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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BOZEMAN
President Waded Cruzado

Paul Anderson, a graduate of MSU's Masters of Science in Science Education (MSSE) program, has been named Montana's 2011 "teacher of the year" and was featured in a Chronicle article on September 15, 2010.

The MSU College of Business is partnering with Prospera Business Network and the Women's Business Center in a collaborative effort to offer a Women's Symposium that will provide business resources and business best practices for women in spring of 2011.

The Morrill Land-Grant College Act of 1862, signed by President Abraham Lincoln and considered one of the 100 "milestone documents" of American history, was the first artifact of recognized national significance that the MSU Museum of the Rockies has displayed. The exhibition of the Morrill Act was loaned to the museum from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

The newly renovated Gaines Hall became the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building on the MSU campus, meaning its construction and operations are environmentally responsible. The 80,000-square-foot building, which serves the majority of undergraduates at Montana State University, will be home to biochemistry, geochemistry, biology, physics and earth science laboratories in addition to a cutting edge 300-seat lecture hall and language labs.

A team of MSU researchers discovered flourishing colonies of moss, worms and various forms of shrimp that live near geothermal vents at the bottom of Yellowstone Lake. The team, led by John Varley in the Big Sky Institute and Tim McDermott and Bill Inskeep in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences and MSU's Thermal Biology Institute, explored the lake bottom with a Remotely Operated Vehicle.

Nursing professor Laura Larsson has won a \$350,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study how to reduce radon exposure among low-income people. Her research could help prevent lung cancer and narrow health disparities.

MSU economist Myles Watts was sworn in as a member of the Farmer Mac board of directors in September 2010. The purpose of Farmer Mac is to improve the availability of long-term credit for America's farmers, ranchers, rural homeowners, businesses and communities. Watts was nominated by President Obama for his strong background in agriculture and economics and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Education major Ryan Hannahoe has been selected to participate in the NASA Space Science Student Ambassadors Program. The program enables undergraduate and graduate students to encourage participation in NASA's educational activities and generate excitement about scientific discoveries in space science.

A new book, "Knowing Yellowstone: Science in America's First National Park," published summer 2010 by Taylor Trade Books, was edited by MSU Political Scientist Jerry Johnson, and features the work of many MSU researchers.

In fall 2010 MSU added two-year and one-year education programs with the opening of Gallatin College Programs. MSU Gallatin College Programs enhances access to education and offers associate degrees in aviation, interior design, design drafting, and a certificate program in welding in addition to developmental courses in math and writing.



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | BILLINGS

As an ongoing effort by Dr. Jennifer Leonard, Assistant Professor of Management, College of Business, to help students put theory into practice, the senior COB students look for business owners in the Billings region who need help with their business plans. The project adds value to area businesses and provides valuable educational experience to MSUB students.

MSUB men's soccer team was selected fifth in the annual Great Northwest Athletic Conference preseason poll as voted on by the league's coaches. Defending conference champions, Saint Martin's, earned the top spot, while GNAC newcomer, Simon Fraser, and Seattle Pacific tied for second with Western Washington in fourth.

MSUB women soccer players Sam Boehm and Kari Foreman worked hard on a fundraiser event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Boehm, who is a red-shirt senior on the soccer team, working on her master's degree in public relations, got the idea for a Make-A-Wish Game while working on a project for one of her upper-division applied communications classes. She had attended the women's basketball games that raised awareness for breast cancer and wanted to pursue a community service project. As a NCAA Division II university, MSUB was able to link up with an established relationship between intercollegiate athletics and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. "MSUB has the only college sports program in Montana associated with the foundation," said Brittany Youngman, Development Coordinator with the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Pennsylvania. For the Make-A-Wish Game, Boehm and her teammates were sporting bright blue warm-ups and selling blue start to help raise money and awareness.

The Employer Partnership Program through the Office of Career Services at MSUB is in its third year of providing employers with increased exposure to students and cooperative education experiences. The program not only offers businesses enhanced visibility at MSUB on both the main campus and at the College of Technology campus, but also partners to get extra exposure on the web at www.msubillings.edu/careers. Patricia Reuss, Director of Career Services, said the program gives employers an innovative way to differentiate and brand their company on campus.

The Chancellor search for MSUB was narrowed from three to two finalists after Dr. Linda Rinker, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Connecticut withdrew. The two finalists are Dr. Rolf Groseth, Interim Chancellor at MSU Billings and Dr. Sally Johnstone, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota. President Cruzado will meet with each candidate and weigh the recommendation from the search committee prior to making a final decision.

Ground breaking took place on September 3, 2010 for a 42-foot, 10-kilowatt wind turbine. The turbine, designed by Taisei Techno Co. of Japan, will be used by faculty and for students enrolled in the new Sustainable Energy Technology program at the MSUB College of Technology. Dr. Cech, Dean of the MSUB COT said, "Having this equipment is equivalent to having a modular home available for our construction trades students." The wind turbine will go up in stages over the next three months, said Rhyno Stinchfield, President of GreenWorld Partners, a Billings-based renewable energy company. The turbine will eventually be a donation to the University for research and education purposes.

Jim Leach, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, spoke to about 200 people in September as part of a 50-state "American Civility Tour." Mr. Leach said, "Too often in modern politics and public matters, people are concerned more about the calculated moves and results instead of the integrity of the process. As a result, negative advertising and campaigning carry the day instead of integrity and character." "How do you pull people together when negativity is the driving force? The right temper and integrity should be the driving force." Leach also encouraged college students to pay attention to political matters, even though public matters might not be as interesting as the latest Facebook post. "Great issues are at stake and they are at stake more for youth than for elderly people," he said.



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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | NORTHERN

Enrollment Up – Northern has a headcount of 1304 and our FTE is 1077.85. That is up about 2.5% over last year.

Larry Romo Visits Campus - Larry Romo, U.S. Director of Selective Service and Alum of MSU-Northern was on campus Wednesday Sept 22, to meet with Northern's administration and speak to two education classes. During his speech he talked about the advantage of attending a small college and how that made a huge difference in his life.

Hi-Line Legislative Forum - Legislators from up and down the Hi-Line came together Thursday September 30th for the first Hi-Line Education and Economic Development Legislative Forum. They listened to presentations on education, economic development and legislative issues facing the upcoming session.

Festival Days Parade - Once again MSU-Northern was the official sponsor for the Havre Festival Days Parade. Despite the wet and chilly weather, 14 campus clubs, organizations and athletic teams participated in this year's parade.

Webcast of Football Game – Northern's football games are now simulcasting live over the web. Other sports will follow this fall.

Students Paint Hello Walk- Nearly 10 clubs and organizations met on Tuesday, September 28th for the annual painting of the Hello Walk. The "Hello Walk" was originally a student art project done on the steps connecting the lower and upper campus just west of the Student Union Building. The idea is to greet anyone you meet by saying "Hello".

New Assistant Registrar - Alisha Schroeder is the new Assistant Registrar. Schroeder has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Communications with additional studies in Computer Technologies. Alisha also worked as the Team Leader for the Student Assistance Foundation in Helena. In other employment, she was a Financial Aid Specialist and a Student Accounts Specialist at UM Western.

Leadership Montana - Janet Trethewey has been selected to be a part of Leadership MT 2011. Trethewey is being sponsored by the AFL-CIO and is a member via MEA-MFT.

Youth Build Program Begins Second Season - MSU-Northern is once again partnering with Stone Child Community College to continue the North Central Montana Youth Build program. Students split time between the classroom, construction site and working on getting their GED. The grant is one of the few, if not the only, Youth Build programs awarded to a "rural" area. For more information contact Bob Anderson.

Football Team Uses New Bus - MSU-Northern's football team left the campus for Oregon in the new bus. MSU-Northern and Tilleman Motors partnered together to purchase a bus for MSU-Northern's athletic teams. This is a great advantage to our athletic teams and will save the campus thousands of dollars in travel costs. MSU-Northern is grateful to Tilleman Motors for their generous gift and continued support. Thanks also goes to My Canvas Auto for their donation towards the painting of the bus.

Chokecherry Stomp – The third annual Chokecherry Stomp raised a little more than \$12,000 for MSU-Northern in Lewistown.

Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree - Northern Lights Athletic and Scholarship Foundation recently held their 10th annual Legends for Lights Pheasant Jamboree. This event is where former NFL, NHL, MBL and other professional legends team up with locals and outdoor enthusiasts from across the country for a 4-day jamboree. Over the years they have donated over \$500,000 to Northern's athletic programs.



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To commemorate American Indian Heritage Week, the MSU-Great Falls' Health Sciences Division sponsored a presentation by Rose Butterfly, Native American Advocate from the Benefis Health Systems' Native American Welcoming Center. The Welcoming Center is a resource for area native people and serves as a contact point for reservations, hospitals and families. It also provides cultural diversity training for Benefis employees and volunteers.

The Arts and Sciences Division and ASMSUGF sponsored the 2010 Constitution Day. Montana Constitution Convention Delegate, Bob Campbell presented 'Back to the Future, Separating the Facts from the Myths.' Dr. Bill Krieger spoke on the topic of 'Effective Citizenship.'

Health Sciences students participated in the VETS4VETS StandDown by providing basic health and dental services to veterans. This is the fourth year that MSU – Great Falls' students have volunteered for the event.

Students, faculty, and staff participated in the first annual Make a Difference Day event sponsored by Americorp to provide an opportunity to learn about service learning in the Great Falls community. The event was co-sponsored by MSU - Great Falls and the University of Great Falls.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held to celebrate the start of the second MSU – Great Falls' College House. The home will be built by students in the MSU – Great Falls' Carpentry Program under the leadership of Program Director, Pat Schoenen, in partnership with NeighborWorks Great Falls.

Also working with NeighborWorks, Julie Myers and the Interior Design students staged a house for the 2010 Great Falls Homebuilders Association Parade of Homes. The students chose furnishings and accessories from generous local business partners to fit the demographics of a couple buying their first home with the theme of love and comfort.

A Health Science Bash hosted by faculty drew pre-health and current health science students to an informal lunch and conversation designed to answer student questions and become acquainted in a comfortable environment.

A Health Informatics Technology Certification and a Dietetic Technology Associate of Applied Science degree program have received Regent approval. Kate Peterson is the Program Director for the Health Informatics Technology certificate. Susan Cooper, Program Director, is developing the Dietetic Technology AAS curriculum for a fall semester 2010 start-up. It is being developed to articulate to the Dietician program at Montana State University.

The annual Trades Rodeo offered area ninth graders hands-on experiences in a number of trades occupations they may pursue through apprenticeship or college programs. The Bridging Opportunities workgroup, which includes people from higher education and K-12 education, the Chamber of Commerce, and other community members, helped to create this event. This group works with Great Falls area high and middle school counselors and administrators, college advisors and administrators, and apprenticeship programs to ensure the youth in our area and their families have a better understanding of all of the choices students for work and further education.

Dean Joe Schaffer has been selected as the Pacesetter of the Year for the National Council on Marketing and Public Relations for District 7. NCMPR's Pacesetter of the Year Award recognizes a chief executive officer at a two-year college for exceptional leadership and support in the area of college communications and marketing. It is awarded annually in each of NCMPR's seven districts, and district winners automatically become eligible for consideration as the national Pacesetter of the Year which will be awarded in Philadelphia in March.