

This Past Week

2nd Annual Festival of Nations- A Day in Colombia

Last weekend, Northern hosted its 2nd annual Festival of Nations in celebration of United Nations Day. The theme was "A Day in Colombia," and the dancing troupe, Mi Colombia Linda (My Beautiful Colombia), from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, performed traditional Colombian dance selections. MSUN student Nicola Ivanovic presented information about his country, Serbia, and Ophelia Gustafson represented the unique culture of Hawaii with a hula presentation. Attendees enjoyed ethnic treats and various vendors' goods alongside the exciting entertainment.



Tayla Snapp Recognized as Volunteer of the Game



Montana Campus Compact and the Governor's Office of Community Service recognized Tayla Snapp as the "Volunteer of the Game" during last Saturday's home football game.

Tayla Snapp was recognized for her dedication and passion toward helping others in the Havre community. During her three years as a student at MSU-Northern, Tayla has led her collegiate peers into the Havre community for volunteer activities such as reading to children in local schools, carving pumpkins at nursing homes, and serving soup at the local soup kitchen. Tayla has been a member of the Student Senate for three years and played a large part in forming a Stockgrowers club on campus. As current President of the Northern Ambassadors, Tayla welcomes new

students to campus and encourages student engagement through her generous nature and bright smile. Tayla, you make Northern proud!

ASMSUN Program Council presents "Nelly's Echo"



Accomplished singer-songwriter and guitarist, Nelson Emokpae, also known as "Nelly," originally hails from Nigeria, Africa. He came to Northern to share his multicultural background and experiences and to tell his story through music and lyrics. His style included a blend of soul, reggae and blues, coupled with infectious hook lines and tremendous vocal abilities. If you missed this unique performance, read more about Nelson Emokpae at www.nellysecho.com.

Breast Cancer Awareness- Northern Athletes are Proud in Pink



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Northern's volleyball and football players wore pink during last weekend's games. The athletes proudly sported pink, honoring those battling the disease and those who have fought bravely and either triumphed or had their lives ended by the aggressive ailment.

Northern Upgrades to ADA Approved Curbs and Sidewalks



Northern has recently completed installation of the new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) crosswalks/curbing for this fall. There will be further ADA upgrades incorporated into the new diesel building footprint on the east side of campus.

Nursing Professor Keeps Her Students Fed



ASN Chair and Associate Professor of Nursing Arlys Williams does more than teach her nursing students- she feeds them too! Arlys brings in fresh produce and eggs for the students to eat, and encourages them to live a healthy lifestyle. Way to go Arlys, you make Northern proud!

Residence Halls Host Sober October Event- Music and Mocktails



In recognition of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Morgan Hall hosted "Music and Mocktails," an alcohol awareness program for on-campus students. The RAs hosted educational games and a rockin' dance floor, while the Northern Ambassadors served up non-alcoholic cocktails. Kim Watson, Dean of Student Engagement, and Nathan Johnson, Residence Life Coordinator, served nachos to hungry students. Havre police officers came by and "busted" the party and spoke to the students about Montana laws concerning alcohol, underage possession, and what happens when an MIP is served. Roughly 80 students attended the event, making the party a great success.

Sweetgrass Society Open House and Barbeque



Yesterday Sweetgrass Society held their open house and barbeque at the Pin-N-Cue in the SUB basement. Northern family and interested community members stopped by to connect with the club and enjoy the atmosphere and food. If you missed out on this networking event, never fear; everyone is welcome in Sweetgrass Society. You do not have to be Native American to be a member. For more information, contact Sweetgrass Society's faculty advisor Jamie Underwood at 265-3526 or junderwood@msun.edu.

Student Spotlight- Daniel Blevins

By Kimmi Boyce

While MSU-Northern student Daniel Blevins would have enjoyed spending his summer fishing and enjoying the great outdoors of beautiful Montana, this Charlo native chose to utilize his summer months furthering his education, pursuing an internship with Triple W Equipment. Blevins came across this internship through his local connections, and though Blevins was near a familiar landscape and comfort zone, his experience was not simple or painless. Typically, he spent his days washing and providing maintenance work on large equipment and was often called upon to stretch himself and his skills to cover a broad range of duties to suit the company's needs. His resilience was also tested when the company went through an administration change prior to and during his internship. There were times Blevins felt that it was extra hard for his mentors to teach him, while surrounded by these circumstances, but regardless of the hardships around him, he offered his best.

A major highlight of his summer included simply driving the large equipment. Blevins saw a glimpse of blissful summer freedom during times when he was given the opportunity to drive big machinery in the midst of a taxing workday. Blevins is thankful for his time spent with Triple W Equipment and is still contemplating his specific action plan following graduation. For now, this shining Northern student's strategy is to seek out the best career available, settle down, and start a ranch on the side. His aspirations are noble and achievable, and the Northern family hopes to see his dreams come true through the hard work and determination Blevins has learned throughout his internship and time at Northern.

Important Announcements

Important Dates

11/16/2015 - Graduation applications due

Advanced Registration for Spring Semester 2016

Graduate and Post-baccalaureate: 8 a.m., Monday, October 26, 2015

Seniors (semester credits earned: 90 or above): 8 a.m., Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Juniors (semester credits earned: 60-89): 8 a.m., Friday, October 30, 2015

Sophomores(semester credits earned: 30-59): 8 a.m., Monday, November 2, 2015

Freshmen (semester credits earned: 0-29): 8 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2015

New students: 8 a.m., Monday, November 9, 2015

Class standing does not include fall 2015 credits.

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

Sessions for Havre students:

- Monday, November 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab
- Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab

Sessions for Great Falls students:

- 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 unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact the Financial Aid/Financial Success offices at 406-265-3787 or 406-265-3776.

Upcoming Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Readspeaker - Oct. 30

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty. This week's topic: a new D2L feature called Readspeaker. Students can now have text read to them aloud by a surprisingly human sounding voice. Come to Tech Snacks, and see how it works. You bring your questions, and we'll bring the treats.

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

XLi 2016

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

You can submit proposals 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 and 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

The Montana Race Project- Everyone has a Story

MSU-Northern received an invitation from the University of Montana's School of Journalism in which they asked Northern to participate in The Montana Race Project. They have asked that everyone share their personal reflections on race in Montana. Students, faculty, and staff are all welcome to participate. Each participant submits a six word "essay" either anonymously or along with his or her first name. Each submission should include the city in which the submitter resides, whether the submission is anonymous or not. This project is a great way to enter into meaningful conversation with other universities around Montana.

There are two ways to submit entries; at this link: <http://jour.umt.edu/student-projects/montana-race-project1/six-word-essays.php> or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mtraceproject>.

The MSUN Multicultural Center invites you to take part in our own MSUN Race Project. Email a copy of your entry to c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu or drop it by the Multicultural Center- Cowan Hall 308. The center will display the local submissions for all the Northern family to view.

MAT *Everyone Loves Zombies, Except Ashley*- Oct. 30-31



This weekend concludes the run of performances of Montana Actors' Theatre's (MAT) *Everyone Loves Zombies, Except Ashley*, an original musical written by Martin Holt with music by Marjorie Holt. The show will run this weekend, October 30-31. The doors and backstage lounge will open at 7:30 p.m., and the show will begin at 8 p.m. for each performance. There will be a special matinee October 31 at 2 p.m. with the doors and lounge opening at 1:30 p.m.

Here's a snippet of what you can expect from this show: A young makeup artist working on a movie set in Montana falls in love with the lively and liberated assistant director, who in turn is in love with the arrogant and unlikable lead actor. Throw in an eccentric director, a sulky and resentful best boy, a quiet script girl with a secret side, and a cameraman who is obsessed with sandwiches, and you have the recipe for a wild romantic ride - and that's before the zombies show up.

For tickets, adults cost \$15. Seniors, students, and military can attend for \$10 each. MSUN students can attend free of charge by presenting their current I.D.s. Tickets are available at Fiveheads, Bear Paw Meats, Computer Center, Bear Paw Montana Realty, and online.

Campus/Community Halloween Party - Oct. 30

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern will be hosting a Campus and Community Children's Halloween Party today, Friday, October 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Children can participate in the fishing pond, musical chairs, beanbag toss, mini golf, marshmallow toss, face painting and all sorts of spooky games. Bring your children in their Halloween costumes, and they will have a "monster" of a good time! Super nachos and brownies will be available along with other refreshments.

Halloween Costume Dance - Oct. 30

Have you decided what you'll be for Halloween this year? Create those Halloween costumes, and come on out for a great time at our upcoming Halloween costume dance- Friday, October the 30th at 9 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. "The Hitman" DJ service will play your favorite tunes for this costume dance, and, of course, there will be snacks. Attendees can win prizes for costumes in three categories. Judges will choose the most creative, the scariest, and the cutest costumes. Your local entertainment committee, ASMSUN Program Council, will sponsor this dance.

First Annual Zombie Chase- Oct. 31

Northern's first ever Zombie Chase will take place on Halloween day on the Northern campus. There will be four different one-mile chases around campus taking place at 2:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. The rules are simple; run like crazy, and hope you don't get caught by a zombie. Those that finish without getting caught, win! The zombie squad will be made up of Havre High School and Northern cross country runners. The chases are appropriate for all ages, so any interested parties can sign up the day of the race in the quad area of campus (between Cowan Hall and the Armory Gymnasium). The weather is supposed to be great that day, and the fundraiser will include music, T-shirt sales, and prizes, so come on out and support the MSUN cross country team and Relay for Life. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be split between the two entities. The funds for the cross country team will be used towards travel and entry fees for the spring.

Basketball fans should consider doing the chase before or after the men's basketball game so they can participate in both events. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event. If you're interested, please contact Coach Chad Spangler at chad.spangler@msun.edu or 265-3514.

3-on-3 Basketball Begins - Nov. 2

The Intramural and Recreation Council has scheduled 3-on-3 basketball beginning November the 2nd in the Armory Gymnasium at 8 p.m. If you'd like to participate, pick up your rosters at the SUB Information Desk.

American Indian Heritage Month Art Exhibit- Nov. 2

November is "National American Indian Heritage Month." MSUN celebrates with a variety of activities throughout the month including a panel presentation and art exhibition. The American Indian Heritage Month 2015 Panel Presentation and Art Exhibition will take place on November the 2nd at 11 a.m. in Northern's SUB Ballroom. This celebration of culture will feature the works of Donovan Archambault, Vara Buffalo Hide, Don Greytak, John Murie, Sandi Pointer, Bill Running Fisher, Douglas Standing Rock, Leland Stewart, BJ Shields, and Ed Spotting Eagle. Come enjoy the variety of pieces that pay homage to the heritage of American Indians. This presentation will be sponsored by Northern's Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) and the Native American Studies Program.

Montana College Application Week - Nov. 2-6

Next week MSU-Northern will waive the \$30 application fee for Montana high school seniors who complete and submit an admissions application.

"College Application Week is a great way to motivate high school seniors to complete their college applications early," said Kristi Peterson, Director of Admissions & Recruitment at MSU-Northern.

MSU-Northern works with high school counselors around the state to provide applications and overall support in helping students apply to college. Admissions staff will even go to the high schools and offer on-site support.

"Applying to college can be overwhelming for students and parents," Peterson said. "This week is designed to help students complete this first step to attending college."

Peterson said that MSU-Northern offers the free application to all high school seniors in Montana. Students must submit a paper application to have the fee waived and applications must be received during that week.

Montana College Application Week is coordinated by Montana GEAR UP of the Montana University System, in collaboration with a steering committee representing the K-12 community, community-based organizations and all sectors of Montana's higher education system.

For more information, Peterson encourages students to call the MSU-Northern Admissions Office at 406-265-3704. Applications can be downloaded at www.msun.edu.

Secrets to Winning a Scholarship Training- Nov. 3

Do you want or need more financial assistance for the 2016-2017 school year? Who doesn't want to know some surefire ways to secure more college funding? Join Sandy Johnsrud of MSUN's Financial Aid Office and Karen Terrell from Financial Success for a very informative workshop on applying for scholarships. It's happening Tuesday, November 3 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Vande Bogart Library Computer Lab. Come gain a "wealth" of knowledge pertaining to scholarships including the who, what, where, when, and how to apply for 2016-2017 scholarships. Attending students will receive 700 North Points. The facilitators encourage all attendees to bring a rough draft of a scholarship essay for guidance, suggestions, and proofreading help. For more information, contact Sandy or Karen at 265-3500 or 265-3776 respectively.

Indian Taco Sale - Nov 4

There will be an Indian taco sale in the Multicultural Center, at 11.00 a.m.

Movie *Four Sheets to the Wind* - Nov. 4

Mark your calendars and plan to come to Hensler Auditorium at 6.00 p.m. on November 4, to enjoy the movie *Four Sheets to the Wind*. This film showed at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival and touches on contemporary lifestyles by dramatizing Native American stories.

Bingo Night - Nov. 4

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern are hosting monthly bingo nights this semester. The last bingo night for the semester will be November 4 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Students will play several rounds of regular bingo for prizes, and the winner of blackout bingo will win a 7" Android tablet at the end of the evening. Northern will provide the refreshments.

Turkey Bowling - Nov. 5

Thursday, November the 5th at 7 p.m. in the Pin-n-Cue, the Intramural and Recreation committee will be hosting a Turkey Bowl. The prizes will be gift certificates for free turkeys. The tournament will be 2 no-tap games (9 pins is the same as a strike) in the dark!! If you get a strike in the 3rd, 6th and 9th frame, or three strikes in a row, you will win a gift certificate from IGA. All participants will receive an Intramural and Recreation t-shirt, and light refreshments will be available throughout the event.

Comedian Cody Woods - Nov. 12

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern Program Council presents Comedian Cody Woods on November the 12th at 8 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.

Cody Woods is one of the most hilarious and talented comedians rising today. While growing up idolizing comedians as a child, he discovered he had a natural way of making everyone laugh early on. At the age of thirteen, he was recommended to the local comedy club by a teacher, despite being sent to detention by that teacher the same day.

With his unique versatility on stage, audiences are treated to a rare blend of extreme honesty, off the cuff wit, social commentary, animation with spot-on impressions, all while maintaining a laid back narrative. Now a young yet seasoned comic Woods can be seen featuring and headlining comedy clubs all over the United States. He has regularly worked with big names such as Tommy Davidson, Damon Wayans, Robin Williams, Todd Glass, David Spade, Kevin Farley, Pauly Shore, Charlie Murphy, and many more. He was already a two-time finalist in the Northern California Comedy Competition held at the world famous Improv Comedy Club at the age of eighteen and nineteen. He was featured on Roger Ebert's blog shortly after as well as

online streaming giant, Hulu.com. In 2013 he was hand-picked for the Comedy Central's Up Next National Competition and was also a semi-finalist in the Shaq All Star Comedy Jam.

Don't miss, Cody Woods at the MSU-Northern Student Union Ballroom on November 12 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5/adults and \$3/students and free for MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff.

Safe Zone Training Module II - Nov. 18

The next Safe Zone Training, module II, is scheduled for November 18, 2015, at the same time and place as module I (noon in the Fireside Conference Room in the SUB). However, in order to take this second training, participants must first have taken module I. At the end of it, they receive a decal and button that formally identifies them as LGBTQ allies. Those interested in signing in for module II, please register in advance by contacting c.estrada.underwood@msun.edu or extension 3589. For more information, also contact amber.spring@msun.edu or extension 3164.

Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

Looking back at another year in Northern's history, what happened in 1985? Dr. James Erickson was just finishing up his tenure as President of Northern Montana College. Dr. William Merwin was appointed the new president and would begin in the fall. KNOG was transitioning to the call letters KNMC. A postage stamp was \$0.20. Gas was \$1.20 per gallon, and the top movie was *Back to the Future*.

Also in 1985, on April 2, the Student Activities Board (now known as Program Council) sponsored a concert that headlined Joan Jett and the Blackhearts at the Armory Gymnasium. If you would like to read more about the concert, head over to the Vande Bogart Library and take a look in the 1985 "Northerner" yearbook on pages 58-59.