

THE Filthy Lucre



All About the Hamiltons

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Heck of a Job, Cappy! Administrators Drop Northern like a Bad Habit

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The Filthy Lucre would like to welcome back all of our returning readers, and hopes that you had a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Solstice, or Festivus. But while the rest of us celebrated the miraculous transformation of a profound spiritual observance into a gluttonous orgy of consumption, certain members of Northern's administration were making a break for it.

By now, you have no doubt heard the official news that Chancellor Alex Capdeville retired immediately after the fall semester of 2007†. Since his leave-taking was not announced until after our final issue of the semester, the Filthy Lucre can only now chime in on the issue.

I would like to personally thank Chancellor Capdeville for his service, without which our publication would not have been possible. If not for the Capdeville Administration's pathological secrecy and aversion to public discourse, the Lucre would not have had nearly enough comedic material and crass rumor to work with. Indeed, without the Administration's consistent "Shut up or shut down" philosophy, where would the Lucre be? Probably a lot more productive.

† *Havre Daily News*, December 6, 2007

We recently acquired a copy of Dr. Capdeville's letter of interest to Mount Hood Community College, applying for the position of college president, (*apparently "retirement" means "looking for another job"?* -ed.) an artful document that even I would be proud to have authored. According to the former Chancellor's own words;

"When I arrived at [Northern] seven years ago, I found an institution that had infrastructure problems, major deferred maintenance, and declining enrollments all resulting in low morale..."

And as we all know, problematic infrastructure like the daycare center, swimming pool, campus security, and many more have since been fixed, permanently. As for all those *Depressing Doras* that were bringing down morale, good riddance! There may only be eight hundred students left at Northern, but you can bet they're the happiest bunch of kids around!

"My experience has convinced me that concerted efforts to achieve cultural and ethnic diversity in faculty, staff, and administration ...leads to a greater institutional understanding of and sensitivity to cultural and ethnic diversity. ...The faculty and staff represent Montana's historical ethnicity and cultural influences."

Yes indeed, Northern's faculty is a paragon of diversity; from white Americans of Irish ancestry, to white Americans of German ancestry, our professors are truly a melting pot of world culture. And let's not forget our Native American Studies professor, straight from Montana's heartland; Finland.

"Having served in my current position for the time that I have, and in continuously reviewing my professional fulfillment, I have concluded that perhaps I have contributed as much as I might to MSU-Northern. I believe that now is the time for a career move."

We couldn't agree more, and wish our old pal Cappy the best of luck in his new endeavours. In any event, the Chancellor isn't the only member of the administration exiting stage left. A little bird told us that Vice-Chancellor Chuck Jensen, one of the Filthy Lucre's biggest fans, will be leaving Northern for Flathead Community College some time in March. Rest assured, we'll have that story in full when the official announcement comes down the pipe.

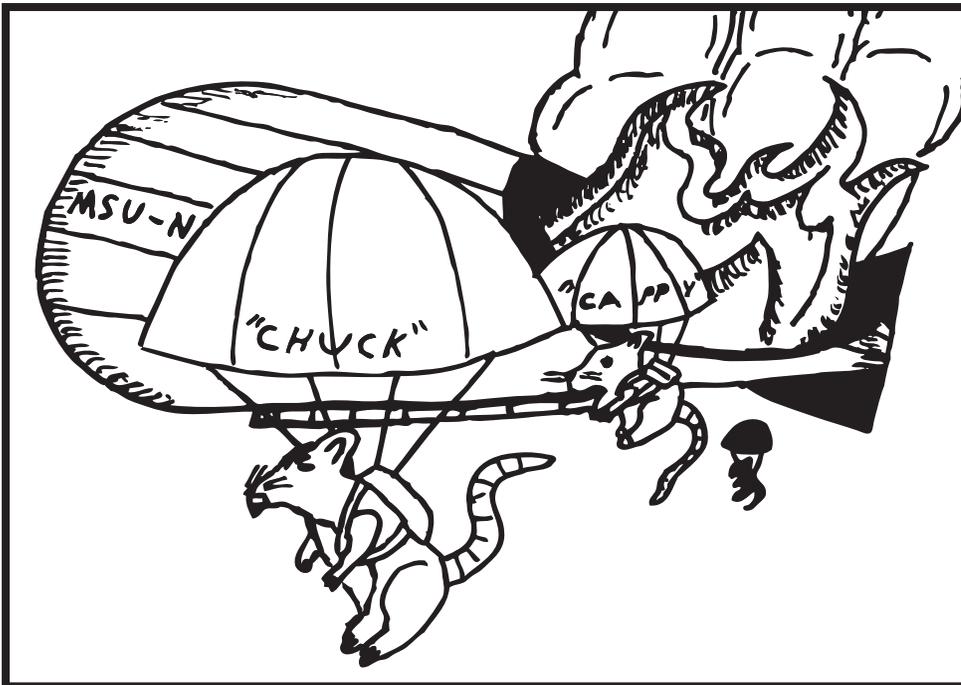
Christine Muller, the administrative assistant to Dean Jim Longin, gave the school an ultimatum, "get me some help or I'm quitting." They didn't; she did. And last (for now, anyway), student teacher supervisor Mark Allen will also not be returning next year.

With so many departing administrators, one can't help but think of the old metaphor of rats leaving a sinking ship. We want to nip that image in the bud though; Northern isn't sinking, it's soaring. If anything, it's more like rats parachuting out of a burning zeppelin.

Housekeeping

Antimony Obfuscation: Cleaner

Worry not web heads, we haven't completely forsaken the Filthy Lucre's online presence... in the next few days, our website will feature pictures from Lupé and Rico's radio appearance, excerpts from the show in mp3 format, and we'll finally be filling in the lost issues in the archives. Stay tuned!



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