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New Head Football Coach - Andrew Rolin was named MSU-Northern's new Head Football Coach. He has been working tirelessly to assess his team and recruit the best players in the state. Rolin was a former University of San Diego quarterback who was coached under former head coach Jim Harbaugh. He was an assistant coach at San Jose State University, the University of Washington, and the University of San Diego. Rolin graduated from the University of San Diego with a Bachelor in Business Administration with a Management focus in 2009.

FY19 Budget Concerns Addressed – Significant reductions in anticipated tuition and state funding revenue for next year has MSUN's Administration confronting some tough projections for next year's operating budget. Through the shifting of a few personnel out of State funding, the curtailing of replacement hires, and the consolidation of duplicative services, Northern has successfully managed to build a preliminary budget that results in minimal impacts to student services and no loss of academic programs. The campus is very aware that the conclusion of our new construction is fast approaching and that great strides are being made in areas of student retention and program marketing. Northern's outlook for next year remains optimistic.

American Indian Advisory Council – MSU-Northern held the first American Indian Advisory Council with a celebration of food, song, and dance. The council will meet at least once each semester to answer questions regarding cultural issues and to assist in the construction of stronger bridges into tribal communities through communication, advocacy, and awareness. The council is also providing valuable insights into ways to improve MSU-Northern's Native American Studies program. The AIAC is comprised of two members from each of the four local reservations: Fort Peck, Port Belknap, Rocky Boy, and Blackfeet. These individuals bring a wealth of cultural knowledge from their respective tribes – including language expertise.

New Jackets - Torgerson's, a 4th generation Montana farm implement business, recently provided new PAS Club jackets for MSU-Northern's Postsecondary Agricultural Students (PAS) Club members. There are 29 members in the club who have been active this year in activities related to agriculture, campus promotion, individual growth, raising funds for the National PAS convention, and developing leadership skills. This is an excellent example of the National PAS Organization's motto of "Uniting Education and Industry in Agriculture."

Student Surveys Improves Campus Life - In the student life survey taken during the Spring Semester of 2017, students clearly indicated that they would benefit from the Food Court hours being extended until 8:00 p.m., the creation of a grille in the Pin 'N Cue, and new matrices in the residence halls. The campus executed these items as a direct result of this survey.

Radio Station Starts Community Events Calendar - The Hill County Community Foundation announced four grant recipients for the 2017 grant cycle. Among the recipients was KNMC 90.1 radio station. KNMC, in partnership with the MSU-Northern Alumni Foundation, developed an online, community-wide events calendar for the Havre/Hill County area. The online calendar will allow organizations to list and promote their events and will be easily accessible to all community members to find out more about local happenings.

MSU-Northern Observes MLK - Dr. Tobin Miller Shearer gave his presentation of Making the Struggle Count: Lessons from the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. Miller talked about how the events planned by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were carefully organized and how during his time his proposals were very controversial. Only after his death, has he been recognized and honored as a heroic pacifist leader.

Student Success and Leadership Training - Arel Moodie was on campus to share the secrets of how to succeed in school and life by applying success principles. Arel is a best-selling author, entrepreneur and nationally acclaimed public speaker. He did a motivational workshop and a 3-hour in-depth student leadership training session. This is just one of many efforts Student Support Services will make this semester to address student retention and success.