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C&B Operations Seek Enhanced Partnership with Northern



Last Wednesday (Feb. 10), CEO Matt Cronin and corporate executives from C&B Operations were on campus to discuss ways to enhance their partnership with MSU-Northern. With headquarters in South Dakota, C&B operates 37 John Deere dealerships across the northern tier of the United States.

They met with campus administrators and faculty from the diesel, agriculture, and AOT programs to discuss opportunities to recruit new students to Northern and enhance co-op and employment opportunities for existing students. The group also discussed strategies to support Northern's programs, including; faculty and student trainings, guest lecturers, equipment donations and program fundraising assistance.

MSU-Northern Lights Football Team Begins Practice



Photo by: Havre Daily News/Colin Thompson

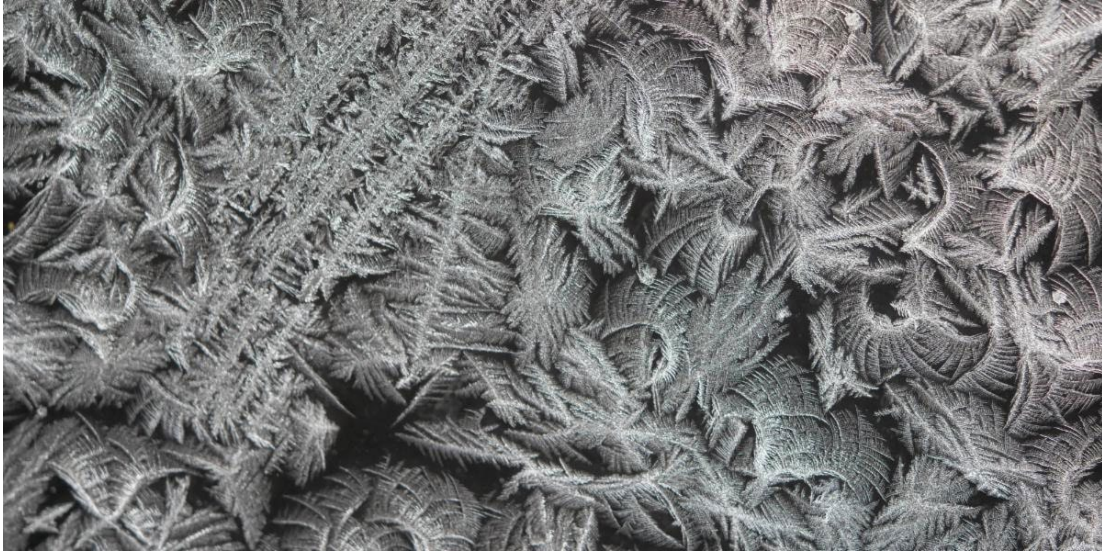
Montana State University-Northern's Brenden Medina throws a pass during the Lights' first practice for the upcoming spring football season Wednesday afternoon inside Lights Stadium.

After 14 months, a cold Montana winter wasn't going to stop the Montana State University-Northern Lights from starting the long-awaited spring football season. And no, we're not talking spring ball, we're talking about a Frontier Conference football season to make up for the one lost to the coronavirus last fall.

And Wednesday afternoon, the Lights officially kicked that season off with their first practice of 2021, in their brand new Lights Stadium.

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Cold Snap Hits MSU-Northern



This winter has been uncomely warm, until last week, when the cold weather officially arrived with snow and -32 degrees. Above is a photo of the frost on the window in the entryway to the Library.

Local Church Helps MSU-Northern's Food Pantry



Community Alliance Church donated a bunch of food to MSU-Northern's food pantry. They are the Havre distribution center for the Farmers to Families food program, which seeks to get food into the hands of people across the country. The shipments often come with very little advanced notice and includes food available at the time of distribution. This recent shipment of food

included: frozen chicken patties and meatballs, potatoes, onions, apples, milk, cheese, and yogurt. If you are in need of food, please visit the Student Health Services or Student Activities offices in the SUB weekdays between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. or contact ASMSUN President Riley Mortenson or the Food Pantry Student Coordinator, Tiffany Hill.

Northern Brew to Reopen March 1



As COVID cases continue to go down and more and more people are being vaccinated, the campus will be slowly opening services. One service to reopen on March 1 will be the Northern Brew (coffee cart) in the library. It will feature reduced hours with a grab and go menu. The coffee cart will be open Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Interview with Allix Goldhahn



Meet Allix Goldhahn! Member of the Skylight's Basketball Team, fourth-year Integrated Health Sciences Major on the pre-professional route from Fairfield, Montana.

Why did you choose Northern?

"My senior year of high school, Coach Mouat asked me to come on a visit to Northern. After my visit, I was able to have a better understanding of the school and the basketball program and decided to become a Skylight! By choosing Northern, I was able to continue playing the sport I love, get a great education, and receive scholarships to help me financially."

What activities/organizations are you involved with at Northern?

"I'm on the Women's Basketball Team as well as a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council. This council comes up with activities that allow Northern athletes to get involved in the community and we discuss ways to help them have better time management."

What made you choose your major?

"I chose Integrated Health Sciences because it was the best choice considering I eventually wanted to get into Physical Therapy School."

What are some of your favorite things about Northern?

"With such small class sizes you can create close relationships with other students as well as great student-professor relationships. I also had the opportunity to do a co-op program through Integrated Health Sciences which allows for hands-on experience and observation hours of possible careers in the health field. Overall, my favorite thing about Northern is being part of such an amazing basketball program where I've developed friendships that will last a lifetime and have had amazing coaches who are super supportive in everything we do."

What are your plans after graduating from Northern?

"My future plans are to become a physical therapist and as of now, I've applied and interviews with four different graduate schools where I plan to get my Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree and move into that field professionally."

Important Announcements

Public Comment Requested – Mar. 3

Montana State University-Northern, College of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing is up for continued accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) for the ASN and the RN-BSN nursing programs. The ACEN Committee would like to hear from you by either attending the virtual visit or by written comment.

If you plan on attending, please notify the Department of Nursing by email at nursing@msun.edu, so we can follow the COVID requirements in place on campus.

The ACEN virtual visit public meeting is scheduled on March 3, 2021, at 2:15 p.m.

If you cannot attend, written comments are welcomed and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326

COVID-19 Testing Available on Campus

This past week students were able to get a free 15-minute COVID test in the residence halls. This is an exciting new step to help prevent the spread of COVID for both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals since we want to maintain in-person class delivery, athletic competitions, and minimize quarantines.

Any student may make an appointment to be tested with Student Health Services at any point throughout the semester. Simply call (406) 265-3599 to schedule your test.

Testing remains voluntary. However, we strongly encourage all students to be tested upon returning to campus to ensure that we are able to identify and respond to any positive cases as quickly as possible.

Marijuana on Campus Still Prohibited

Montana voters passed two recreational marijuana laws in November 2020. The passage of these laws does not affect existing MSU-Northern or Montana University System policies that prohibit the possession and use of

marijuana on campus property and in MUS programs. Federal laws make marijuana use, possession, manufacture, and distribution illegal. Colleges or universities who fail to comply with this federal regulation could lose eligibility for their federal funding, including student financial aid programs.

COVID Precautions

All of the same COVID precautions that existed last semester are in place for this semester.

- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet
 - Wear a mask in campus buildings
 - Wash your hands often
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Upcoming Events

Safe Zone Module 2 Trainings – Feb 19

The mission of Safe Zone is to promote an inviting and inclusive environment for LGBTQ+ students, staff, and faculty.

Safe Zone Module 2 will focus on developing and expanding MSUN's network of LGBTQ+ allies, as well as, increasing visibility of designated ally Safe Zones on campus. This module will be facilitated virtually on Zoom on Friday, February 19, 1:00-2:30.

After completing module 1 & 2, allies can display Safe Zone signs to denote their support and signify safe, welcoming places on campus for LGBTQ+ individuals. You must complete both modules in order to become a MSUN Safe Zone Ally, but you do not need to take the modules in order. If you are interested, please register for Module 2, and you can attend Module 1 at a later date.

All trainings are virtual, free, and open to any MSUN faculty, staff or student, or anyone in the community looking to increase their awareness and learn how to be an ally.

Email amber.spring@msun.edu to register

KNMC/MAT Web-stream Concert - Feb. 20

This past October, KNMC and the Montana Actors' Theatre (MAT) hosted their first ever live web-streamed concert featuring a mix of local and nationally recognized musicians on stage at the MSU-Northern Little Theatre.

On Saturday, February 20th, a second web-stream concert will be taking place at 5pm and broadcast live from the MSU-Northern Campus. This event will be headlined by the Milk River Band.

The Milk River Band has been playing around the hi-line for many years and were a highlight of the side-stage at the 2013 Red Ants Pants music festival. The band plays traditional country music that is influenced by a variety of styles and their own unique twist that each individual band member brings to the mix. Band members are Auddo Flansberg (vocals, lead guitar, steel guitar), Val Barnett (vocals, rhythm guitar), Adrian Tremblay (bass guitar), and Brady Skramstad (drums). Milk River Band plays different venues throughout Montana and also into Canada.

Milk River Band will be joined by two other local groups.



Virtual Career Fair Event! - Mar. 2

Mark your calendars for March 2nd from 10am-12:30pm! MSU-Northern's Career Center will be hosting a Virtual Career Fair where you'll have the opportunity to learn about various job and internship opportunities. There will be several employers who are eager to talk with you about current and future job openings, so be sure you're dressed to impress! You will also need to have your updated resume on hand so you can share that information with employers.

Since this event is done virtually, you don't need to reserve your space. However, you will need to create an account through Career Express, so

please follow the link below to complete the brief account creation process and you'll be good to go!

Create An Account!

If you have any questions or concerns about this event, please let us know by emailing lisa.moisey@msun.edu or henderson@msun.edu. We hope to see you there!

- MSUN Career Center

“First Friday” QPR Suicide Prevention Training Webinars – Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7

For the remainder of the semester, QPR Suicide Prevention Trainings will be facilitated via Zoom on the 1st Friday of each month from 1:00-2:30 PM (March 5, April 2, and May 7).

Question, Persuade, and Refer are three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training in the world. The training is about 90 minutes and your certification will be active for 2 years. Trainings are free and limited to 25 participants. To register, email Amber Spring at amber.spring@msun.edu.

Annual Tribute Band Concert – May 15

At this time, KNMC is moving forward with plans to host their annual tribute concert on Saturday, May 15th, as either a web-stream concert or social-distanced in-person concert strictly adhering to county health department guidelines. "Tribute" is our spring music event and is KNMC's way of paying tribute to all of the hard-working students, faculty, and staff of MSU-Northern at the end of the school year. Local musicians sign up and form "tribute bands" who then dress up and perform the music of their artist of choice. If you are a musician that is interested in participating, contact Dave Martens at 406*390*1238

#335 - Donaldson Hall Memories

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TidBit

By: William Lanier

In my last NNN TidBit, I had asked for people to send me their memories of Donaldson Hall. Here are my favorite responses:

"I was fortunate to get to live in Donaldson Hall as a freshman (70-71) during the last year it was used as the Women's Dormitory. Living in a communal space that housed more women than were in my whole hometown high school was a huge adjustment. I was lucky to share a room that

faced the front sidewalk, so if my mind drifted away from homework, I could keep an eye on who was getting picked up for a date or when Nalivka's was delivering an Italian Sub Sandwich. Being a country girl, I didn't know you could have food delivered to your door. Some of the same traditions carried into the 70's as did when my Mother lived in Donaldson in the 50's. When one of our friends became engaged, an announcement rang through the halls to gather in the Common's Room for the "Showing of the Ring"! Our version of Instagram, I guess. The next year the new Residence Hall opened and we moved into the sparkling new space. There certainly were a lot of comparisons in the buildings, no longer sinks in our room, no squeaky beds and floors and certainly a longer distance to retrieve forgotten homework before the next class. All good memories, though, no matter where I lived. Thanks, Northern."

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"My name was Bonnie Stringer when I went to Northern in the fall of 1958. Cheri Mosey was my "Big Sister" at Donaldson Hall. The next year Mary Anne Holstein, Jeannine Harshfeld, Lois Whitmore and I were in the 2nd floor quad. In 1970, my husband Hugo Andersen was hired as Principal for Lincoln-McKinley and Washington schools. In 1971 I was back at Northern to finish my Elementary Education degree. During that time, I was involved in Director Dorothea Quad's Early Education Program which was at Donaldson Hall. I went to Eastern Montana College to get my Special Education endorsement and then was hired by Havre Public Schools to teach Special Education which was held at Donaldson Hall. When Donaldson Hall closed, I rotated between Devlin, Lincoln, and Sunnyside schools. Our daughter Pam Shulund gave me the Donaldson Hall ornament for Christmas one year and it is hung on our Christmas tree every year, except this year because of Covid."

Bonnie Andersen, Cascade, MT

"For your tidbits, Bill...I probably shouldn't share some of my memories of Donaldson while I lived there. Luckily it was B4 FB!!"

Name withheld to protect the not so innocent

Donaldson Hall also holds special memories to not only Northern Alumni, but to the children of Northern Alumni. Here is a story shared by Kathie Filler Noble about her mother (Mary Lou Edmondson Filler) and her father (Jim Filler)

"I would love to share.... hopefully I have the story correct.... My dad was sneaking beer up to the ladies. He had to meet someone on the fire escape.

My mom was the chosen one to meet him. It was love at first sight. My dad was captain of the basketball team and my mother was a cheerleader. He made everybody cast their votes for my mom to be captain of cheerleading squad. They got married 3 months later. He was 21 and she was 18. (That is how my dad told it to me). Their graves are in the cemetery looking over Donaldson Hall. He created scholarships for both basketball players and for cheerleaders.”

For more information on the scholarships, please check out the TidBit in the April 6, 2018 Northern Network News.

Kathie Filler Noble

Thank you to Vicke, Bonnie, Kathie, and unnamed Northern Alumni for sharing, it is very much appreciated. If anyone else would like to share their Northern experience, please send me an e-mail to wjlanier1963@yahoo.com . Thank you.

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