

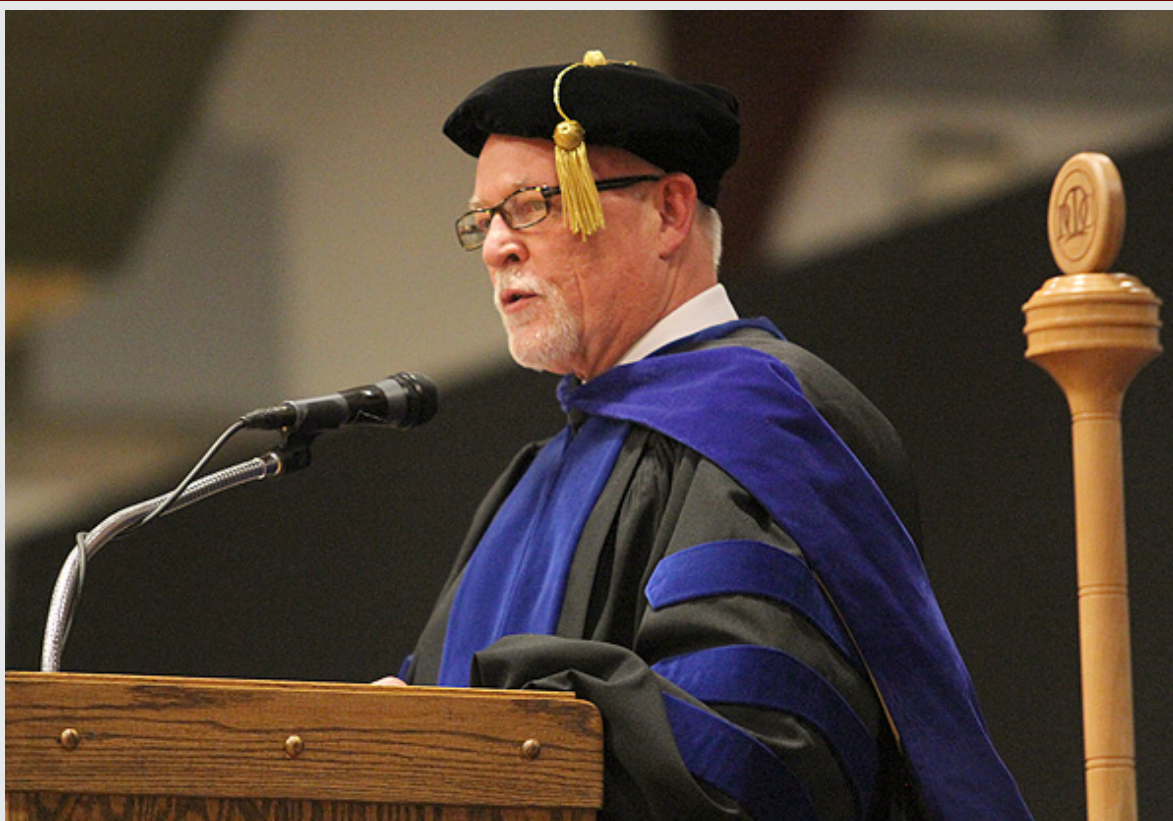
Northern Network News



The Official Newsletter for MSU-Northern

April 27, 2012

Inauguration



MSU-Northern celebrated the inauguration of Dr. James Limbaugh as the university's 11th chancellor on Friday, April 20. Dr. Limbaugh is pictured here giving his inaugural address. Next to him is the ceremonial mace of MSU-Northern, which was crafted for the occasion by Jay Reed in the College of Technical Sciences.

Montana State University President Dr. Waded Cruzado conducted the Chancellor's investiture. Also present to bring greetings was Mick Robinson, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education; Paul Tuss, Regent, Montana University System Board of Regents; Carole Falcon-Chandler, President, Aaniih Nakoda College; Melody Henry, President, Stone Child College; Andrew Brekke, President, Havre City Council; Kathy Bessette, Vice President, Hill County Commissioners; Paul Tokarski, President, MSU-N Student Senate; Lanny Wilke, President, MSU-N Academic Senate; and Lorren Schlotfeldt, President, MSU-N Alumni Association. Mrs. Toni Hagener, former State Representative and well known historian of the Hi-line region, gave a short historical perspective of MSU-Northern. Kimmi Boyce sang the national anthem and "America the Beautiful". The ceremony was followed by a wonderful reception in the SUB. Prior to the event they showed a slide show commemorating our history.

Thanks to all the students, faculty, staff and friends who joined us for this wonderful event.

The inauguration is available on our website at:

http://www.livestream.com/msunights/video?clipId=pla_c7f72690-7b1e-402e-87c1-

The slide show starts about 6 minutes into the show.

Last Issue for the Semester

Another school year has ended, so this will be the last issue of the Northern Network News for this school year. A special thanks to everyone who contributed information to the NNN. I especially want to acknowledge Dr. James Limbaugh, Bill Lanier, Marianne Hoppe, Kimmi Curtis, Autumn Elliot, Vicki Gist, Denise Brewer and Joe Hammar for their weekly contributions. I also want to thank Betty Clark, Janice Brady, Debbie Ritz, Sandy Jappe, Susan Peterson and Belinda Potter for helping to proof read it every week. Have a great summer break and I will send out a Northern Network News about once a month or as needed to cover the summer campus activities. It will come out weekly again in September.

Jim Potter, Director of University Relations and Editor of NNN

New Student Senate Members



The 2012-13 ASMSUN Student Senate members were sworn into office on Monday, April the 23rd during their regular Student Senate meeting. Bottom left to right: Jesse Majeres (Senator at Large); Jackie Richmond (Vice President); Stephanie Hotchkiss (Program Council Coordinator); Jonnalea Tatsey (Business Manager) Top left to Right: Ashley Velasquez (President); Brad Shields (Senator at Large); Michael Schulteis (Recreation Council Coordinator); & John Jansen (Sustainability Coordinator).

Folf Tournament Results

Here are the results for the 11th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament held this past Wednesday:

SINGLES	Raphael Huizar
DOUBLES	Jacob Pearson & Dan Pizzini
TEAM	Cayden Olson, Logan Mayernik, Justin Wang & Kyle Johnston

SkillsUSA Correction

MSU-Northern student Paul McClendon also won first place for Post-Secondary Combination Welding during the SkillsUSA state competitions.

Open House for New Student Senate Offices



On Monday, April the 30th at 4 p.m., there will be an Open House in the new Student Senate Office. Refreshments will be served.

New Phone Books Available

There are new phone books available in the Business Services Office. You can bring your old phone books to the Business Service Office for Triangle Communication-sponsored recycling.

Finals Week Schedule

Next week is finals week, test times are as follow

Class is on M W F at:	Final is:	
8:00 - 8:50	Monday	10:00 - 11:50
9:00 - 9:50	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:50
10:00 - 10:50	Wednesday	10:00 - 11:50
11:00 - 11:50	Thursday	10:00 - 11:50
12:00 - 12:50	Monday	1:00 - 2:50
1:00 - 1:50	Tuesday	1:00 - 2:50
2:00 - 2:50	Wednesday	1:00 - 2:50
3:00 - 3:50	Monday	3:00 - 4:50
4:00 - 4:50	Tuesday	3:00 - 4:50

Class is on T Th at:	Final is:	
8:00 or 9:00	Wednesday	3:00 - 4:50
10:00 or 11:00	Monday	8:00 - 9:50
12:00 or 1:00	Tuesday	8:00 - 9:50
2:00 or 3:00	Wednesday	8:00 - 9:50
4:00 or 5:00	Thursday	8:00 - 9:50

Evening Classes: Final examinations for evening classes are given at their regular class meeting times.

Commencement

May 5, 2012 marks the end of yet another academic year. MSU-Northern's Commencement Ceremony will take place in the Armory Gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. Campus and community members are encouraged to attend this memorable event. This year's speaker is Northern alumnus Lawrence (Larry) G. Romo, Director of Selective Service. Sierra Diehl, Northern volleyball Skylight and a graduate this year, will be providing the special music during the ceremony. Tickets are not required for the ceremony and there will be no reserved seating for individuals. It is suggested you arrive early and use the north central entrance to the gymnasium for access to the ceremonies.

A reception will be held in the courtyard immediately following the ceremony.

Here's a reminder for graduating students: Graduation caps and gowns sizes 5'-9" and up are at the

Bookstore. Shorter sizes should be in on Monday. Don't forget to pick up your graduation garb.

Nurses' Pinning

This year's Nurses' Pinning Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 4, 2012, at 1 p.m. at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church (2015 5th Avenue). A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

Summer Session Starting

This year, there will be a week-long break between graduation ceremonies and the beginning of the first summer session. The summer session will officially begin on Monday, May 14, 2012.

Sweetgrass Society Annual Pow Wow

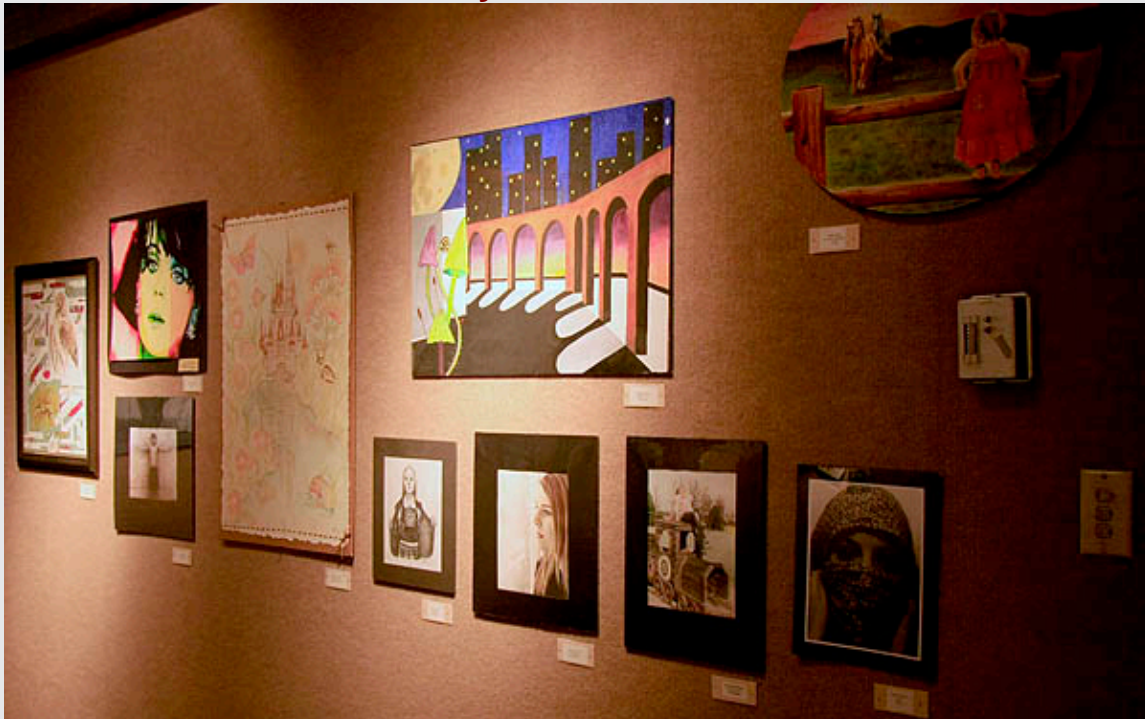
Today marks the beginning of the exciting Sweetgrass Society Annual Pow Wow. The pow wow will begin with Grand Entry at 6 p.m. The pow wow will continue on Saturday with Grand Entry at noon. The event takes place in the Armory Gymnasium. This festive event is free to the public. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the displays of talent at the Sweetgrass Society Annual Pow Wow.

For more information contact: Stacey Gonzalez at 406-265-3589 or gonsalez@msun.edu

OR

Elaine Healy-Berger at 406-945-3637 or sweetgrass_rep@yahoo.com

Student Art Show - Last Day



Today is the last day to view the student art in our annual art show. Pieces of artwork in a range of media are available for viewing in the art gallery on the second floor of the Student Union Building.

The show features drawings, paintings, ceramics, multi-media, and digital pieces created by the talented students of MSU-Northern. Come over and take a look at all the artifacts our talented students have created.

Points of Pride

Dr. James Edwards, professor of economics, recently had an article titled, "Compulsory Income Redistribution and Social Conflict", published in the International Journal of Economics and Management Sciences, Vol. 1, No. 8, 2012, pp. 49-55. The International Journal of Economics and Management Sciences is one of the publications of Management Journals. USA which is an

independent research-based organization which aims to promote management research carried out throughout the world. Prior to publication articles are double blind peer-reviewed. Congratulations to Dr. Edwards!

Dr. James Edwards, you make Northern proud!

MAT Presents Scotland Road - Last Weekend



Tonight and tomorrow night are the last chances to enjoy the MAT play Scotland Road.

Scotland Road is a play about a woman in nineteenth century clothing who is found floating on an iceberg in the middle of the North Atlantic. When rescued, she says only one word: Titanic. The woman, Winifred, is taken to an isolated spot on the coast of Maine where an expert on the sinking of the liner, a mysterious man named John, has arranged to interrogate her for six days. His goal: to crack her story, get her to confess she's a fake and reveal her true identity; his one clue: her enigmatic references to an unknown place called "Scotland Road."

MAT has been presenting their rendition of Scotland Road in the MSU-N Theater in Cowan Hall. The regular season play dates, times, and admission costs are as follows: April 26-28. The doors and backstage lounge open at 7:30p.m., with the play beginning at 8p.m. each night. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and FREE for MSU-N students with current I.D.

Information Session

MSU-Northern will be conducting an "Information Session" concerning the new on-line Masters of Science in Education, Instruction and Learning program, which is a state-wide program delivered on-line with four weekend residencies over a six semester time frame. The 36-hour program is designed to improve the instructional process and support student learning. This is an exciting opportunity for teachers and others engaged in the instructional process to acquire their graduate degree. The "Information Session" will be held on Monday, April the 30th from 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m. in the Glasgow High School Library. For further information, call the graduate programs office at 1-800-662-6132 Ext. 3738 or Dr. Smeby at Ext. 3517.

Chancellor's Corner

By: Dr. James Limbaugh
Chancellor, MSU-Northern

"We have a vision statement. Now what?"

This is a legitimate question. If the phrases of the new vision statement are segmented for individual analysis, you'll see the progress already being made in support of each component.

To create a supportive, student-centered environment that promotes student success:

- We've established the Student Safety Initiative;
- Budget scenarios are being developed to analyze costs of faculty/staff raises so that this information will be available when our revenues increase;
- The Cultural Diversity Committee is being reactivated, and members are being sought;
- Facilities improvements are being undertaken to improve students' learning environments;
- The faculty are reviewing our academic scheduling practices to ensure that students time-to-degree is facilitated;
- The College!Now initiative will focus attention on access to and graduation from our two-year programs.



To establish a unique mix of academic programs responsive to local, regional, and state workforce needs:

- The academic program resources review will give us initial guidance from our faculty in terms of potential for program growth and expansion;
- A group of faculty are exploring, based on interests revealed in the visioning exercise, the potential of developing environmentally-themed programs unique to our location;
- The on-line feasibility study being led by Randy Bachmeier and Rock Brown will give us current information on the current and future potential for on-line program expansion;
- We are striving to establish a campus process for grants review that will give MSUN access to a broader access of grant opportunities;
- This summer, a Chancellor's Advisory Council will be established, providing the opportunity to engage with the broader external community in conversations on a regular basis.

This fall, a strategic planning group will be convened, charged with drafting a strategic plan that draws on three significant components: the mission statement, the vision statement, and the strategic plans of past years, in an effort to build upon and update the work done by the campus in planning in years past.

Branding 101

By Jim Potter

How will branding impact our website?

How Northern brands the college will dictate how our website will look, but more importantly, it will serve as a tool to communicate our brand promise. For instance, if we say we are student friendly but it is difficult for students to find the information they need from our website then we are sending them a conflicting message. We will be spending a fair bit of time in the next few weeks identifying how students are using our website.

We want to develop better ways to make our site more engaging or "sticky". We want prospective students to keep coming back to our website and we want to develop strategies to capture their e-mail, cell phone and Facebook information. We receive about 600 inquiries every year from our website. According to Google Analytics we have over 240,000 unique visitors on our website every year. So, if we can improve how we capture those names, we could potentially double the number of inquiries we receive from the web. This one area alone could make a significant improvement to our

recruiting efforts.

Alumni in Action

By Autumn Elliot

Montana State University-Northern has a tradition of excellence both in the classroom and with our athletics, a tradition that goes back to the very beginning of the school and that has continued throughout our 85 year history. The Northern Alumni Association will recognize the students and coaches who built that tradition by inducting three outstanding individuals into the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame during Graduation Weekend May 4-5, 2012. Loren Baker of Ramsay, Montana, David Ray of Troy, Illinois, and Turk Lords of Belt, Montana, will be presented commemorative awards in ceremonies during the Founder's Excellence & Hall of Fame Banquet on the Northern campus Friday, May the 4th.

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes players, managers, and coaches for achievement of athletic honors in their sport and to individuals for their outstanding and meritorious service to Northern Athletics. We would like to invite you to join us as we induct these amazing Northern standouts May the 4th at 5 p.m. at the MSU-Northern Student Union Dining room. For more information please contact the Alumni Office at 406-265-3770. We are proud to induct these three amazing men to our Hall of Fame!

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Preparing for Finals? The Library is open extended hours during Finals. The Library is open Saturday, April 28 from noon-5:00p.m., Sunday from 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m., Monday-Thursday from 8:00a.m.-11:00p.m. and Friday from 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Watch for coffee and cookies-available most evenings at 7:00p.m. (for as long as they last)! The refreshments have been donated by the Provost Office, SIFE, Library Committee members, and the Library staff. Good Luck!!

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook 2010 Tip Empty Trash on Exit

Tired of seeing hundreds of messages pile up in your Deleted Items folder? You can have Outlook automatically empty the folder whenever you exit Outlook by following the following steps:

1. Click on **File**,
2. then **Options**,
3. then **Advanced**.
4. Find the **Outlook Start** and **Exit** section.
5. Add a checkbox next to **Empty Deleted Items folder when exiting Outlook**.

While you're in there you may also want to change the default folder that Outlook starts in, so that it opens in (for example) your Calendar instead of your Inbox.

TidBit

By Bill Lanier

1994 Northern graduate, Rob Cashell, was recently named the Commissioner of the Cascade Collegiate Conference. Rob has spent the last eleven years as the Director of Athletics at Eastern Oregon University. Rob received his Master's degree from Northern. For more information please go to: <http://www.frontierconference.com/article/2922.php>

Also former Northern Skylight volleyball player, Molly Trotter, recently sang the National Anthem at a Portland Trailblazers NBA basketball game. Here is a You Tube clip of her March 25th

performance. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwAmhCgEn7M>

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

April is Pets are Wonderful Month:

Observations have led many scientists and pet-lovers to believe that pets brighten the general mood of the places where they reside. Pets are said to lessen the effects of ailments such as depression, anxiety, and loneliness.

If you already have a pet, celebrate the cheery lil' creature during the last few days of Pets are Wonderful Month. If Fido's been particularly well-behaved lately, treat him to a doggy cone from Dairy Queen. Fluffy the cat would probably enjoy a thorough belly scratching today. I'm not sure how to reward that friendly goldfish of yours, but be creative!

If you do not already have a pet, but could benefit from the feel-good vibes a tender bunny or cuddly puppy offers, check out the Montana pet adoption sites at: <http://www.montanapets.org/> Just click the Montana city you'd like to search, and then choose an organization, and check out the adoptable pets.

Here is the Pinch of Salt featured pet, located in our area: Mercy- the German Shepherd Sharpei mix: <http://montanapets.org/rd/pictures/11-042.html>

April is also Stress Awareness Month:

College students all over the country are feeling the stress of finals or soon-approaching finals this week.

Studies show that 75%-90% of all doctor office visits are due to stress related conditions. Let us be aware of the stress that brings even more stress into our lives if not properly dealt with, and let us properly deal with it.

The Freedom Experiment blog offers "55 Gentle Ways to Take Care of Yourself When You're Busy Busy Busy" (many of these tactics are geared towards the busy woman, but many work for both men and women). MSU-N students, faculty, and other lovely yet stressed-out members of the human race, slow down, take a look at this blog's article, and relax- even if it's for half an hour. Half an hour of relaxation is better than no relaxation at all.

Mission Statement

"MSU Northern, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning experiences."