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## Testing Center Recognized



Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer recently gave MSU-Northern and our Bio-Energy Innovation and Testing Center an award to recognize and commend MSU-Northern for our commitment to make clean, green energy

and conservation in the state of Montana. Greg Kegel, MSU-Northern's Dean of the College of Technical Sciences, was on hand to accept the award at the Harvesting Green Energy Conference held in Billings, MT. Approximately six hundred attended the conference that is annually held in the Pacific Northwest.

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## Four-Day Schedule Generates Interest

Chancellor Rolf Groseth began seeking feedback from the campus community about the pros and cons of adopting a 4-day alternative to the traditional 5 day schedule. He presented the campus with one potential schedule, but is seeking others as well. The proposed schedule is designed to make it easier for students to work and still get their college education. The proposed schedule has the traditional courses being taught Monday thru Thursday. Friday would be open for athletic teams to travel and could also be used for additional labs or workshops. There would be an evening track for people who work 8-5 so they could get their generals or possibly earn their Associate of Arts Degree. Another consideration would involve expanding offerings on the weekends.

## The Dating Game Comes to Northern

A rendition of the syndicated dating game that aired from the mid to late 90's on MTV called "Singled Out" was held in the SUB Ballroom last night. Around 40-50 students attended with a large number of those students competing for a date with our most eligible bachelor's and bachelorettes. The winners were Des Gatin & Jordan Chroniger (dinner for 2 at Murphy's Pub), BJ Palmer & Alyssa Manion (dinner at Uncle



Joes), Lindsay Krause & Matt Stewart (dinner at Andys) and our final round of the evening got a little crazy and Jordan Chroniger won a date with McKinsey Rodriguez (dinner at the Med Room). Thank you to all the students who attended and participated in this event!

## Chancellor's Search Update

The Chancellor's search committee met for the first time yesterday. They are finalizing the job description and they plan to develop a website that will host the job description and key documents for potential candidates to review. The selection of the search firm is going through the commissioner's office so it is expected that we may begin to advertise for the position before the firm is selected. The committee will meet next on Tuesday and Thursday, February 17 and 19.

## Legislative Update

The Joint Education Appropriations Subcommittee has re-scheduled their executive action for the Montana University System campuses and agencies for next Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00 AM. Some of the bills we are tracking are:

HB 2 - This is the large funding bill that contains the appropriation for the Montana University system

HB 13 - Pay plan for state employees

HB 185 - Allow tax deduction for other state college savings plans

HB467 - University system bonding for new buildings - this would include \$4.75 million for the Auto Tech Center

SB 80 - Elections for Board of Regent members - Members are now appointed by the Governor

## Staff Take Classes

One of the best benefits Northern employees can enjoy is the Faculty/Staff Tuition Waiver. This benefit is available to all permanent employees who are at least .75FTE. It waives the tuition so the employee can take up to 6 credits a semester - just pay the mandatory fees. With the summer schedule due out soon, you might want to take a few classes this summer.

## Openings at Northern

**Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics (tenure track)** - responsibilities include teaching chemistry and physics at an undergraduate level to students majoring in biology, pre-pharmacy, and technical sciences. PhD or ABD in Chemistry required. Date available August 2009.

**Assistant Professor of Music (tenure track)** - responsibilities include teaching music theory, music methods, music appreciation, and vocal ensemble at the undergraduate level. Master's in Music or Music Education (ABD, PhD preferred). Date available August 2009.

For complete vacancy announcements see [www.msun.edu/hr/employment](http://www.msun.edu/hr/employment)



## College Goal Sunday

MSU-Northern will be host to College Goal Sunday which is a nationwide event held every year in February. Financial Aid experts and other volunteers will be on hand to help current and future students complete their financial aid applications (FAFSA) on-line for the upcoming school year. Students and parents will have a choice of two days to participate--Wednesday, February

18th from 1pm-8pm or Sunday February 22nd from 1pm-4pm in the computer lab in the basement of the VandeBogart Library. Students who participate are eligible to win a \$500 Scholarship so spread the word and plan to attend!

## Computer Tips

### Word 2007 Keyboard shortcuts (part 1)

By Marianne Hoppe

You can speed up your work by avoiding reaching for the mouse if you are familiar with keyboard shortcuts. If you forget one of these, use the mouse and go to the menus and when you hover your mouse over the action you want, the keyboard shortcut will be displayed. Here are some of the more common shortcuts:

<b>Ctrl + B</b>	Bold selected text
<b>Ctrl + I</b>	Italicize selected text
<b>Ctrl + U</b>	Underline selected text
<b>Ctrl + L</b>	Left-align text
<b>Ctrl + R</b>	Right-align text
<b>Ctrl+Shift+D</b>	Double Underline text
<b>Ctrl + ]</b>	Increase the size of selected text by 1 point
<b>Ctrl + [</b>	Decrease the size of selected text by 1 point
<b>Ctrl + C</b>	Copy selected text or graphics
<b>Ctrl + X</b>	Cut selected text or graphics
<b>Ctrl + V</b>	Paste selected text or graphics
<b>Ctrl + Z</b>	Undo an action
<b>Ctrl + Y</b>	Redo or repeat an action
<b>Ctrl + S</b>	Save the document
<b>Ctrl + N</b>	Create a new document of the same type as the current or most recent document.
<b>Ctrl + O</b>	Open a document
<b>Ctrl + W</b>	Close a document

Next week: Some less common Word keyboard shortcuts.

## Tidbits

By Bill Lanier

Did you know that two former Northern wrestling coaches are head coaches at the NCAA level? Jason Liles is the head coach at South Dakota State University (Jackrabbits) and David Ray at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (Cougars). The Jackrabbits are division I and the Cougars are at the provisional stage to move from division II to division I.

## Upcoming Events

### Feb. 13

Get your Northern Showcase Concert Association tickets half off  
Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Feb. 14

Library CLOSED  
Skylights Basketball vs. University of Great Falls 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Lights Basketball vs. University of Great Falls 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

### Feb. 15

Library CLOSED

**Feb. 16**

President's Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed  
Library Hours: 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
IOC Club Meeting 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM  
ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

**Feb. 17**

Wall Climbing 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
II/R 5 on 5 Basketball Tourney 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Feb. 18**

Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
College Goal Sunday 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Feb. 19**

ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM  
Ping Pong Tournament 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Feb. 20**

Get your Northern Showcase Concert Association tickets half off  
Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Skylights Basketball vs. UM-Western 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Lights Basketball vs. UM-Western 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

**Feb. 21**

Skylights Basketball vs. Montana Tech 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Lights Basketball vs. Montana Tech 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

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