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Feature Video: MSUN - Athletic Training



Student Ryan Roche talks about how Northern set him up to be a highly competitive Athletic Training applicant for grad school.

Three grants to create new Open Education Resources (OER)



Dr. Valerie Guyant, Dr. Samantha Balemba-Brownlee, Dr. Joseph Todd, and Caleb Hutchins (not pictured) received acceptance letters this week for three grants to create new Open Education Resources (OER) and ancillary materials for existing OER texts for LIT 309: Popular Genres, EDU 225: Introduction to Educational Technology, and CJUS 236: Introduction to Research Methods, respectively.

The grants were awarded through the MUS TRAILS OER statewide initiative on behalf of The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) and the Montana University System Board of Regents. As part of its mission, TRAILS (the Treasure State Academic Information & Library Services) is dedicated to improving accessibility and decreasing cost of texts for Montana students.

The materials developed will be made available to other educators through an OER database, in addition to helping MSUN students decrease their textbook costs in these courses.

From Football Field to Stage



MSU-Northern is proud to highlight the work of Donte Simpkins, who makes his theatrical debut in the current MAT production of *1 Man, 2 Govnors*. Donte usually graces the Northern Lights football field but has declared theater a fun new challenge. He commented that his parents always enjoyed theater while he was growing up in New York, but he never expected to be the one doing the acting. He says he is hoping more students, especially more of his fellow athletes, follow him into the theater for a different college experience.

Montana Actor's Theater ends its run of *One Man, Two Guvnors* this weekend with shows Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 pm. The live band begins playing approximately 10 minutes before curtain. Come and see Donte in action!

Football Recruiting in High Gear



Thirteen high school students from all over Montana came to Northern this week to check out the campus and meet the coaches with the hope of playing on the Northern football team this fall. Northern's football coaches are regularly talking to hundreds of people interested in playing football. The goal is to find the right players who have the discipline and skills necessary to succeed in one of the most competitive football conferences in the Nation. We were pleased to host these outstanding players and we hope to see some of them on the team this fall.

Crowd Enjoys Cree Winter Stories



Everyone loves a good story and Kishey Pisim Baker knows how to tell a great story because she shares the stories of her people and her life. This week The Little River Institute hosted one of two “lunch and learn” sessions. The participants enjoyed a light lunch while they listened to a series of stories designed to focus on winter life of the Cree Tribe. The second session in this series will be next Wed. Feb. 12, at 12 -1 pm, in the Little River Institute (SUB 303). Don't miss it.

REWIND - PAUSE – FAST FORWARD

By T. Welch – MSU-Northern



Tom Welch shows off an old collection of agriculturally themed VHS tapes.

VHS tapes, like many other teaching technologies, had a good run in Northern classrooms. Faculty member, Tom Welch, recalls how professors in the early 1980s would have to check out a video cart with a VCR and a television from the campus audiovisual lab. Cliff Whittemore supervised the A-V lab which was located next to the Little Theater at the west end of the first floor of Cowan Hall. Welch remembers pushing the cart across campus to a Brockmann Center classroom so he could play a VHS tape to students. Soon Brockmann and other buildings had their own A-V carts and over the years a number of faculty ordered videos to complement the subjects they taught.

Interestingly, a VCR machine may still be found with many of the more modern digital media projection systems throughout our campus classrooms. However,

it is rare for a faculty member to play a VHS tape as they are only a click or two away from being able to share a rich digital video streaming environment. How fun to (rewind) think back, (pause) and reflect on Northern's past and (fast forward) to today's current campus teaching and learning environment!

Mule Deer Goes to College

Last Tuesday, Vicki Clouse was on her way to teach her Zoology class in Hagener when she spotted a deer bedding down by itself. She managed to take a few pictures of it, and the deer did not move, despite how close she got. It looked quite relaxed and did not appear to be hurt, but she couldn't tell for sure. When she got to her class, she asked her students about it, and they told her that a group of a few other students were also taking pictures of the deer and it eventually got up and left.



Clouse later spoke with a groundskeeper, who told her that a group of four mule deer hang out on the campus, and the one from that morning looked like a yearling that got separated from its group. She has not seen the deer since but hopes that it will continue to hang around campus and become the "Hagener Science Center Deer."

Important Announcements

Get your FAFSA in Today!

Today, February 7, is the priority deadline date for the 2020-2021 FAFSA, so apply today at studentaid.gov. Please stop by or contact the Financial Aid office at 406-265-3787 with any questions!

Library Hours Next Weekend

Saturday Feb 15. Closed
Sunday Feb. 16 - Closed
Monday Feb. 17 – 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Mail Services Now in Cowan Hall 207

Copy Center Hours (Cowan Hall 117)

Monday – 8 a.m. – 12 noon
Tuesday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesday – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

Thursday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Friday - 8 a.m. – 12 noon

Upcoming Major Events

One Man, Two Guvnors

February 7-8



Out-of-work musician Francis Henshall becomes separately employed by two men – Roscoe Crabbe, a gangster, and Stanley Stubbers, an upper-class twit. Francis tries to keep the two from meeting--to avoid each of them learning about the other. Complicating events, Roscoe is really Rachel Crabbe in disguise, her twin brother Roscoe having been killed by her gangster boyfriend, Stanley. Complicating events still further is local mobster Charlie the Duck, who has arranged his daughter's engagement to Roscoe despite her preference for an amateur actor. Even further complications are prompted by several letters, a very heavy trunk, several unlucky audience volunteers, an extremely elderly waiter, and Francis' pursuit of his twin passions: Dolly (Charlie's feminist bookkeeper) and food.

All MSUN students, staff, and faculty get in free! Just show up at the door with a student ID and MAT will let you right in! Advanced tickets are available at

Bear Paw Meats, the Computer Center or Fiveheads. Again, all that is needed is an ID!

[For paid tickets...](#)

Cultural Lunch and Learns - Feb. 12

The Little River Institute will once again host Cultural Lunch and Learns with Kishey Pisim Baker in February. A light lunch will be provided. Cree Winter Stories, Wed. Feb. 12, 12 -1 pm, Little River Institute (SUB 303)

2020 Spring Career Fair is Right Around the Corner – Feb. 13

The 2020 Spring Career Fair is just around the corner. Along with the Gold Sponsors, Sibanye/Stillwater Mine and RDO Equipment, this event is also sponsored by 406 Agronomy, Westmoreland Mining, Tilleman's, and ADF International. All currently enrolled students and alumni are welcome to attend to seek part-time, full-time, and co-op/internship employment.

The date is set for Thursday, February 13th, with a Wine'd Up social event the night before for all employers to join with administrative staff from all three colleges on campus and learn about Northern's programs.

Informational Meeting on Trip to Europe – Feb. 19



Dr. Valerie Guyant is pleased to announce plans for a college study trip to Florence, Rome, and Athens scheduled for May 2021. Students are especially encouraged to enroll for this 10-day trip, which will take place right after finals next year.

Signups are now open at <https://www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/2359549NT>

More information is available from Dr. Guyant at valerie.guyant@msun.edu. An informational meeting will also be held in the library, Wednesday, February 19, from 3-4 pm.

90th Celebration Gala – Feb. 15



On February 15, 2020, The Northern Alumni Foundation is hosting a unique 90th Celebration Gala at a very special venue on the campus of MSUN, our Diesel Technology Center. At this event, we will be celebrating the past, present, and future of the University and will provide a unique experience in this stunning venue. With live music, games, raffles, photo booth, and silent auction items, this surely is to be the event of the year! Cocktail attire is requested.

[For Tickets...](#)

Spring 2020 Hunter Safety Classes – Feb. 20

The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is pleased to provide The Spring 2020 Hunter Safety Classes on the campus of MSU-Northern. Classes will begin February 20th. The first class starts at 6pm and ends at 7pm for that night only. The classes are open to anyone 10 years old on or before the first day of class. No cost --even the manuals are free. To sign up you can go online to Montana FWP under education hunter education classroom classes Havre or

you can go to the FWP resource office between 10 am and 2 pm and Kelly can register you.

Fourth Annual OTLE Media Festival! – Feb. 26

MSU-Northern's Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence invites faculty and students to showcase their video and audio projects from academic year 2019-2020 at the festival, which will be held Wednesday, February 26th, at 4pm in Hensler Auditorium.

This year, instructors and students will be asked to present their entries in time slots of 15 minutes or less. Examples include media you have created for the classroom (face-to-face or online) or projects students have completed for your course. Even if you're not presenting, all campus community members are encouraged to attend and see some of the exciting things our students and instructors have been creating this year.

Entries to the festival do not need to be highly polished, and experimental projects are welcome; we are primarily interested in learning about how the piece of media was used in the classroom and how it contributed to student learning. From a screen recording introducing yourself to the class, to a student's final video or audio project, to everything in between, we're excited to hear and see what you're up to.

We ask that video submissions be uploaded to YouTube and that the link be sent to Jason Geer at jason.geer@msun.edu with the subject line "Media Festival Submission." The submission deadline is Monday, February 24th. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided at the festival on February 26th.

Student One Act Plays - April 15th

MSU-Northern students interested in theater, creative writing, and musical performance or are you just Intrigued by the idea of acting but have never been sure how to get involved? Have acting experience and would like to try directing? Like to write and would like to see your work performed? Play an instrument and are willing to collaborate for a one weekend performance? Those who are interested in a one act play please contact Dr. Valerie Guyant at valerie.guyant@msun.edu. Musicians should contact Dr. Joey Todd at joseph.todd1@msun.edu

Fourth Annual International Poetry Reading: Voices of the Hi-Line - April 15th

The English Department at MSU-Northern is seeking volunteers to perform at this year's international poetry reading.

- If you know another language ...

- If you know someone who knows another language ...
- If you have always wanted to learn a language... Then this event may be for you!

Volunteers and poetry selections received by April 1 will be included in the program.

Please spread the word, especially to students and community members.

Last year, they had 20 languages represented.

Those who are interested please contact Dr. Valerie Guyant at

valerie.guyant@msun.edu

Campus Calendar

Friday, February 07

- Spring Deferred Payment Schedule: 50% Due
- Lights Wrestling vs Northwest College -7:00 PM
- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 08

- Skylights Basketball @ Rocky Mountain College
- Lights Basketball @ Rocky Mountain College - 7:30 PM
- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM
- Library open 10 AM to 2 PM

Wednesday, February 12

- Cultural Lunch and Learn - Cree Winter Stories - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- Student Senate Meeting - 5:00 PM

Thursday, February 13

- Spring Career Fair - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- State of the University address - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Skylights Basketball @ Montana Tech - 5:30 PM
- Lights Basketball @ Montana Tech - 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 15

- Library closed
 - 90th Celebration Gala - 5:30 PM - DTC
 - Skylights Basketball @ Lewis-Clark State College - 5:30 PM
 - Lights Basketball @ Lewis-Clark State College - 7:30 PM
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By: William Lanier

MSU-Northern's 90th Celebration Gala

On February, 15, 2020, the Northern Alumni Foundation office will be hosting "MSU-Northern's 90th Celebration Gala" a scholarship fundraiser in the DTC (Diesel Technology Center). This event has changed and evolved over the years from the initial "We Love NMC" Ball.

In 1987 the first "We Love NMC" Ball was held on the Northern campus. This event was organized by the Soroptimists International of Havre along with the assistance of faculty, staff, students, and other Northern Montana College supporters. According to the Havre Daily News, "The 'We Love NMC' was organized in 1987 in response to calls for the closure of Northern Montana College." Thus, the Ball was two-fold, first, for the community to show support for NMC, and second to raise money for scholarships for non-traditional students (students who were out of high school for several years, before enrolling in college). The first two "We Love NMC" Balls raised \$12,000.000 and the proceeds allowed for the distribution of 23 scholarships in those two years.

Over the years most of the scholarship dollars were raised through silent auctions. The February 9, 1989 Havre Daily News stated, "...several of the officially sanctioned Centennial Prints of the Gary Carter painting 'The Governors' Edition'." were being auctioned off. These prints were signed by artist Gary Carter, former Governors Ted Schwinden, Thomas L. Judge, Forrest H. Anderson, Tim M. Babcock and Stan Stephens. Stan Stephens was the governor of Montana at the time and attended the "We Love NMC" Ball. Another item that was auctioned off one year, was eight hours of house-cleaning. This was donated by Paulette Wagner who had received a Soroptimist "We Love NMC" scholarship the previous year.

If you are at all able, please call (406) 265-3711 and reserve your space at this year's "MSU-Northern's 90th Celebration Gala," after all the 90th celebration will only happen once!

Thank you to the Soroptimist International of Havre and all those who assisted over the years. A special thank you Shantel Cronk, Lea Louder, and Amanda Meyer for your amazing work on this year's event!

If you have any suggestions for a Northern TidBit, please e-mail me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com



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