

This Week on Campus

GE and BNSF Host Tour of Facilities



Last Friday, GE and BSNF hosted a tour for several faculty, staff and students at the local rail yard. This tour included a safety briefing, a walkthrough of the diesel locomotive repair facility, and an in-depth viewing of a new GE locomotive. This locomotive incorporates the latest in diesel engine emissions control technology, known as EPA Tier 4 requirements. The methods used by GE to meet these requirements require cutting edge technology. The group was permitted to climb on and around the locomotive. The engineer started the engine and took the engine to full power (from idle to 4500 horsepower took less than 12 seconds). This is a perfect example of how a local/global employer makes themselves available to involve MSU-Northern students by exposing them to the latest technologies. MSU-Northern students will be diagnosing and repairing engines such as these in their future jobs.

Ball Ticket Winners



This year Chancellor Kegel purchased eight tickets to the "We Love Northern Ball" to be raffled off to four lucky classified staff members. This week's winners are: Mary Brown (left) and Rebecca Nicholson (right). Congratulations!

The Roaring 20s We Love Northern Ball - This Weekend

The We Love Northern Ball- Roaring 20s style takes place this weekend, and ticket holders are rearing to go, ready for this swanky 20s extravaganza! Get dolled up for the big night, and keep your baby by your side. He or she is sure to be the cat's pajamas, so don't forget to take some spiffy photos to remember this glittering night. Startup that ole jalopy, jitney, hayburner or flivver, and do whatever you must to make it to the ritzy dance floor. The band is going to be the bee's knees and will be hitting on all sixes that evening, so don your dancing shoes, bring a few clams, and get ready for the night of your life. This event will be completely on the level- no juice joint or speakeasy here! There are no longer any tickets available for this event, so please do not attend without a ticket, expecting to buy one at the door. The Roaring 20s We Love Northern Ball will take place this Saturday, February 7 at 6 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium.



Northern Participates in National Signing Day

Montana State University-Northern head football coach Aaron Christensen is pleased to announce the 2015 signing class to join the Lights Football team for this fall! National Signing Day, usually the first Wednesday of February, is the first day that a high school senior can sign a binding National Letter of Intent to play college football with a school that is a member of the United States National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). This is an NCAA event but Northern is happy to be a part of the excitement.

A list of all the signees (their height, weight, position, and school) are as follows below:

Herman Smith, 6'5 215 lbs QB Colorado State University Pueblo, CO
Brandon Stoutmeyer 6'3 210lbs TE Hamline University, MN
Nash Soliman 5'8 160lbs- WR Golden Valley High School, CA
Casey Cleveland 6'1 265lbs OL CM Russell High School, MT

Salesi Koloamatangi 6' 235lbs DL Hamilton High School, AZ
Trenton Woodward 6'5 240 OL Three Forks High School, MT
Ryan Handley 6'3 230 OL Hellgate High School, MT
Travis Crawford 6'3 200 LB Big Sky High School,
Lee Hughes 5'9 160 LB Big Timber High School, MT
Trevor Frandsen 5'11 230 DL Big Sky High School, MT
Kyle Watson 6'1 220 FB Lambert High School, MT
Jonathan Gragg 6'2 210 LB Hellgate High School,
Elijah Dennison 6'2 245 DL Enumclaw High School, WA
Quintan Boos 6' 205 LB Malta High School, MT
Dylan Schmidt 6'4 275 OL Lakeside High School, WA
Dauntarious "Will" Williams 6'3 200 WR Silver Valley High School, CA
Tovati "TJ" Gasetoto JR. 6' 215 LB Washington High School, WA
Nate Loutzenhiser 6' 190 QB Sand Point High School, ID
Alec Wagner 5'11 210 LB Laurel High School, MT
Josh Loutzenhiser 6'1 255 DL South Virginia University, VA
Traejun Foard 6'0 185 CB Basha High School, AZ
Paxton Maki 6'0 165 LB Belt High School, MT

Bingo Night Success

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern held another bingo night this past Wednesday. The rounds of regular bingo went by quickly with lots of excitement and many winners claiming prizes left and right. The winner of the blackout bingo was Walter Barber who received a 7" Android 4.2 WiFi touch-screen tablet. If you'd like to join the bingo fun, there will be more chances in March and April.

Hart to Present at ACSM Conference

Recently the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) notified Northern's associate professor of health promotion, Dr. Peter Hart, that two abstracts he submitted have been accepted for presentation to the national ACSM conference in May. ACSM is the largest sport medicine and exercise science organization in the world and is dedicated to advancing and integrating scientific research to provide educational and practical applications of exercise science and sports medicine. The titles of Dr. Hart's presentations are: "Meeting Recommended Levels of Physical Activity and Health-Related Quality of Life in Rural Adults" and "Sex Differences in the Physical Inactivity and Health-Related Quality of Life Relationship among Rural Adults." Congratulations, Dr. Peter Hart! You make Northern proud!



Painting on Display for Black History Month



During February, which is the national celebration of Black History Month, the MSU-N Multicultural Center is honored to receive the art work of MSU-N Professor Norton Pease. "Katrina" (2005, oil on paper, 29 x 24.5 inches) is a reflection of the 2005 tragedy of the same name. In his own words, he explains, "My work is primarily figurative, and directly relates to racial identity. As such, this painting is an element of my speech. The forms are a signifier to my fascination with Hurricane Katrina, and the controversies that ensued. For me, this artwork becomes a kind of writing as soon as the forms take meaning: Like writing, they call for a lexis. The connotation behind these elements stems from their cohesive nature in a swimming scene--swimming cap, water flippers, lifeguard swimsuit, submerged or above water, white girl, the black man. They all have a system of connections that relate directly to one another and the context of Katrina."

Everyone is invited to visit the Multicultural Center and view Professor Pease's art. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. The MSU-N Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) invites local and regional artists to exhibit their pieces,

preferably those that have some link to multicultural themes. For more information, contact c.estradaunderwood@msun.edu or call (406) 265-3589.

Announcements

Student Excellence Award Nomination

Each year we recognize up to ten students who have demonstrated exemplary service throughout their time as Montana State University - Northern students. The Northern family can assist in identifying those students who have represented themselves, MSUN and the community in a positive manner. Each faculty or staff member is allowed to submit up to four nominations. Thank you in advance for taking the time to nominate our outstanding students.

Student Excellence Award Nomination Criteria:

- Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through their academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities
- Any current student is eligible who will have earned the equivalent of 60 semester credits by the end of the Spring 2015 semester and must have been enrolled at MSU-Northern for Fall 2014 Semester
- The nominee must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75
- Previous winners are not eligible

How to nominate a student:

- * Pick up a form at the SUB Information Desk and return it to Kim Watson or
- * Email Kim Watson at kimberly.watson5@msun.edu with the following information:
 - Name of nominee
 - Email address of nominee
 - Cell number of nominee
 - Complete the following statement:
This student deserves a Northern Student Excellence Award for the following reasons:
Make sure you include your name, title, position, and identification or relationship to the student.

The deadline to submit nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2015.

Award recipients will be recognized on March 27, 2015 during the university scholarships and student awards ceremony. More information on this event will be available as the ceremony date approaches.

Students: Are you Graduating May 2015?

Order forms for your cap, gown, and tassel packages are now available at the MSUN Bookstore, or visit www.bookstore.msun.edu, and click on the "order form" link under "Store Announcements." Order by March the 6th, 2015, and pay \$35, if you order after March 6 they will cost \$40. You can prepay or pay when you pick up your items after April the 10th.

Upcoming Events

Career Fair - Feb. 9

The Montana State University-Northern Spring 2015 Career Fair is set for Monday, February the 9th and will be held in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium from 9 a.m. - noon. The career fair is open to registered employers, all currently enrolled MSU-Northern students, and alumni seeking various job opportunities. There will be employers interested in students from every academic program offered at MSU-Northern. This event will give Northern students and alumni the chance to meet with employers from all over the United States. The Spring 2015 Career Fair is closed to registration now with 38 employers registered. This is the highest registration of employer participants to date.

Coed Volleyball - Feb. 9

Intramural & Recreation coed volleyball will begin February the 9th. Pick up your rosters at the SUB Information Desk, and turn them in by 5 p.m., February the 6th. Games will be held from 8-10 p.m. in the Armory Gymnasium and will continue each Monday and Tuesday until February 24 with the tournament scheduled for March 2-3.

You don't have to be trained or be a sports superstar to join a team. It's meant to be a fun time getting to know each other, while taking part in a fitness event. The team that wins the tournament, wins a pizza party. Sign up today!

Writer's Café Grand Opening - Feb. 10



The Learning Success Center in the Vande Bogart Library is opening a new Writer's Café on Tuesday, February 10 to promote its menu of writing help services for students. Everyone is invited to visit from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for a snack buffet. Our guests will be entered in door prize drawings for Coffee Cart gift certificates. Our café concept is a metaphor deriving from the literary tradition of writers gathering in cafes to share ideas and discuss writing. We hope to create a similar sense of comfortable writing collaboration to enhance our students' writing skills. The Writer's Café (with Terry Blosser as tutor) is open Monday-Thursday 11-1 and 5-7, and Fridays by appointment.

Ping Pong Night - Feb. 11

Wednesday, February the 11th at 7 p.m., the Intramural & Recreation Council will be hosting a ping pong tournament in the Morgan Lounge. Sign up at the SUB or just drop in. There will be refreshments, and prizes will be awarded to the winner.

Karaoke Night- Feb. 18

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee is presenting karaoke at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The next karaoke night will be February 18. Come and practice those gutsy rock star songs and

moves. Remember; the last karaoke night of the semester there will be a showdown to determine the best karaoke singer who will win a \$100 gift certificate. The dates of the other upcoming karaoke nights are: March 18 and April 15.

Paranormal Researcher & Psychic Medium "Chris Moon"- Feb. 26

Christopher Moon had his first paranormal experience at the age of seven. At the age of twelve, he had a definite psychic/medium sense, and began doing remedial paranormal investigations. At the age of 16, Christopher decided he could no longer turn his back on what he felt he was truly meant to do. In 2004, he published his first issue of his now worldwide distributed Haunted Times Magazine. Christopher is also one of the few people who can accurately operate Thomas Edison's Telephone to the Dead and uses the device for paranormal research and investigations.

On February the 26th at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, Moon, along with his mother Paulette, will present an intriguing one-hour gallery tarot card reading. Following the reading, attendees will have the opportunity to have short personal one-on-one readings from Paulette, and 40 students will be able to experience a ghost investigation in Morgan Hall and/or Donaldson Hall with Moon.

This event is free to all who dare. To be sure you are one of the 40 people to go on the ghost investigation, sign up at the SUB Information Desk prior to the event. For more information about Chris Moon, check out: www.chrismoonpsychic.com

The Spring 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series begins March 4

History, Poetry, Stories and Music!

The Chancellor's Lecture Series committee members proudly present the spring 2015 events. Designed to create campus and community-wide conversation, the Spring 2015 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series will consist of four presentations by distinguished guests. The campus community and general public are cordially invited to attend all of the lectures, and admission is free. Please mark your calendars and join us for some stimulating and entertaining lectures.

Anya Jabour, PhD

"History of Women's Suffrage in Montana"

This lecture will take place Wednesday, March the 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium with reception to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the MSUN Vande Bogart Library. This presentation is sponsored by the MSUN Cultural Diversity Center, MSUN Vande Bogart Library, and MSUN Chancellor's Lecture Series. Dr. Jabour's display will be in the library during the month of March.

Tami Haaland

"Montana's Poet Laureate Reading"

This reading will take place on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium. This lecture is sponsored by Humanities Montana and the MSUN Chancellor's Lecture Series.

Ellen Baumler

There will be more information on this lecture in the future. It will take place on ***"Chinese in Montana: Our Forgotten Pioneers"***

Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium.

Jack Glatzer

"One Man, One Violin and One Remarkable Concert"

Glatzer will perform on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium.

For more information visit the Chancellor's Lecture Series website: <http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2014/ChancellorSeries.aspx>.

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: The D2L Gradebook - Feb. 6

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: the D2L Gradebook. Don't reinvent the wheel. You could be using D2L's integrated gradebook to make grading and feedback faster, easier and more accessible to students. We can help you build your gradebook from the ground up and show you how to use it. Tech Snacks is happening today, Friday, February 6, in the Extended University Office (Cowan Hall 110) at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and in the Brockmann Center conference room at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Advising Networking Seminar - Feb. 6

Topics discussed in this session include (but are not limited to) financial aid, change of major (and why it is important), holds, the role of the Student Success Center, veteran certification, athletic eligibility, and wait lists. The seminar is happening today, Friday, February 6, from noon - 1:00pm in Brockmann Center, Room 209. Please contact Tracey Jette for more information.

PASSHE Virtual Conference

Now in its 6th year, Transforming the Teaching & Learning Environment: the PASSHE Virtual Conference provides an opportunity to engage with education professionals from around the world-all from the comfort of your office or home. Over the course of two weeks in February, 60 one-hour live interactive sessions will be delivered online. Topics range from emerging technologies to organizational best practices to mobile learning and more. To view session offerings and to register, click the following link: "2015 Sessions by Date" (or <http://www.passhe.edu/inside/asa/DEConf/Pages/2015-Sessions-by-Date.aspx>). Web conferences will require the use of Blackboard collaborate (a free download). Please contact Justin Mason in Extended University for more information.

Graduation 2.0 Workshop - Feb. 19

Topics discussed at this session include Degreeworks, transferring credits and substitutions, general education paperwork and requirements, graduation paperwork, and tips from veteran advisors for new faculty and advisors. It will be held on February 19 in Cowan Hall 112 at 4 p.m. and February 20 in Brockmann 214 at noon.

Montana XLI Conference - Mar. 12-13

The Extended Learning Institute (XLI) is Montana's premiere distance and blended education conference. XLI is a chance for innovative educators and administrators to come together and share what they know about applied educational technology. It will take place March 12-13 at Carroll College in Helena. For more information, visit <http://xli.carroll.edu/>

Weekly Articles

From the Career Center

By Mary Heller

Every career fair, employers have an opportunity to become one of the two Gold Level Sponsors of the event. The higher registration cost entitles them to receive a larger front table set-up at the fair, a full page color ad in the Student Guide and some advertising perks on and off campus. The Spring 2015 Career Fair Gold Sponsors are GE Transportation of Havre and Butler Machinery Company from North Dakota. There are also four Maroon Level Sponsors for this event: Wärtsilä, a global company based out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; CG Ag from Cut Bank, Montana; Electro-Motive Diesel, a global company based out of LaGrange, Illinois; and Frontier Electric from Clancy, Montana. These Maroon Level Sponsors receive tables near the front of the gym, a half-page black and white ad in the Student Guide and some advertising.

Most of the companies attending the event are from Montana; however, many of them have job opportunities out-of-state. The Armory Gymnasium will also see many new employers including Montana

Special Olympics, Oregon Vineyard Supply, and Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson. Joining the new employers will be representatives from local businesses and institutions including Moodie Implement, Havre Public Schools, Triangle Communications, and Northern Ag Research Center.

Havre will see an increase in traffic the week of February 9 with some companies arriving at the airport as well as others driving into town the day before. The fair is only held for one day, but many employers will stay the afternoon and on Tuesday to conduct interviews with enrolled students and alumni for various internship and fulltime employment opportunities.

All currently enrolled MSU-N students and alumni are welcome to attend the event and sign up for on-campus interviews. They will need to have a profile, with an edited resume, on the University's on-line career system called CareerExpress and are encouraged to register early for the fair on that site.

For more information please contact the Career Center at 265-4198 or visit <http://www.msun.edu/career/>

The Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook 2013/2010 Tip Assign Specific Alert Sounds to Contacts

You can change the default alert sound that Outlook plays whenever an email from a particular person arrives. To assign a new alert sound to a contact you will need to create a new rule:

1. Right-click on an email from the person for which you want to change the alert sound, and then select **Rules > Create Rule** from the context menu.
2. The **Create Rule** window will open and you can select the criteria you want when an email arrives. For this example since we want a specific sound to play when you get an email from a particular person, check the box by **From username**.
3. Then in the **Do the following** section, check the **Play a selected sound** box and click the **Browse** button
4. It will automatically open up to Windows' media folder where you can select a default sound. To hear what a file sounds like, select it and click the play button in the **Create Rule** window. You can always select a WAV file from any location on your computer, but it should be short and sweet unless you want to annoy to your co-workers.
5. Once you're happy with the alert sound, click **OK** to the **Success** dialog message and you'll be good to go.

Note: This isn't a new feature, it can also be done in Outlook 2007, but you'll have to do some digging into **Settings**.

Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that former Lights basketball player Kingsley Qgwudire is a former member of the Harlem Globetrotters? He was also a member of the Nigeria National Basketball Team.

Many people know that Jeff Ament of Pearl Jam was born in Havre and grew up in Big Sandy, but did you know that his sister Stephanie was a standout basketball player for the Skylights? Stephanie played under Northern Athletic Hall of Famer Loren Baker in the 80s.