

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

One MSU Symposium



[Highlight video of the One MSU Symposium](#)

Last week, MSU-Northern hosted the 3rd Annual One MSU Symposium. This year's theme was "Beyond Articulation Agreements: Developing a Winning Strategy." The two keynote speakers were Senator Mary Sheehy Moe and Commissioner Pam Bucy. Senator Moe shared a presentation called, "Why Teams Win," and Commissioner Bucy spoke on the topic, "The Need for an Educated Workforce."

The event provided an opportunity for the top administrators from each of the four MSU campuses to collaborate on ways the campuses can work together for the betterment of our students. The agenda included several panel discussions with experts from around the state gathered to offer their input. The schedule also included various small group discussion times and sessions on "The Student Experience: A

Seamless MSU" and "Getting in Sync: Course/Program Sharing." Please take time to view some of the video recordings of the sessions and presentations.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vxEq63soS0&list=PLXGBT0z_eRrVoEIIR755fqHOPRkoh8FVR

Veterans Day Observance



As a national observance of Veterans Day, MSUN closed all offices and cancelled classes on Wednesday. The campus celebrated our nation's heroes with an observance ceremony Tuesday morning. The Rocky Boy Veterans presented the colors for the ceremony. Provost William Rugg addressed the audience in Chancellor Kegel's absence, speaking about the history of Veterans Day and the impact so many men and women have had on our everyday lives by offering their lives. He acknowledged the veterans in the audience, and everyone present observed a moment of commemorative silence.

Ann Denny, a veteran and college graduate through the Veterans Upward Bound Program, spoke briefly at the ceremony, expressing her thanks to her fellow veterans and others who have helped her through her life's endeavors after serving her country. From there, the group relocated to the Veterans' Center in Hagener Science Center for fellowship and refreshments.

Hairspray Musical This Weekend



Havre High School and the MSU-Northern Community Orchestra have come together to present the musical, *Hairspray*. The entire family will enjoy this exciting and fun show. The show opened on Thursday and will continue through the weekend with a 7:30 p.m. showing today (Friday, November 13), and a 2 p.m. matinee and 7:30 p.m. showing on Saturday, November 14. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

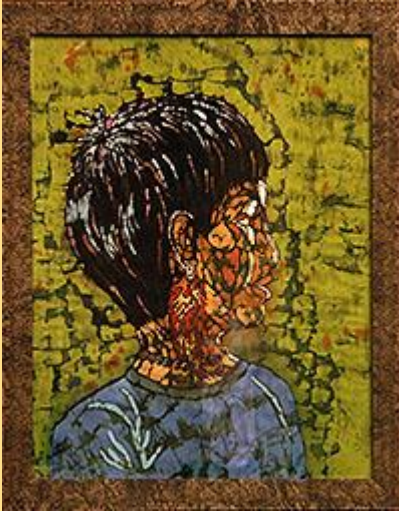
Here is a quick synopsis of the show: Tracy Turnblad is an eccentric, husky, lively teenager living in Baltimore in 1962. Her life hangs on one dream: to dance on the "Corny Collins Show." Through a strange stroke of luck and new friendships, Tracy learns new dance moves that score her a place on Corny's show. With her newfound success, Tracy tries to stand up against racial discrimination on the show. She battles adversity in various forms, but with the help of teenage heartthrob Link, Corny Collins, and Motormouth Maybelle, Tracy proves to be an overcomer, for the rights and acceptance of many, including herself. Come see *Hairspray*. This is a show you do not want to miss.

Student Senate Open Forum

The Associated Students of MSUN (Student Senate) hosted an open forum this past Monday. The special guest was Board of Regents Chair, Paul Tuss. Here are some highlights from the forum: Several faculty and administration members joined the Student Senate for the forum. During the first part of the meeting, the group discussed the possibility of student volunteers wearing the Boris and Aurora mascot costumes to basketball games. The group resolved to contact the athletic department to gain more information before making a decision on the matter.

After the senate completed their business, they introduced themselves and opened up the floor for any questions, comments, or concerns from the audience. Paul Tuss also spoke to the Student Senate about the Board of Regents and the role they play in Montana higher education. The group asked him many questions, ranging from fees and inflation, to possible topics not yet discussed at BOR.

"Air of Innocence" Painting by Mary Nault



"Air of Innocence" is an artistic piece by Mary Nault, who is the artist of the month invited by the MSUN Multicultural Center in celebration of November, American Indian Heritage Month. The Multicultural Center invites everyone to visit and admire Nault's art. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nault says of her work, "My definition of art is 'play.' I like to try new techniques and mediums. It's messy, and it's fun. The results can be exciting or even amazing. They can also be disappointing. Either way, I keep painting. My mediums are watercolor, acrylic and batik." Explaining her piece "Air of Innocence," Nault said, "The Sugarbeet Festival in Chinook, Montana, draws a diverse group of people. As I was enjoying the festivities, several children came running by. One in particular stood out. Boy or girl? Then I saw the feather earrings. I had to have a picture because I knew I wanted to paint her. I decided to do her in batik, concentrating on the variations of skin tones and working to portray an 'Air of Innocence.'"

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.estrada.underwood@msun.edu or call (406) 265-3589.

Jennifer Anderson You Are Pure Gold

Jennifer Anderson has been a member of the MSU-Northern family for over 8 years. For the last 2 years, she has worked as the Administrative Associate for the Education Department. As a co-worker, I have seen first-hand her deep commitment to students, faculty, and to the MSU-Northern community. She is the first one in the office in the morning every day and is usually one of the last people to leave. Her smile, warmth, and genuine interest in people fill the department offices with cheer and a sense of well-being.

As the first person that students, faculty, and other staff usually meet when coming to the Education Department, Jennifer is always smiling and readily helpful. She assists with advising and also provides assistance to our education faculty at our satellite campus in Great Falls. She will go above and beyond to assist anyone in whatever area they need help. With her extensive knowledge of policy and procedures across the campus, she is able to provide solid insight when working with others, including myself.

Besides her regular job duties, Jennifer also gives her time to work with the Student Education Association, assisting our education students in a variety of ways as they prepare for their future careers. She also serves as a member of the board for the staff labor union and is a staunch supporter of MSU-Northern community activities.

Jennifer is the type of work associate that makes everyone strive to do a better job themselves. Her work ethic is second to none. She is a valuable asset to the Education Department, and we are lucky to have her. Jennifer Anderson you make Northern proud!



Student Spotlight - Cecile Flansburg

By Kimmi Boyce

Cecile Flansburg sacrificed much in pursuit of education this summer. She chose to complete her Northern internship with Bullhook Community Health Clinic, which a fellow student, who gained experience there, recommended. Residing at the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Flansburg had to manage her time wisely to travel into town with her three girls every morning for work. The round trip was about 100 miles.

Flansburg's internship went well, and she was content with her work crew for most of the internship. She was surprised by the tasks she was called on to complete during her internship, namely the amount of scanning her work involved, but she did not complain. She recognized the experience as a meaningful stepping-stone towards her greater goals.

Being a mother of three made the execution of an internship more complicated for Flansburg than for most, and that was the biggest challenge during her summer- maintaining enough energy to enjoy her time with her girls once they were all together at the end of a workday. She looks forward to starting her actual career in the health field, during which she will be able to choose where she works and live where she works to cut down on commute time. Flansburg plans to work for a few years after graduating from Northern, and then she will pursue even loftier goals by pursuing her master's degree.

Important Announcements

Student Co-op Registration is Open for Spring Semester

All co-ops are registered and administered through CareerExpress, unlike the regular classes in which students enroll. Each student must have a profile on CareerExpress before he or she can register for a co-op. Every co-op requires relevant learning objectives and approval by the student's advisor, employer, dean of the appropriate college, and the director of the Career Center. It is not the Career Center or MSUN's responsibility to find a co-op for a student. The center can provide assistance, but students need to find employers who will work with them for this on-the-job learning experience. Please contact the Career Center with any questions you may have.

Important Dates

11/16/2015 - Graduation applications due

Financial Aid Exit Counseling Sessions for Upcoming Graduates

Federal regulations require all students who receive Federal Student Loans to attend an exit counseling session upon completion of their program. MSU-Northern invites graduating students to attend one of the annual exit counseling sessions. During this session, students will learn about the following information:

- Consolidating Federal Student Loans
- Deferments
- Forbearance
- Repayment Options

If you attend classes on the MSU-Northern Havre campus, the sessions have already taken place, but if you attend classes on the MSU-Northern Great Falls campus, please attend one of the following sessions:

- Tuesday, November 17, 2015, from 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. in Room B124
- Wednesday, November 18, 2015, from 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. in Room B124
- Thursday, November 19, 2015, from 12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. in Room B124

If you are/were unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact the Financial Aid or Financial Success office at 406-265-3787 or 406-265-3776.

Apply for 2016-2017 Scholarships

Current MSUN students, think ahead, and apply for 2016-2017 scholarships. Simply log into MyInfo and click on "2016-2017 Continuing Student Scholarship Application" or print an application and return it to the Financial Aid Office by 5 p.m. January 29, 2016.

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Innovative Practices at MSU-Northern - Nov. 13

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: Learn about innovative teaching practices developed by your MSU-Northern colleagues. There is a

great deal of experience and innovation at MSU-Northern, but too often we don't hear about it. Let's change that! We're highlighting the practices of two instructors, but we know that every instructor (I'm talking to YOU) has developed practices that could benefit others. Come share your ideas and expertise, and we'll share our snacks and coffee.

Tech Snacks is happening today (Friday, Nov. 13) at 10:30, 11:00, & 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 & 2:00 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

Safe Zone Module II - Nov. 18

Who: All Module I Attendees are eligible to participate

When: Wednesday, November 18th, noon

Where: MSU-N, SUB Fireside Room

Participation in this module is required to become a recognized "Safe Zone Ally." The focus of Module II is Ally Development and will be facilitated by Amber Spring, Student Support Services Counselor. This workshop will focus on building a network of LGBTQ allies at MSU-Northern and the greater community. Participants will learn what it means to be an ally, skills to become an advocate, and how to challenge heterosexism.

Following the training, participants will receive a Safe Zone placard that they may place in their office to identify themselves as individuals who have chosen to educate themselves about LGBTQ issues. These placards will become symbols of safe and welcoming places on campus for members of the LGBTQ community.

Please contact Amber Spring to register: amber.spring@msun.edu or 265-3783.

XLi 2016

Next year's XLi Conference is being held at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme of "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

Proposals are being accepted for presentations at the XLi 2016 website, <http://xli.gfcmsu.edu/> Remember, faculty attending or presenting at XLi will earn professional development points toward tech rewards through MSU-Northern Extended University! Let us know if you're interested in attending or presenting; we can coordinate and assist with travel expenses.

Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops & certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses. If you are interested, please contact Justin Mason in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

MSUN Collegiate Stockgrowers Meet-N-Greet - Nov. 14

The MSU-Northern Collegiate Stockgrowers club will hold its 2nd Annual Meet-N-Greet on Saturday, November the 14th. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with a happy hour. The club will serve a dinner of prime rib and all the fixings. The Milk River Band will provide live music for dancing beginning at 9 p.m. The club has joined with the North Central Stockgrowers Association, who will hold their annual meeting the same day from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., and this year's guest speaker is John Paterson with the National Cattleman's Beef Association. There will also be live and silent auction items offered to raise money for the North Central Stockgrowers and the Collegiate Stockgrowers. Call Mary Heller at 265-3708 to RSVP no later than November 6.

The MSUN Collegiate Stockgrowers wish to thank the following sponsors: CHS, Big Sky, Independence Bank, Galusha, Higgins & Galusha, Montana Livestock Ag Credit Services, Stockman Bank, Bear Paw Meats, and Fiveheads.

Older than America Movie Showing - Nov. 17

Older than America is a story of a woman beset by troubling visions that lead her to an abandoned schoolhouse on an Indian reservation. What shocking secrets will she discover? A Georgina Lightning film starring Adam Beach, Tantoo Cardinal, Wes Studi, and Bradley Cooper, *Older than America* delves into the lasting impact of the cultural genocide and loss of identity that occurred at these institutions across the United States and Canada. This event is part of American Indian Heritage Month 2015. MSUN will host this event in the ATC Hensler Auditorium at 6 p.m. on November 17.

Final Karaoke Competition of the Semester - Nov. 18

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee hosted a fun karaoke competition at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Wednesday, November 18, is the final karaoke night for this semester, and the committee is having a competition that will ultimately award the best karaoke singer a \$100 gift certificate. Come on out and join in on the fun!

Next Meeting Northern Native Alumni Association - Nov. 18

The next Northern Native Alumni Association meeting will be November 18 at 6.00 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Cowan 308. This is a very important meeting since elections will be held. Consider this notice a personal invitation if you are Native and a Northern alumnus. Please spread the word out to others who might be interested. For questions, contact c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu or call 265-3589.

All-Male Beauty Pageant Nursing Fundraiser - Nov. 20

Level-1 Nursing students are proud to present Northern's first ever all-male beauty pageant. This brand new event will take place on Friday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the SUB-Ballroom. Come, and enjoy drinks, bid on some great silent auction items, and have some full belly laughs as these young gentleman duke it out to see who is Northern's 2015 Mr. Irresistible! There will be voting for the "fan favorite" and three different competitive segments including formal wear, swimwear, and talent. General admission is \$10, but MSUN students can attend for \$5 with their current I.D.s. Children age twelve and under can attend free of charge. Come out and help support your local nursing students, and enjoy a night out filled with drinks, laughs, and tons of fun.

Community Tree Lighting - Nov. 28

Everyone is invited to bundle up and gather to bask in the glow of one of Havre's holiday traditions while joining family and friends at the Town Square for the ceremonial lighting of the community Christmas tree on Saturday, November the 28th, with activities starting at 5:30 p.m. Join members of the HHS choir in singing holiday carols while warming up with a cup of hot chocolate and waiting the much-anticipated arrival of Santa and his holiday wish for all.

Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

Many of us consider Northern a big family, but let's take this one step further. How many sets of siblings can you name that have participated in athletics at Northern? I will begin, and list a few easy ones; Autumn and Melanie Baack (volleyball), Kim and Kari Fike (women's basketball), Larry and Lamar Morinia (men's basketball), Shaun and Dylan Tatarka (men's basketball), Matt and Mike McKeen (football), Matt and Brandon Weber (wrestling), Evan, Ethan, and Eli Hinebauch (wrestling), and Dustyn and Hunter Azure (wrestling).

How many more can you name? Please send me an e-mail at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com, as there are at least eight more in the past thirty years. I look forward to reading your responses. (My apologies to those who are married, as I have used maiden names, since most fans are more familiar with those names).