

Northern Network News

The official newsletter for MSU-Northern

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By: Jim Potter, Director of University Relations

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Biodiesel Certification Lab Open House



Yesterday, MSU-Northern had an open house for its new Biodiesel Certification Lab. On hand for this exciting event was Governor Brian Schweitzer, Tony Preite, Allen Rider from the 25x25 National Steering Committee, Tom Lever, Assistant Director of Montana DEQ, and Lyle Nichols Senior Vice President for Pacific Kiewit Co.

The lab will assist in testing and certifying biodiesel fuels. The law requires that all biodiesel fuel being sold be tested every ten thousand gallons to make sure it passes the standards.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer commented, "We need to have standards in the bio-fuels industry. So that when you fill up with biodiesel you're getting the same product or the same quality everywhere you go. It's important we have some place local, some place in our own community that will help us grow and build the bio-fuels industry."

The open house showcased many of the tools which are used to test products for private industry as well as train students at the university. Among the equipment demonstrated was the Oil Lab donated by Peter Kiewit Co.

You can get more information at www.bioenergytestingcenter.com

24 Hour Border Report



On Thursday afternoon in the Hensler Auditorium, Dr. Patrick M. Barkey (L) from the University of Montana presented his preliminary report on the economic impact of upgrading the Port of Wild Horse to 24 hour status. Alberta is a major supplier of gas to the states and most of that gas is transported by truck through the Sweet Grass border. The Wild Horse border would be a more direct route for many gas and oil transports. On hand for this exciting event was Tony Preite, Paul Tuss, several local legislators and Garth Vallely (Center) the former Mayor of Medicine Hat who worked closely with Mayor Bob Rice (Right) to get this project going.

Senator Jon Tester released the following statement in response to a new report examining the status of the Port of Wild Horse north of Havre:

“This study shows very clearly that the Port of Wild Horse needs to be a 24-hour port. Increasing traffic through a 24-hour port by a third will bring real economic benefits and good-paying jobs to the Hi-Line. I look forward to sharing this information with my colleagues in the U.S. Senate as we continue to move this legislation forward.” Tester has sponsored legislation to turn the border crossing into a 24-hour, commercial port.

MSU-Northern’s Nursing Accreditation Renewed

Last week MSU-Northern received notice from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) that during their February 2008 meeting the accreditation for the associate’s degree in nursing had been renewed to 2013 without conditions.

Dr. Mary Pappas, Director of Northern’s nursing program commented, “We are very pleased that our accreditation has been affirmed. It is the result of a lot of hard work on the part of the faculty and the administration’s commitment to the program.”

Ball Basket/Donations Deadline



Baskets and donations are come in! The “We Love Northern” Ball committee is asking each department/office to donate a theme basket or items for silent auction at the Ball, which will be held on the evening of Saturday, April 19. Donations are due April 1. If you need a basket for your donation items please contact Jim Potter (3727) as he has several empty baskets available.

Comedian Eric O’Shea



The Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern (ASMSUN) brought comedian Eric O’Shea to campus last Tuesday night March 25th in the Student Union Ballroom. O’Shea was named “COMEDY PERFORMER OF THE YEAR” by the 2007 Campus Activities Magazine. He has performer at over 800 colleges and universities.

Skylights “Sweet 16” Fundraiser

The Skylight basketball program is running a fundraiser revolving around the “Sweet 16” of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament. Participants pay \$20.00 to have an opportunity to win \$50.00 on 15 different games in the tournament. For more information or to purchase a game booklet, call 265-3584.

Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking

There will be a Town Hall meeting on Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center at the Holiday Village Mall to discuss ways to prevent underage drinking. Jerry Vandersloot, Havre High School Principal and George Tate, Havre Chief of Police will be the main speakers. Everyone with a common goal: to stop the unnecessary destruction and death associated with excessive drinking and drinking and driving and underage drinking is welcome. For more information contact Shelly Schnitzmeier, MTCCP 265-6206 ext 304 or ss@dv.havre.k12.mt.us

Graduation Announcements Available

The Graduation announcements have arrived and are available in the bookroom. They cost \$11.50 for a pack of ten. Get yours today while supplies last. Graduation caps and gowns are also in the bookstore and ready for pick up! Thanks.

The Rumor Buster Heard...

Grey and Red Squirrels have been spotted on the campus but still no new sighting of the owls. Sharon Day was spotted on campus yesterday but it is not because she has decided to come off retirement but rather she was just doing some more training with Betty Clark. If you have a rumor you want me to investigate please e-mail me at potterj@msun.edu.

The Sammus Theory in Concert

The band "The Sammus Theory" will be in concert at the Northern's Armory GYM April 8, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:00p.m during the Skills USA State Competitions. College students and SkillsUSA contestants are free (student ID or SkillsUSA name badge required). Tickets for the general public will be \$5.00 and will be sold at the door. Check out their sound at: <http://www.myspace.com/thesammustheory>

MSU-N Foundation Update

GLORIA ALMAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce a new scholarship in memory of Gloria Almas. The scholarship has an annual award value of \$500.00 and will be available to a Havre High School Senior who chooses to attend MSU-Northern in 2008. Gloria Almas was a long time resident of Havre. Students interested in attending MSU-N must apply with their Havre High School counselor. The criteria: must be a graduate of Havre High school with at least a 2.5 grade point average. Applicant must provide a typed essay (not to exceed 2 pages) about the following: why they want to go to college and how they feel it would help them in the future; what type of career they are most interested in pursuing; why they are choosing Northern over other Universities; why they feel they deserve this scholarship and tell the committee something unique about themselves.

Career Center News

By: Terry Lilletvedt

Spring recruiting is keeping us busy! Sign up sheets for interviews are available in the Career Center. The current recruiting schedule includes:

Liberty Electric will be on campus Wednesday, April 2nd. They will be holding a general information session at 9:00 am in Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will follow in the Career Center. Liberty is recruiting students in the Electrical program for full time positions. A sign up sheet for interview times is available in the Career Center.

Lithia Motors, with several locations in Montana, will be on campus Thursday, April 3rd. They will be holding a general information session at 9:00 am in Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will follow in the Career Center.

Lithia is recruiting students in the Automotive and Diesel programs for both full-time and Cooperative Education positions. Please stop by the Career Center to sign up for an interview time.

Torgerson's, also with several locations in Montana, plans to be on campus Thursday, April 17th. They will be holding a general information session at 9:00 am in Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will follow in the Career Center. They are currently recruiting students in Diesel and Automotive for both full-time and Co-op positions. Please sign up for an interview time in the Career Center.

Wyoming Machinery will be making a return trip to MSU-Northern on Tuesday, April 22nd. They will hold a general information session at 9:00 am in Hensler Auditorium. Interviews will follow in the Career Center for both Diesel and Automotive students seeking full-time or Co-op positions. Interested students should sign up for an interview time in the Career Center.

General Electric, Target and the Bureau of Land Management have also contacted our office about scheduling recruiting visits this spring, but they have not finalized a date at this time. Please check our web site or stop by the Career Center for more information.

Students interested in a summer Cooperative Education position should stop by the office and make an appointment to see Terry A.S.A.P.

We have many job listings in our office including summer positions at locations all over the country. If you are interested in summer employment, possibly in another location, please stop in and take a look through our job baskets!

Kredit Electric, out of Bozeman, is tentatively scheduled to be on campus Thursday, March 27th. Mark Kredit, owner, plans to recruit students in the Electrical program for a full time position with his company. Please contact the Career Center for more information.

Computer Tip of the Week

Excel 2007 Tip: Templates

By: Marianne Hoppe

Do you need to create a budget, calendar, schedule, chart or report? Take advantage of the plethora of templates available in Excel!

Open Excel 2007, click the Ribbon and select **New**. On the left is a list of template categories to select from. You can see what templates are available in each category by clicking on that category – the templates will appear on the right. Click on **More categories** at the bottom of the list to see even more templates. Check out the calculators – everything from loan calculators to college course credits tracker to a food fat percentage calculator!

Tidbit

By Bill Lanier

So far this academic year MSU-Northern has had six student-athletes receive NAIA Scholar-Athlete Awards (Academic All-American). Volleyball team members Jody Berglund and Brittini Sesler, Women's Basketball, Dana Ball, Football, Don Saisbury and Marc Samson and from the Lights Wrestling team Mike McPeak. This is Mike's second NAIA Scholar-Athlete Award.

Upcoming Events

March 28

Last day to drop a class with a "W"

Advance Registration for Fall 2008 (Current Students)

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Hi-Line Concert Association presents Djokic and Jalbert Duo 7:00 PM

March 29

Northern Showcase Event "A Thorn Among the Roses" 7:30 PM

March 31

Advance Registration for Fall 2008 for NEW Students Begins

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Student Senate Meeting 5:15 PM

Coed Softball 6:00 PM

April 1

Coed Softball 6:00 PM

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM

April 2

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

April 3

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

NCF ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM

April 4

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Alley and Pin-n-Cue Recreation Area Open 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

NLASF Spring Fling 5:25 PM

April 7

SkillsUSA State Conference

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Yoga 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Student Senate Meeting 5:15 PM

Coed Softball 6:00 PM