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This Week on Campus

MSUN Community Orchestra Shares an Evening of Classic Rock



This year the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra's fall concert featured an evening of "Classic Rock" music. The concert featured medleys from The Eagles, Deep Purple, The Beatles, Queen, Michael Jackson, Elton John, Ritchie Valens, Steppenwolf, and Mason Williams. Interspersed throughout the evening were several guest performers. These included songs sung by Casey and Aylan Pratt, "The Nerds of Notes" and a guitar solo by Mike Cary playing "Classical Gas."

The orchestra featured some of the musicians and bands who have done so much to shape the music we enjoy today. These people explored new chord progressions, melodies and rhythmic patterns that will continue to shape our musical landscapes for years to come. They set a standard of musical excellence that other bands will be hard pressed to equal.

Hunter Chandler to Receive Montana Athletes in Service Award



This Saturday during the half-time of the Cat/Griz football game, MSU-Northern student Hunter Chandler will receive the Montana Athletes in Service Award from the Montana Campus Compact (MTCC). MTCC is a nonprofit organization focused on improving community life and students' futures. Each year the MTCC board recognizes student-athletes who have shown a great commitment to community service.

For the past five years, Chandler has been volunteering in local communities such as Havre, Fort Belknap, Hays, Dodson, Rocky Boy and Bozeman, Montana. He has put in many hours with the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line, volunteering with numerous activities at the club. He has also volunteered at the Bear Paw Credit Union Annual Youth Day the previous three years. Chandler makes frequent trips to the local reservations (Fort Belknap, Hays and Rocky Boy) to speak and interact with the students from grades K-12. He has volunteered frequently at the White Clay Immersion School on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation as well. Chandler is Majoring in Secondary Education with a minor in Business and will graduate this Spring Semester 2015. Way to go Hunter! You make Northern proud.

Mike LaValley to Participate in Native American Political Leadership Program

Submitted by Steve Hesske, Jamie Underwood and Jaakko Puisto

Northern senior Mike LaValley has been selected to participate in George Washington University's (Washington D.C.) Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP). LaValley, a recipient of a 2013/2014 Student Excellence Award and four-year basketball letterman, will graduate from Northern in December upon completion of his student teaching. The NAPLP is a full scholarship for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students who want to take part in the Semester in Washington Politics academic experience. It is open to undergraduate and graduate students, including those who have completed their undergraduate degree but have not yet enrolled in a graduate program. NAPLP is made possible by a grant from the AT&T Foundation. NAPLP scholarships are awarded to students based on academic ability, leadership potential, and an interest in politics. Students from all tribes and from every part of the United States apply. Great job Mike LaValley! You make Northern proud.

For more information concerning the experience LaValley will be afforded, visit: <http://semesterinwashington.gwu.edu/>



Corbin Pearson Named Men's Basketball Player of the Week

Corbin Pearson, a Lights Basketball forward, was named the Frontier Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week. Pearson is a 6-foot-6 senior forward from Big Sandy, Montana. Though Northern lost to Concordia 73-81, Pearson scored nearly half the points for his team, with 30 points. He also had two assists and grabbed nine rebounds. He was 13 of 14 from the field including 1 for 1 from 3-point land. Pearson made 3 of 6 free throws. Congratulations Corbin! You make Northern proud.





New Alumni Associate

Please join the Northern family in welcoming new Alumni Associate Becka Stone to our team. Stone is originally a "Havrite" having grown up and graduated from high school here. She attended The University of Montana in Missoula studying business administration. After graduating, Stone worked managing a web office. Then she tried her hand at some manufacturing endeavors using bicycle tubes, and later she worked at an animal shelter. She travelled extensively and then decided to come back to Havre.

As the alumni associate, she hopes to increase alumni membership, increase awareness about the goals of Northern, and help with events in the community.

Stone encourages all alumni to update their contact information using the contact form on the [website](#). She also encourages alumni to call (265-3770) or email her (becka.stone@msun.edu) with exciting life updates. They just might make it into the "Aurora Borealis" publication. Stay connected with your alma mater and the entire MSU-Northern family.

Outstanding Faculty Workshops

Erik Bean, Ed.D., hosted an grading workshop this past week, during which he offered information about how to use Microsoft Word AutoCorrect to gain efficiency. 22 instructors attended the workshop. Using the AutoCorrect feature of Microsoft Word, attendees learned to give students feedback that is at once lightning-quick, detailed, and consistent. Students indirectly benefit from this training by receiving richer and timelier feedback.

The workshop was recorded on video and will be available for instructors' viewing from the homepage inside D2L. Anyone interested in Dr. Bean's book should contact Justin at Extended University. Dr. Bean covered a plethora of information in one hour's time, and then held a question and answer session to further assist attendees with their grading strategies. For more information, please check out: <http://www.gradingefficiently.com/>

Turkey Bowl Winners

To win at the Turkey Bowl, participants had to get a strike in the 3rd, 6th and 9th frame or three strikes in a row in one of the 4 games they bowled. The strikes were "no-tap" (which means 9 pins down). The winners from the Turkey Bowl are Ryne Antley, Duncan Livingston, Scott Rebo, Brendan Heims, and Jeremy Brewer. They each won a \$20 gift card for Gary & Leo's IGA to purchase a turkey if they like Happy Thanksgiving!!

Announcements

No NNN Next Week

There will be no NNN next week as Northern will be closed for Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with your family and friends. The NNN will return on December 5.

MAS Looking for Student Lobbyist

Are you interested in taking a semester standing up for student issues? Work with the Montana Associated Students as a student lobbyist in the 2015 Legislative Session.

The MAS Lobbyist is responsible for the proper representation of students, on a statewide level, and their interests in the Montana State Legislature during the 64th session. The lobbyist will have three to five core issues on which they will work and may receive lesser issues as the session goes on. It's preferred that the applicant has a background in local and state politics with basic knowledge of student issues and the Montana University System.

The position pays \$10.00 an hour for 40 hours a week. Housing and utilities are paid for. Please send your resume and cover letter to mtassociatedstudents@gmail.com by December 1.

Salvation Army's Call to be a Shield

Now is the time to begin making plans for the holiday season. The Salvation Army has a variety of programs to assist those in need during this special time of year. Last year, over 1,300 individuals were given clothing and gifts during the holidays. What a tremendous outpouring of generosity our Havre community has shown, over the years, to those less fortunate. This year, low income and needy families need your support more than ever. Unemployment and lack of housing are real issues in our community. There are many people in desperate need.

This year, The Salvation Army calls individuals to "be a shield." It is only through community support and participation that TSA is able to cover those in need. The "Be a Shield" campaign invites community members to contribute time and/or resources to those less fortunate during the holidays and all other seasons.

Our goal is to insure the equal distribution of charitable items to families. There are many ways to extend a hand. To help, you can simply contact the Salvation Army Emergency Service office between 9a.m. to 4p.m., and "be a shield" for families in need during this special season. You can also visit The Salvation Army Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/TheSalvationArmy.HavreMT

Upcoming Events

Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa's Run - Nov. 29

A new holiday tradition could be in the making.

On Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Havre's first "Santa's Run" takes off down Third Avenue. Santa's Run will be a fun-filled one mile run/walk with prizes for the best costumes and race times. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun that will also include the community tree lighting and holiday caroling. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. on race day at Master Sports, with the race starting at 4:30 p.m. The Havre Santa's Run is sponsored by BNSF in partnership with the Havre Chamber. We encourage participants to dress up as your favorite holiday character: Santa Claus! The younger racers are encouraged to dress up like one of Santa's elves. Santa's Run is an opportunity to make timeless holiday memories.

NorthPoint Auction - Dec. 3

The MSU-Northern campus adopted the NorthPoint Card Rewards Program in the fall of 2012. NorthPoint is a program developed to connect MSU-Northern students to Northern's extracurricular events and activities.

Nearly 500 students have earned points this semester for attending school-related events such as: intramural and recreation activities, athletic functions, dances, comedy or variety shows, the Chancellor's Lecture Series, SUB Fitness Center or the Pin-n-Cue recreation area. These points are calculated and posted in the SUB Lobby.

At the NorthPoint Auction, students spend those points on prizes. The silent auction begins December the 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Conference Room. The live auction starts at 7:30 p.m., in the Ballroom. Throughout the evening, there will also be bingo games played for prizes. Refreshments and snacks will also be served.

Campus Holiday Party - Dec. 4

MSU-Northern students, faculty, staff and their families are invited to attend the annual MSU-Northern Campus Holiday Party on December the 4th in the SUB Dining Hall from 5p.m.-7 p.m.

We will be serving turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, dinner rolls and assorted pies (caramel apple, pecan and pumpkin) for \$11.00/adults, \$9/children, with 5 year olds and under free of charge. If you donate a pair of socks, mittens or a beanie you can save \$1 per meal.

There will be cookie decorating and crafts for the children, and Santa will also drop by from the North Pole, so be prepared to let him know what you want for Christmas!

This event is sponsored by the ASMSUN Program Council, ASMSUN Inter Organizational Council and MSU-Northern Food Services.

Northern Christmas Tree Lighting - Dec. 5

Northern will host their annual Christmas tree lighting on Friday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the main entryway of Cowan Hall. Please join us for some Christmas joy and treats. They even plan to have oatmeal raisin cookies!

Weekly Articles

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

This past weekend many know that Lights kicker, Jordan Rueschhoff kicked the winning field goal on the final play of the game. Jordan was named the Frontier Conference special team player of the week. Jordan has had a great year and two year career at Northern. Here are a few of accomplishments: tied the school record for the longest field goal at 47 yards, set a new record for field goals in a season with 9 (old record 8), set a new record for field goals in a career with 14 (old record 13) and PAT's in a career with 62 (old record of 54). All records that Jordan set or tied were held by former Light great Luke McKinley (brother of current Light Zach McKinley).

The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Windows 8 Tip

Back to basics: Navigation, part 2

For a text based menu, a little bit similar to the Start button on older Windows versions, right-click in the bottom-left corner or press and hold the **Windows key** and then **X**. This menu will provide easy access to some of the useful applets and features like Device Manager, Control Panel, Explorer, the Search dialog and more.

The **Windows X** menu is useful, but it is no substitute for the old Start menu since it doesn't provide access to your applications. Press **Ctrl Tab**, or click the arrow button at the bottom left of the Start Screen, and a list of all your installed programs will appear. If you can't see what you need immediately, simply start typing an application name to search for it. Or, in Windows 8.1, you can click the arrow to the right of "Apps" to sort your programs by date installed, most used, category or name.

Grammar Gal

By Kimmi Boyce

The Serial, Harvard, Oxford Comma

When editing others' work, I often find myself getting hung up on tiny grammatical issues. One such subject is whether or not to use the serial comma. The serial comma, also known as the Harvard or Oxford comma (why it has so many names, I do not know), is the comma in a list just before the "and" or conjunction. I find people who always exclude this comma and those who are very loyal to it. Various online sources say the usage of this comma is purely a style choice and is often used to avoid confusion but left out when the message is clear. Strunk and White's second rule in *The Elements of Style* 3rd edition book reads, "In a series of three or more terms with a single conjunction, use a comma after each term except the last." Thus write, "books, pens, and paper" or "flamingos, cranes, and storks." Their rule is very clear, and I'm sticking to it. So if you ever need someone to edit your work, but you're a serial comma hater, you might not want to call on me, for I am loyal to that simple comma to the end.

Have a glorious Thanksgiving eating turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, cranberries, green beans, pie, and whatever other mainstay foods your family may enjoy, and enjoy one another's company celebrating thankfulness for each other and our great nation.

For all the grammar and/or literature junkies out there, consider a Christmas present like this cute mug I found (with a quote about the Oxford comma): https://www.etsy.com/listing/208535867/oxford-comma-mug-nerdy-grammar-coffee?ref=sr_gallery_23&ga_search_query=literature+mug&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery

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