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MSUN Video Newsflash: Gen Set Donation



Interstate Power Systems donated 3 generator sets to Northern's Diesel Program to help students learn about Power Generation.

MSU-Northern Supporters Enjoy 90th Celebration Gala



For 34 years Northern has been hosting a ball in February to raise money for student scholarships. This year was a 90-year Gala Celebration that took place in the new Diesel Technology Center and featured amazing food, dancing, auctions, and games. Music played throughout the event and consisted of an acoustic guitar by MSUN's own Joey Todd who started out the evening followed by music from The Lucky Valentines, Milk River Band, and Hi Line Jazz. By the end of the night \$52,000 was raised for student scholarships. Most of these funds came from a series of matching gifts, including one from BNSF, which together came to \$40,000. Gun raffle winner was Northern alumnus, Allan Ost, while the quarter beef raffle winners were Mike Bober and alumnus Paul Schuschke.

Three New Gen Sets for Northern's Diesel Programs



Interstate Power Systems was on campus last Thursday (Feb.13) to participate in the Career Fair and to donate three Gen Sets to MSU-Northern's diesel program. These units will become a critical component to a new power generation program that Northern's Diesel Advisory Board has been discussing since 2003.

These three gen sets are complete turnkey training systems with full computer and electrical systems. Two of the units are Perkins' four-liter engines with usable 50 Kilo Watt Gen Sets. These brand new units were originally going to Australia but the deal fell through and they have been sitting in inventory for several years. They are Tier 3 export engines and cannot be sold in the states so reworking them into educational training units made a lot of sense.

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Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation Diesel Scholarship

In addition to the already generous scholarships that the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation in conjunction with Modern Machinery provides to Northern, they have just announced an additional \$60,000 grant. There will be \$20,000 per year for the next three years awarded to new diesel technology majors.

Other criteria to be eligible for this scholarship include:

- Recipients must be enrolled at full-time status
- Recipients must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

- Recipients must demonstrate evidence of co-curricular and community activities in high school, if incoming freshman, and while enrolled in college
- Recipients must be U.S. citizens
- Preference will be given to:
 - Montana high school graduates
 - Montana residents
 - Individuals who demonstrate financial need

This announcement comes just months after Modern Machinery launched a new tuition assistance and loan repayment program. All of these programs are just one more way students are given better opportunities during and after their time at Northern.

Applications will be available starting March 1st and can be found by visiting the Financial Aid or Northern Alumni Foundation's website.

Spring 2020 Career Fair Big Thanks

From the Career Center



The Spring 2020 Career Fair was a huge success with everything going off without a hitch! This fair saw a lower count in employers attending but the Career Center expected this due to the record-breaking fall fair and desire of medical facilities to attend campus events in a different format. Still...

- There were 44 employer registrations and of those, 33 employers represented the trades industries.

- Thirteen employers conducted 68 student interviews for both co-op and fulltime positions. The programs these employers were interested in included Ag Mechanics, Automotive, Business, Design Drafting, Civil Engineering, Diesel Technology, and Electrical Technology.
- The fair saw over 250 students attend the event.

While many employers didn't stay for the chance to interview students, they did take resumes home with them so they can follow up later on their own time. There were quite a few new employers to campus, due to some connections made at the Montana Contractors Association convention. This is always great to see as these new employers are looking at a variety of programs to fill their workforce needs.

The Career Center thanks everyone for encouraging students to attend, helping with the setup, getting employers and students to their correct interview locations, and cleaning the gym afterwards. Specifically, we personally recognize Steve Lockwood, Eva Stokes and crew, Tammy Boles and crew, Becky Toth and crew, Christian Oberquell, Bobbie Morse, Sandy Johnsrud, Pat Blankenship, Belinda Potter, Jim Potter, Colton Tash, Mary Brown, Amy Skryja, Rachel Hutchison, the Business office, Student Support Services, and the Library.

Additionally, we had about 15 amazing Student Ambassadors, PAS Club, and Stockgrowers Club students who came in to help employers find their tables in the morning. Then, they came back later to help clean up the gym and Fast Break Lounge. YOU STUDENTS ROCK!!!

In a nutshell...to the people we just thanked, and hopefully didn't miss anyone... A HUGE THANK YOU! We couldn't pull this off without your help!

As we reach the mid-way point of spring semester, the Career Center plans to continue to help students prepare for their co-op and fulltime job placement positions. Please remind students to come to us for help with the application process, interview thank you letters, and any other help they may need to make these adjustments as they move forward in their career planning.

Important Announcements

New Copy Center Hours:

Starting Monday, February 24, the Copy Center will be open Monday- Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. These consistent hours will make it easier for people to remember and provide an opportunity for people to drop off and pick up jobs over their lunch hours. I want to thank everyone for your patience as we have been learning the equipment and setting up a new invoicing system. You will receive an invoice with each job so you can know what your department will be charged for that job at the end of the month. You do not

need to do anything with that invoice. If you think there is a problem with the invoice, please let us know when you pick up your order so we can fix it before the charge goes through. Thanks for your help and understanding.

Jim Potter – Director of University Relations

Upcoming Major Events

MSUN Food Pantry Food Drives – Feb. 21

The MSUN Food Pantry Committee, a collaboration between ASMSUN Senate and MSUN Staff and Faculty, will be conducting its first food drive during the men's and women's basketball games on Friday February 21st and Saturday February 22nd. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items. ASMSUN Senate will have collection receptacles available in the gym lobby during the games. This is the first activity the committee is facilitating to begin stocking food to address food inadequacy at MSUN. More information about the Food Pantry will be released when it is up and running!

MSUN LGBTQ Support Group – Feb. 25

MSUN Safe Zone will again be offering an LGBTQ Support Group for MSUN students and staff as well as community members. The group will begin on February 25th and run every Tuesday for the rest of the semester from 5:30-6:30 PM in Cowan Hall 308 (previously the Office of Diversity Awareness & Multicultural Programs). For more information, contact Amber Spring in Student Health Services amber.spring@msun.edu or 406-265-3599.

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.

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 21

- Lights Wrestling @ Cascade Collegiate Conference Tournament
- Skylights Basketball vs Rocky Mountain College - 6:00 PM
- Lights Basketball vs Rocky Mountain College - 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 22

- Lights Wrestling @ Cascade Collegiate Conference Tournament
- Skylights Basketball vs UM Western - 6:00 PM
- Lights Basketball vs UM Western - 8:00 PM
- Library open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26

- Student Senate Meeting - 5:00 PM

Friday, February 28

- Skylights Basketball @ Carroll College - 5:30 PM
- Lights Basketball @ Carroll College - 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 29

- Skylights Basketball @ University of Providence - 5:30 PM

- Lights Basketball @ University of Providence - 7:30 PM
- Library open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TidBit

By William J. Lanier



Over the past 90 years, there have been many improvements to the campus, from new buildings to landscaping. In my opinion, back in 2006, one of the most important projects changed the look and feel of the Northern campus. That was the removal of the parking lot that sat between Cowan Hall and the Northern gymnasium. The parking lot was in need of major repairs and it was determined that in the best interest of the campus, the parking lot would be removed replaced with grass and landscaping. This is also when the road behind Hager Science Center was added, the parking lot to the west of Cowan Hall was added and Cowan Drive become a one-way road.

In 2008, the Havre Rotary Club donated the pedestal clock that sits in the courtyard!

Please take a look at the pictures to see what it once looked like as a parking lot and the transformation that took place 14 years ago.

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



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