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From the Chancellor

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone on campus for your support of our student retention initiatives. Approximately 50 members of the MSUN community attended this week's Chancellor's Forum to receive an update from Dr. Charles Schroeder, our retention consultant, and to learn more about five action teams that are working in specific areas related to retention and student success (e.g., learning communities, financial challenges, early alert). A special note of appreciation goes to Tracey Jette, Senior Director of Student Success, and the members of the action teams for their hard work and dedication to this important venture.

These cumulative efforts to improve student retention, along with the concurrently-occurring admissions and recruitment project and the good work being done by faculty in the academic prioritization process, are key components of our [two-year strategic initiative](#), as announced in October 2012, and our broader [five-step process](#), which encompasses the two-year initiative. When you also factor in the refinement of data collection and evaluation, we are well on our way to finishing the necessary framework that will guide our strategic planning efforts in the fall of 2014.

On a Sunday in February of 1933, individual members of the community of Havre volunteered their time and labor to transport 200,000 bricks from Fort Assiniboine so that the construction of Pershing Hall could begin. Our determination now to craft a university of the 21st century that continues to address the educational needs of north-central Montana is a reflection of that same spirit. It's a great time to be at MSUN.

This Week on Campus

Northern Hosts MACRAO Conference



Representatives from 11 Montana colleges and universities came to Northern to take part in the Montana Association of Collegiate Registrar's and Admission's Officers (MACRAO) annual conference. This is the first time in 11 years that Northern has had the opportunity to host this event. During their two-day meeting they will review some policy changes and talk about stating a MACRAO website. Special thanks to Jane Stuart for helping to make this event a huge success.

ASMSUN Student Senate Election Results

The Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern (ASMSUN) Student Senate election was held this week and here are the results:

- President - Annie Kling
- Vice President - Ron Kling
- Business Manager - Molly Grubb
- Program Council - Stephanie Hotchkiss
- Recreation Council - Michael Schulteis
- Senators at Large - Brad Shields, "Nick" Gerald Nichols, Jesse Majeres, Wendy White

These appointments are subject to student acceptance

Ballots cast = 149 Eligible voters = 894 Turnout = 16.7%

Leadership High School



Leadership High School is an educational program specifically designed for high school juniors. The program teaches the participants to develop their leadership skills and introduces them to the many facets of Havre's community and volunteer opportunities. Last Tuesday, April 2, Havre's Leadership High School participants came to the Northern campus for their awards banquet. Shannon Newth, KRTV News Anchor, was on hand to share what she has learned about leadership since she graduated from the program. Participants spent the day job shadowing. One of the students spent the day with Northern professor Terry Blosser learning what it is like to teach at a University.

Melissa Villasenor was "Hilarious"

Last Tuesday, Melissa Villasenor visited Northern to share her hilarious antics and celebrity impressions with the Northern and the Havre community. The former "America's Got Talent" contestant delighted the packed audience with satirical impersonations and witty commentary. If you missed out on this hilarious show, keep your eyes open for more Villasenor, as this rising entertainer could show up on your TV screen at any time.



Important Announcements

Five Steps Toward Financial Wellness

April is National Financial Literacy Month, and it couldn't have come at a better time. Consumers are feeling more pinched each week with rapidly increasing gas and food prices and sluggish economic growth. According to a recent survey by Career Builder, 77 percent of American consumers are living paycheck to paycheck.

Financial Literacy Month is the perfect opportunity for individuals and families to change their financial situation by learning about important financial matters like creating and managing a budget, paying down debt while saving for emergencies, and creating achievable financial goals. Here at MSUN we care about your financial future. We are committed to bringing you the financial education you need to reach your financial goals.

The following five steps will help you on the path toward financial wellness:

Make a commitment - Changing your relationship with money is not an easy task; it takes hard work and a strong commitment. Visit <http://mus.edu/Prepare> and take The Pledge to start on the path toward financial security.

Assess your financial situation - Knowing where you are today will help you determine the best path toward meeting your financial goals.

Get organized - Getting your financial house organized is a great way to begin on a clear path toward financial wellness.

Set priorities - Understanding the difference between needs and wants will help you establish financial priorities and set realistic goals.

Live on a budget - Spending less than you earn is easier said than done, but a solid budget is the most important element of any successful financial plan. Go to [Get Money Smart](#) to begin your budget now.

Upcoming Events

Benefit Dinner for Soup Kitchen

There will be a benefit dinner for the Havre Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen on Saturday, April 6 in the Olympic Room at the Duck Inn. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and includes an elegant roast beef dinner, a homemade pie auction, and live music from the "Nerds of Notes." Tickets are \$25/person and are available at Cavalier's, Creative Leisure, & The Press. For more information call Tim at 265-8482.

Northern Showcase presents The Alley Cats



The Alley Cats will perform at the Havre High Auditorium April the 9th at 7:30 p.m. This will be the

last performance of the 2012-13 Northern Showcase Concert Association season.

The Alley Cats began in California, and landed their first professional gig at Disneyland's "Blast to the Past." Soon after, they appeared on TV, radio shows, corporate events, performing arts centers, fairs, festivals, schools, and even a USO show aboard the John C. Stennis aircraft carrier welcoming home the troops from Iraq. The "Cats" are currently the opening act for Jay Leno in Las Vegas.

The group includes a perfect blend of musical talent and comic timing. Their interaction with audiences combined with their spontaneous humor make each show refreshing and exciting. The Alley Cats never miss a beat as they bring their own contemporary style to the great songs of the 50s and 60s. Their combined talent adds freshness and excitement to every show.

Tight harmonies, universal humor and unbelievable a cappella energy have made The Alley Cats "America's Premier Doo-Wop Group."

Individual tickets will be available at the door if you do not have a season pass for \$15/adults and \$10/students. For more information check their website at www.thealleycats.com or call Denise at 265-3732.

Student Excellence Awards Ceremony

The Student Excellence Award, is the highest honor an MSU-Northern student can receive. The awards ceremony is next Thursday, April the 11th at 11:30 a.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Tickets are free and available at the SUB info desk. You must have your ticket by Monday, April the 8th to attend. This year's recipients are: Matthew Bean, Whitney Peterson, Jourdan Han, Brock Hyder, Holly Cartwright, Jonnalea Tatsey, Jackie Richmond, Michelle Gorecki, Michaela Howe-Cobb, Hillary Isleifson

One Man, One Violin, and One Remarkable Recital!



The MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series Presents world-class American violinist, Mr. Jack Glatzer. Entitled "One Man, One Violin, and One Remarkable Recital!" Mr. Glatzer will perform a solo violin recital. He introduces each musical work by an informal and intimate commentary and links music to art, history, and civilization. Glatzer's particular interest is the unaccompanied repertoire for the violin; he is celebrated not only for his interpretations of Bach, Paganini and Bartok but also for his performances of Locatelli, Roman, Ysaye, Bloch, Stravinsky, Elgar, Rochberg and Sculthorpe.

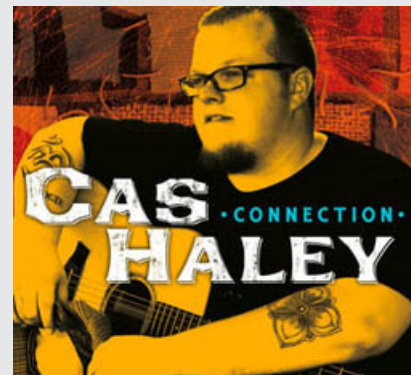
Mr. Glatzer's violin recital is Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:30 in the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, MSU-Northern campus. The campus community and general public are invited to attend the lecture. Admission is

free. All are welcome.

ASMSUN Program Council Presents Reggae Artist, Cas Haley

America's favorite homegrown reggae artist, Cas Haley, will be performing at MSU-Northern on April the 16th at the Student Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. Haley first came to national attention in 2007 as a contestant on the second season of the television show "America's Got Talent," where he finished in second place and, in the process, garnered a huge audience of fans. Haley's debut album, which came out quickly to capitalize on the success of AGT, sold over 30,000 units in the U.S. without a marketing campaign or extensive distribution.

In his new album, Connection, Haley wanted to make a timeless album so he retreated to his hometown of Paris, Texas, and took two years to create a record that honestly represented who he is as an artist. The process was long, but Haley has emerged with a strong musical statement.

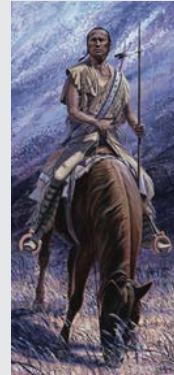


One track on the album is a cover-version of the Commodores song "Easy," and upon hearing Haley sing his classic hit, Lionel Richie stated "he made it seem easy, and there's nothing easy about it." Since rising to prominence on the world stage, Haley has performed alongside such notables as UB40, Blues Traveler, Al Green, Los Lonely Boys, Martin Sexton, Soulive, Mofro, and Lucky Dube, to name a few.

Admission for this performance is free to MSU-Northern students, faculty and staff. Community members may attend for \$5/adult and \$3/student. For more info visit www.cashaley.com

Gladstone Expounds on Native Anthropology

The MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series presents Native Poet/Singer and lecturer from the Blackfeet Indian Nation of Montana, Mr. Jack Gladstone. Entitled "Native Anthropology: Challenge, Choice and Promise in the 21st Century" Blending history and legend with music, Jack entertains while using his unique communication skills to inform his audience of Plains Indian culture. Regarded as a cultural bridge builder, he delivers programs nationally on American Indian myth, legend and history and gives his audience a multi-cultural perspective.



Mr. Gladstone's lecture is Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7:30 in the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, MSU-Northern campus. The campus community and general public are invited to attend the lecture. Admission is free. All are welcome.

Retirement Reception

There will be a retirement reception on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. We will be honoring James Edwards, Michael Ley, Vaughn Rundquist, and Janet Trethewey for their years of dedicated service at MSU-Northern. Refreshments including cake, nuts and oatmeal raisin cookies will be served.

Weekly Columns

@ Your Library

By Vicki Gist

Wondering where to go to get journal articles for your research paper? The Library has many databases that offer entire articles that you can download and use in your paper. Two databases that are a good source of articles are Academic Search Complete and Academic OneFile. These databases allow you to limit your results to full-text articles and limit to Peer Reviewed articles. Use the full-text limit to retrieve entire articles. Using the Peer Reviewed limit is convenient if your Professor wants you to use scholarly articles in your research. Another big time saver, when using most of these databases, is that they will supply an APA or MLA citation for you—simply copy and paste the citation into your research paper. To expand your research options, check out <http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library/dbtopics.htm> for additional databases that specialize in the field that you are researching. And remember, you can contact the Library Staff for assistance.

Computer Corner

By Marianne Hoppe

Outlook 2010 Tip

Display the total number of emails in an Outlook folder

Outlook displays the number of unread email messages to the right of each folder - a blue number in parenthesis. Depending on how you use your folders, knowing the total number of messages in a folder might be more beneficial to you. For instance, if you only store messages that have unfinished business in a particular folder, knowing the total number of unfinished tasks at a glance might be helpful.

The good news is you can display the total number of messages or the number of unread messages for each folder. The bad news is, you'll have to choose. You can have one number for each folder.

To reset this property to display the total number of messages, do the following:

1. In the **Navigation Pane** right-click the folder in question.
2. Choose **Properties**.
3. Click the **General tab** (if necessary).
4. Click the **Show Total Number Of Items** option.
5. Click **OK**.

The total number of messages will appear to the right of the folder - a green number in square brackets.

A Pinch of Salt

By Kimmi Boyce

Since April is National Financial Literacy Month, it's very fitting that this month's frequently broken New Year's resolution is "get out of debt, and save money." To begin this month's concentration on financial health, here are some simple everyday tips to begin living more frugally.

Visit the library. You don't have to rent or buy every movie and book you enjoy. Our campus library and public library are filled with free entertainment options just waiting to be checked out. The SUB Info Desk even has videos to borrow free of charge. Are you still sold on renting your movies? Redbox it. Movies, even new releases, for \$1 a day is like paying for an older movie at a video rental spot.

Switch to paying bills online. Save stamps! If you pay online, you can get the job done more quickly and avoid paying postage. Every little bit counts!

Group your errands. Don't drive across town to do one little errand. Save gas by making sure you take care of errands in a group. The weather's getting nicer too. Set some time aside to ride your bike to your errands or even walk.

Make your own cleaning supplies. Many household cleaning jobs can be beat with vinegar or baking soda and/or some other home remedies using items you already have around the house. Use the resources you've already purchased before spending more.

Wash clothes in cold water. This may sound silly, but if you're paying the electric bill, cut down the hot water heater time by washing your clothes in cold water. They'll come out just as clean, but you'll give your hot water heater and wallet a break.

For more ways to save, check out my source for this week:

http://frugalliving.about.com/od/frugalliving101/tp/Start_Frugal.htm

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."