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“We Love Northern Ball” Returns in Full Strength



Over 200 people attended a fun filled, action packed evening that ushered in the return of the “We Love Northern Ball” on Saturday (Feb. 11). The participants enjoyed an amazing three-course meal prepared by Northern’s own food service staff. The foundation presented the original Don Greytak drawing commemorating the history of Northern. The crowd danced the night away to an outstanding live eight-piece big band group from Billings known as “Jack Klein and the Northern Lights” plus some DJ style music during the band breaks. Guests had a complimentary photo taken and above all helped the Northern Alumni Foundation raise \$58,980 through live and silent auction items, print sales, table sales, and corporate donations. The profits from that money will go toward student scholarships.

“We’d like to thank our sponsors, our Board of Directors, our ball Committee and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to create an engaging event. We’d also like to thank our event photographer, Jim Potter for capturing so many great memories from the evening.” – Melanie Skoyen

Historical Artwork Unveiled at Ball



One of the highlights of the “We Love Northern Ball” was the unveiling of the commemorative Northern drawing by Don Greytak. This project started back in October when the MSU-Northern Foundation commissioned one of Montana’s best-known artists, Don Greytak, to create an image to capture the rich heritage of MSU-Northern. They wanted a piece of artwork that would strike a nostalgic chord in the heart of every Northern alum, faculty, supporter, and friend. They wanted a piece of art that would contain at least three historic elements, and in the end, Greytak presented four elements. The elements were Cowan Hall, the Goose, a homecoming king and queen, and our current Chancellor, Greg Kegel, who has been part of Northern’s history for over 40 years.

The original drawing will be displayed on the campus of MSU-Northern. Five-hundred numbered prints were made of the original and are available for sale through the Foundation. The profits from those sales will go toward student scholarships. The first numbered print was auctioned off and sold to Chancellor Kegel. The rest of the top five numbered prints were also auctioned off and together they raised over \$7,000. The remaining prints are for sale for \$50 each and can be purchased through the Northern Alumni Foundation.

Seventy Students Enjoy Bowling Night



ASMSUN Intramurals and Recreation and the Student Engagement Committee coordinated a bowling night for Northern students at Harvest Moon Lanes on Monday, February 13th. Close to 70 students participated. Hadley Plummer, senior in Civil Engineering Technology, coordinated the event. Following the event, she said, “This was exactly what the students on campus wanted and needed – even if it was a Monday night event. I couldn’t believe the turnout. Harvest Lanes was great to work with and I am looking forward to coordinating an event like this again.”

MSU-Northern Educators Attend a “Day on the Hill”



On February 8, 2023, the 10 Educator Preparation Programs representing the Montana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MTACTE) attended a "Day on the Hill" at the state capital. Drs. Beth Durodoye, Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Amy Smith, Associate Professor of Teacher Education, and Joyce Mphande-Finn, Associate Professor of Counselor Education attended and conversed with legislators about MSU-Northern's directed efforts to support education along the Hi-Line and beyond.

Students Participate in a Think Tank Session



"Give what you can. Take what you need." is the tagline for the MSUN Community Center. Jenn Tomac, the Student Coordinator for the MSUN Community Center, gave students a tour and facilitated a Think Tank session on their perspectives of the objectives of the Community Center and the needs of the MSUN student body. Students shared ideas about solutions that could be implemented on campus with the Community Center as a launching pad. Discussions included factors and stigmas of food and basic need insecurities among students and the benefits of volunteering in a service organization. The Community Center hopes to engage students through volunteerism and service-learning opportunities, which can have a positive effect on a student's personal and interpersonal development, leadership skills, and sense of social responsibility. Students explored marketing tactics to build awareness and interest in The Center. They also brainstormed event ideas that could teach students skills, spark curiosity, and bring students together in a fun and creative way.

The Community Center is available to any MSUN student. There are no income limitations. Students may drop in during walk-in hours to pick up food items, clothing, and other household goods that they may need on Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00 pm and Thursdays from 10:00-1:00 pm. The CC is located in Student Family Housing. Availability outside of these hours can be arranged by

calling or texting Amber Spring at 406.399.1919 or Jenn Tomac, the MSUN Community Center Student Coordinator, at communitycenter@msun.edu. The Center welcomes donations and volunteers. Give what you can. Take what you need.

Lunch and Learn Helps Students Leverage Cooperative Learning Opportunities



On Wednesday, (Feb.15) Integrated Health Sciences and Student Support Services held their 2nd Lunch and Learn of a three part series. This session was titled “Leveraging Your Cooperative Learning Opportunities.” Dr. Chad Spangler explained the importance of Cooperative Learning Opportunities and students shared their experiences working in the field. These Cooperative Learning experiences prepare students for the workforce as well as graduate programs and further technical training. Cooperative Learning credits are part of earning a degree in Integrated Health Sciences. Allie Tigert, Trayvion Rainey, and Courtney Boese all presented. Students majoring in Health Sciences can set up these opportunities in physical therapy, community health, speech, as a medical technician, or with the Havre Fire Department to name a few examples.

MSU-Northern Student to Attend International Technical Conference



Evan Davison at last year's American Oil Chemists' Society Annual Meeting & Expo held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta in Atlanta, Georgia.

Evan Davison's poster abstract titled, "Elucidating the reaction mechanism of hydrodeoxygenation of lignin monomers with ether function groups in systems with nonpolar solvents" has been accepted into the technical program of the 2023 American Oil Chemists' Society Annual Meeting & Expo, to be held in the Colorado Convention Center in May. Evan is an MSU-Northern biology student who has been assisting Dr. Randy Maglinao of the Advanced Fuels Center in investigating a sequence of reactions to selectively transform waste biomass to a lubricity improver additive since summer of 2021. This research project is funded by the Bioprocessing and Bioengineering program (grant no. 2019-67022-29947/project accession no. 1019914) from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. He had studied the reaction mechanisms involved in removing oxygen atoms from phenolic compounds found in biooil to hydrocarbon precursors for additive production during the previous fall semester. He will be traveling to Denver, Colorado, with Dr. Maglinao to present their research findings to other chemists, engineers, technologists, and researchers from around the world. The four-day conference is also an opportunity to see other presentations focused on the science and technology of fats, oils, proteins, surfactants, fuels, and other materials, as well as, network with science-minded academic and industry professionals.

This will be Evan's second time participating in the American Oil Chemists' Society Annual Meeting & Expo. Last year, he presented research on creating

lubricity improver additive from hydrocarbon and ester precursors during the Society's convention held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta in Atlanta, Georgia. The experiences he gained working with Dr. Maglinao and his involvement in technical conferences has given him a broader view of the various scientific fields that he could pursue in graduate school.

Lunch and Learn Explores Some of the Many Career Paths Available with a Science Degree



On February 16, Student Support Services sponsored a “Lunch and Learn” session for 24 students who were interested in learning about how a science major prepares them for life after earning their degree at Northern. Science instructors Dr. Terri Hildebrand, Dr. Gary Succaw, and Dr. Giuseppe Cortese were on hand to talk about the various career paths available for science majors. They shared some of the leading websites for finding science jobs and went through some practical steps students can take if they are wanting continue on into a master’s degree, PHD, or do research projects.

The MAT Production of *Misery* Opens this Weekend



Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to present this well-known psychological thriller based on Stephen King's novel *Misery*. It is a story about a successful romance novelist, Paul Sheldon, who is rescued from a car crash by his "number one fan," Annie Wilkes, and wakes up captive in her secluded home. While Paul is convalescing, Annie reads his latest book and becomes enraged when she discovers the author has killed off her favorite character, Misery Chastain. Annie forces Paul to write a new *Misery* novel, and he quickly realizes Annie has no intention of letting him go anywhere.

This MAT version features Andi Daniel as Annie Wilkes, Jay Pyette as Paul Sheldon, Bill Dolph as Buster, directed by Anjanett Hawk, and produced by Independence Bank.

Misery will run on Feb. 16-19 and 23-25. It is free to MSU-Northern students with a valid student ID.

[Click Here for Tickets...](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campus Closed Mon. Feb. 20 for President's Day

Nominations Now Open for 2023 Student Excellence Awards

Nominations for the 2023 Student Excellence Awards are now being accepted!

Since 1982, Northern has taken time each spring semester to lift up and make known the achievements of a number of students who have exemplified a commitment to the pursuit of high academic achievement and significant student engagement.

Specific criteria for nominations can be found on the attached Nomination Form. Any member of the Northern community can nominate a student they believe exemplifies excellence, as outlined in the criteria provided. To nominate a student, please ensure the Nomination Form is submitted to the Dean of Students Office (Cowan Hall 105) by **5 PM** on **Wednesday, March 1st**. Electronic submissions are preferred and may be sent to deanofstudents@msun.edu.

Important Deadlines

Mar 2th (Thursday) Midterm grades due to Registrar's Office by Noon
Mar 13th-17th Spring Break Week (No classes, offices open)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brown Bag Lecture – Feb. 22

“The Effects of Alternative Fuels on Diesel Exhaust Emissions and the Role of Health Behavior in Harm Reduction.”

MSU-Northern will continue its Spring 2023 Brown Bag Lecture Series on Wednesday, February 22nd, with a presentation by Dr. Tony Gryffin, Assistant Professor of Integrated Health Sciences and Dr. Randy Maglinao, Senior Research Scientist at the Advanced Fuels Center. The event will be held from noon to 1:00pm in Hensler Auditorium (ATC Building), and it is open to the public.

Sack lunches are provided but limited, so attendees are encouraged to RSVP by Friday, February 17th, at <https://www.msun.edu/otle/brownbag.aspx> or by calling 406-265-3775.

The presentation is titled, “The Effects of Alternative Fuels on Diesel Exhaust Emissions and the Role of Health Behavior in Harm Reduction.” Underground metal and nonmetal mine operators predominantly use diesel to power their equipment and vehicles. Creating effective strategies to reduce miner’s exposure to harmful diesel exhaust emissions is always a priority to both industry and scientific research. Dr. Gryffin and Dr. Maglinao will present an overview of their ongoing Montana INBRE Student-Focused Faculty Research Grant on investigating mine worker health behavior and exhaust emissions from alternative fuels. They will also provide insight into the value of grant-funded research projects to undergraduate students and the challenges of conducting health studies in this area. This research is supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institute of Health.

Next Brown Bag Lecture – March 22

Next month’s lecture – “Building a Brand for Small Businesses and Organizations” – will be presented on Wednesday, March 22, from 1 to 2pm by Mary Ward, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design.

SSS Celebrates National TRiO Day – Feb. 25

Student Support Services will celebrate National TRiO Day on Saturday, February 25, by helping prepare, serve, and clean up after the daily lunch service at Feed My Sheep Community Soup Kitchen in Havre.



For many programs, National TRiO Day is a tradition and provides an opportunity for students who have benefitted from the many TRiO programs, such as Student Support Services (SSS) at MSUN, to serve their local communities. This year SSS will celebrate National TRiO Day by volunteering at the Feed My Sheep Community Soup Kitchen (611 2nd Street, Havre). SSS is inviting students to serve with them from 9:45 am – 1:00 pm. Volunteers are welcome to come for all or part of the shift to help in preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the daily lunch service. If possible, let Matt Erdel (265-3745) or another SSS staff member (Cowan Hall 211) know if you plan to attend in order to best coordinate volunteers.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Friday, February 17

- Lights Wrestling @ Cascade Collegiate Conference - All Day
- MAT presents: *Misery* - 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 18

- Lights Wrestling @ Cascade Collegiate Conference - All Day
- Skylight Basketball vs Montana Tech – Armory gym - 2:00 PM
- Lights Basketball vs Montana Tech - Armory gym - 4:00 PM
- MAT presents: *Misery* - 8:00 PM

Sunday, February 19

- MAT presents: *Misery* - 2:00 PM

Monday, February 20

- Holiday ~ Presidents' Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed - All Day

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

- Brown Bag Lecture: Effects of Alternative Fuels on... - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Thursday, February 23

- University Advisory Council meeting - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

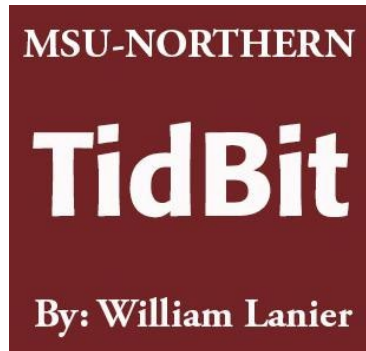
- MAT presents: Misery - 8:00 PM

Friday, February 24

- MAT presents: *Misery* - 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 25

- MAT presents: *Misery* - 8:00 PM



(#385) The Original “We Love NMC Ball”

With the 2023 “We Love Northern Ball” having just been held this past weekend, I thought I would go back and check out the first one that was held 36 years ago. The very first “We Love NMC Ball” was held on Valentine’s Day in 1987. The ball was organized by the Soroptimist International of Havre with the help of various community organizations, campus organizations, faculty, staff and students. The January 21st, 1987, Havre Daily News stated that Sharon Caven was the chair of the “We Love NMC Ball.”

In a letter to the editor in the January 23rd, 1987, Havre Daily News, Roger Barber and Mary Van Buskirk stated that the purpose of the ball was two-fold, one to show support for Northern Montana College in a “very visible way” and second to raise funds for student scholarships.

Lynda Patrick-Hayes was quoted in the February 13, 1987, issue of the Havre Daily News “...the tickets were priced at \$25.00 and that the 250 tickets were sold out.” Lynda was the Executive Vice-president of the Havre Chamber of Commerce.

In case you were wondering, the first “We Love NMC Ball” raised about \$6,000.00 (per Lynda Patrick-Hayes in the February 18, 1987, Havre Daily News). In 2023 that \$6,000.00 would equate to about \$15,600.00! On February 11th 2023 at the “We Love Northern Ball,” it was reported that more than \$58,000.00 had been raised!

Here is a picture from the 1988 Northerner of the campus club, Delta Alpha Theta (D.A.T.). Delta Alpha Theta members are shown gearing up to serve wine at the second annual “We Love NMC Ball” in 1988.



To all who supported this year's "We Love Northern Ball" and previous years, thank you. Congratulations to this year's committee and the Northern Foundation office for a successful event.

Please continue to check back for more NNN TidBits! If you see anything that you would like me to highlight, please send it to me at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com

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