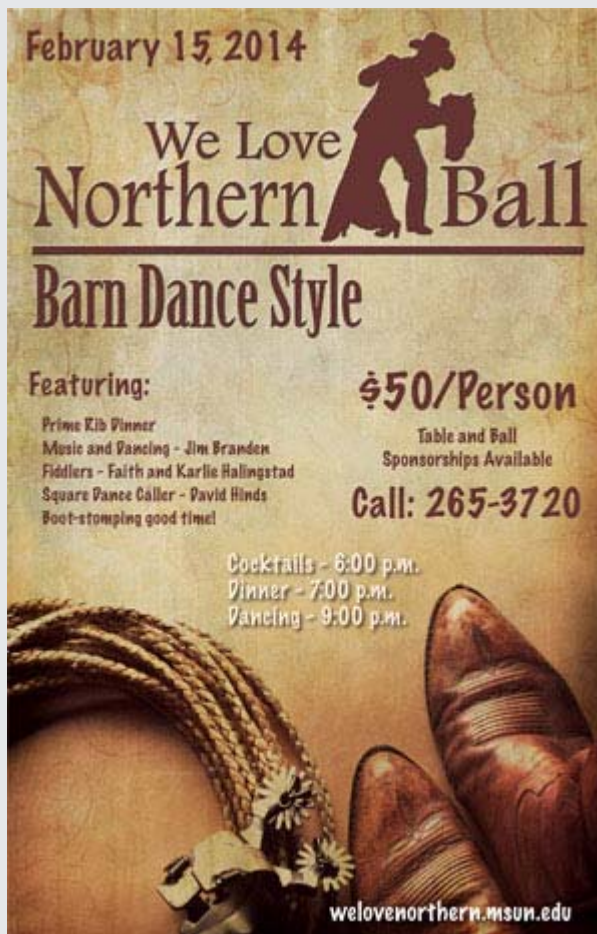
For interested employers, you will need to register no later than 5 p.m. on February 3. For those who wish to interview students on campus, the deadline to make any changes to the interview schedule will be January the 28th.

Please contact the Career Center for more information at 265-4198 or stop in 213 Cowan Hall to talk with Jennifer Henderson or Mary Heller.

## **Spirit Theme Nights**

Jan. 24	Basketball	Beach Night
Feb. 15	Wrestling	Maroon Night
Feb. 20	Basketball	Black Out
Feb. 21	Basketball	80's Night





## We Love Northern Ball - Feb 15

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual We Love Northern Ball is "going country" with a prime rib dinner and dancing. Don your best cowpoke threads and join the rip-roaring fun of this year's ball. Tickets for the event are going fast; so call 265-3720 today to reserve your place at this exciting fundraising event.

## Save the Date- TekNoXpo

Big Sky Pathways at MSU-Northern invites all interested junior and senior students to the annual TekNoXpo to be held April 24, 2014. Keep your eyes open for upcoming information on registration and details.

## *Weekly Articles*

### This week in Athletics

By Laramie Schwenke

The Lights basketball team split two games last weekend in Havre. The Lights beat the University of Montana-Western 61-52 and lost to Westminster College 69-59. The Lights are 3-2 in conference play and 15-4 overall and are tied for 3rd place in the Frontier Conference standings, receiving votes nationally in the latest NAIA National Poll. The Lights will travel to Montana Tech on Friday and Carroll College on Saturday. Tipoff times are set for 7:30 p.m. both nights.

The Skylights basketball team beat the University of Montana-Western 66-43 and fell to nationally ranked Westminster College 60-46 last weekend. The loss was the first for the Skylights in conference play as they stand at 4-1 and 14-3 overall. The Skylights stand at 3rd place in the Frontier Conference standings and they have moved up three spots in the latest NAIA National Poll to #15. The Skylights travel to Montana Tech on Friday and Carroll College on Saturday. Tipoff times are set for 5:30 p.m. both nights.

## The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

### Excel Tip

#### A Couple Easy Keyboard Shortcuts

To quickly format a number as currency press **Ctrl Shift 4**. This is actually easy to remember since **Shift 4** is the \$, all you have to do is press the **Ctrl** key first. The same logic applies for percentages: **Shift 5** is %, so **Ctrl Shift 5** will change the format to a percent!

## From Your Learning Success Center

By Ligia Arango

Don't run around trying to finish your assignments at the last minute. Get organized.

One way to practice organization is to develop routines. A routine that helps with assignments is writing every assignment into your planner on the date it's assigned. Routinely check your planner so that the date your assignment is due doesn't turn into a last minute event. Organization is a learned skill that needs to be exercised. Go, exercise, and become a 'fit' student.

## @ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Welcome to Spring Semester at MSUN! If you are looking for a place to study, come on over to the Vande Bogart Library. On the lower level, in the book stacks, you will find lots of individual study desks. These desks (AKA carrels) are very quiet and private. If you want to study with a group of people, the library has 5 study rooms on the main level and a study area near the labs on the lower level. You will also find 16 new computers on the main level of the library. These computers have replaced the older ones that were on the main level. If you want to take a laptop to a study desk or comfortable chair, check out one of the laptops at the Circulation Desk. With these laptops you can easily access your files on your Z:\ drive and print using the library printers.

The Learning Success Center (located in the library) is also open for business. Stop in for assistance with math and writing questions.

The library will be closed Saturday and Sunday (Jan. 18-19) and open Monday (Jan. 20) from 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

## A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

### Looking Ahead

The year 2014 is destined to be full of moments to remember, but as the year has only just begun, I'm giving you some moments to look forward to.

- In February the Winter Olympics will take place in Sochi, Russia. Whether you enjoy figure skating, skiing, hockey, or curling, there's something for everyone to enjoy in this worldwide sporting extravaganza.
- This year is the promised timeframe for the removal of our troops from Afghanistan. Many families will welcome home their hard-working veterans after this long 13-year stint in the Middle East.
- Some major motion pictures are supposed to make their appearances on the big screen this year. A few of the long-awaited films are: *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, *Hunger Games: Mocking Jay Part I*, *The Amazing Spider-man 2*, and *Godzilla*.
- On April 14-15 two celestial must-sees will occur over the course of one night/early morning. Mars will reach its closest point to the earth since 2008 and will shine as brightly as Sirius, the most radiantly gleaming star we see. The same night, a full lunar eclipse will occur, and the moon will glow red for 78 minutes.
- In the music scene there are lots of events slated to happen in 2014. This year marks the Beatles' 50 year anniversary of arriving in the U.S. Their late manager Brian Epstein will be added to the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame. An unreleased album of Johnny Cash's 80s tunes will

hit the shelves this year. "Rumor has it" Adele will be releasing a new CD this year. Another rumor flying around is that Justin Bieber will be retiring this year. I'll believe it when I see it. Enjoy the upcoming events of the 2014 year!

## *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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