Michelle:

Could you mass email the attached notice to the alumni in your data base for the Foundation? Thank you

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UND Aerobatic Team wins

For the second year in a row, the UND Aerobatic Team won first place in the 2009 National Collegiate Aerobatic Championship, according to results released by the International Aerobatics Club.

UND pilot Jordan Weis, a commercial aviation major, flew in the Sportsman Category and earned second place in the Collegiate Individual Competition.

The results of the national aerobatics competition can be viewed at the following links:

Study looks at missions to Mars

UND Professor Mike Gaffey will kick off this year’s Space Studies Colloquium series titled “Human Missions to Mars” at 4 p.m. Monday in Ryan Hall 111. The presentation was rescheduled because of the Jan. 25 blizzard.

Series presents “The Secrets”

The Global Visions Film Series from UND’s Department of Anthology will present “The Secrets” at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl.

“The Secrets” looks at the rights of women in Orthodox Judaism culture. Presented through the eyes of the daughter of a strict rabbi, Naomi, multiple questions are raised about the role of women in the Jewish society.

Attendance is free, but a donation of $1 would be appreciated. Upcoming films, all on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl, include:
- Feb. 16: “Caramel”
- March 9: “A Thousand Years of Good Prayers”
- March 30: “War Dance”
- April 6: “The Stoning of Soraya”
- April 20: “Local Color”
- May 4: “American Violet”

Workshops focus on mental health

The Center for Excellence in Children’s Mental Health and Harris Programs of the University of Minnesota are partnering to sponsor a series on culture in the context of children’s mental health.

A workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in Coffman Union Theater on the University of Minnesota’s Minneapolis Campus. It will be broadcast live to more than 25 sites, including the University of Minnesota–Crookston.

Registration is required and can be completed by visiting www.cmh.umn.edu and clicking on Lessons from the Field.

NCTC seeks continued accreditation

Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit April 26-28 by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

NCTC has been accredited by the commission since 1976. The accreditation is at the associate’s degree level and includes degree sites at other locations within the state.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the country that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis.

University eyes program cutbacks

Administrators at Minnesota State University in Mankato have proposed eliminating the school’s aviation, computer science, undergraduate music programs and others as they look to a likely $6 million to $10 million deficit in 2012.

That means the need to cut faculty. Campus officials encouraged voluntary retirements last year, but the 20 faculty members who signed up fell far short of the administration’s hopes for 60.

The programs targeted for elimination are low on students and credit hours. But their backers will still have the chance to make a case for them.

Other programs targeted for elimination include undergraduate journalism and food science technology, as well as graduate programs in physics, environmental science and two math programs.

NDSU paper set to publish again

A revamped Dickinson (N.D.) State University newspaper is set to print again after a seven-year hiatus.

The Chronicle will supersede The Western Concept, which began printing in 1960 and ceased publication in spring 2003. The first issue is due out
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Public comments invited for Northland Community & Technical College’s reaccreditation


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For the past two years, Northland Community and Technical College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the college; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to the Commission's website or by mail, as noted below:

Website:  
http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org (Please click on "File Third-Party Comments" on the left side of the screen)

By Mail:  
Public Comment on Northland Community and Technical College  
The Higher Learning Commission  
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400  
Chicago, IL 60602-2504

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by March 26, 2010. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

Note: Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the Commission office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered third party comment.
Northland Community and Technical College is a comprehensive college with campuses in East Grand Forks, MN, and Thief River Falls, MN. One- and two-year degrees, transfer programs and diploma certification are available in a variety of majors, as well as workforce training and continuing education programs. NCTC is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Visit the College at www.northlandcollege.edu (http://www.northlandcollege.edu/). NCTC is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

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Mixed Blood Theater Performance: “Daughters of Africa”

This week, Northland will be hosting the theatrical performance by Mixed Blood Theater: "Daughters of Africa". This music-based performance is one of their most popular.

This event will kick-off Northland’s celebration of Black History Month.

East Grand Forks campus performance: Wednesday, Feb. 3, 12:00 pm, Commons/Cafeteria

Thief River Falls campus performance: Thursday, Feb. 4, 12:00 pm, Theater

Need a little extra help? That is what Learning Services offers, free of charge!

There are many services available to help you with classes, improve study skills, and help you succeed. It is much easier to ask for help when you first start to feel “lost”.

Study labs and tutors are available for every student. If you have a documented disability, go to the Learning Services area on your campus and discover what accommodations are available.

The staff in Learning Services look forward to meeting you. Remember, they don’t know who you are until you introduce yourself.

http://counselorcorner.wordpress.com/
Cindy: Can this be emailed from President Temte to the students, faculty and employees on January 16, 2010? Thanks

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Thank you for your input into the college's reaccreditation process.

Anne Temte, President
Subject: Third Party Comment Notification Requirement for Accreditation

Note: We need to publicize the fact that Northland is being considered for reaccreditation by NCA and invite the public to comment on the college. NCA has some standardized forms that we need to use, but we can decide where and when to publish the information.

I'm working with IT to get the information on our website, but I also need to get it circulated to area news media (radio, tv, newspapers, et al). That's where I need your expertise. I've attached a copy of the policy from the Higher Learning Commission, a copy of a handout I gave to Cindy and Mary Jo to hand out at program and community advisory board meetings, and a draft of what we could publish in various media. The notification should appear several times between January and March. We'll need to keep copies of the publications when the notices appear and document where and when the notices were published to comply with "Third Party Notification" requirements.

Attachments:
- Third_Party_Comment_Handout_Program_Advisory.docx
- Third_Party_Comment.docx
- Third_Party_Comment_Guidelines.pdf