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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Montana Western Business and Technology Department Instructor Shaun Scott recently made a presentation titled *Experiential learning to create Competitive Advantage* which focused on The University of Montana Western and Experience One at the IACBE (International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education) annual conference. The presentation was very successful and generated a lot of discussion.

Montana Western Librarian Anne Kish has had five entries accepted for publication in the upcoming reference work, *Biographical Dictionary of the People's Republic of China*. The Dictionary will be published by McFarland & Company, Inc and is being edited by Dr. Yuwu Song of the Central Arkansas Library System. Kish's contributions are biographical entries for Gao Min, Wang Zhizhi, Han Xiaopeng, Liu Xiang, and Mengke Bateer.

Dr. Sid Gustafson, Montana Western Equine faculty member reports that Montana Western will be mentioned in an upcoming article in *The Horse* that can be viewed soon at www.thehorse.com/ The two paragraphs on Montana Western will read as follows:

At The University of Montana Western, horse enthusiasts can sign up for a variety of three day workshops on topics such as equine law, reining, dressage, and shoeing. Students can also enroll in programs leading to a degree in equine studies, biomedical science, business with an equine option, or natural horsemanship. "University of Montana Western is the only institution in the U.S. offering a university education in natural horsemanship," said Sid Gustafson, DVM professor of equine studies at the university. "It's a great program."

IACBE

The Business and Technology Department at Montana Western is currently a candidate for accreditation with IACBE (International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education) with 2007-2008 being their self-study year. Margareta Knopik is leading the effort and hopes to have the report completed by the end of June. This year also represents the first complete year on the assessment plan designed to meet IACBE guidelines. The visit is scheduled for early December. If the program is approved, full accreditation status will be conferred in April 2009.

NCATE

In October of this year the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education will have its seven-year accreditation visit. Dr. Delena Norris-Tull has been leading our preparation for this visit. As with NWCCU, this preparation involves the writing of a major document as well as electronic and physical exhibits. While much of the work for this visit needs to be done

by the education faculty and administration, some involvement of all faculty and staff across campus will be needed for a successful visit.

NWCCU

In the spring of 2010 Montana Western will have its major 10-year visit from the Northwest Association of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Two years before each 10-year visit NWCCU sends a single representative to each campus under review in order to assess their readiness to complete their self-study and prepare for the site visit by a team of evaluators, mostly consisting of trained volunteers from other colleges and universities. In our case, NWCCU will be sending Dr. Ronald L. Baker, Executive Vice President of NWCCU, to campus on April 20-21. Dr. Baker will be meeting with Brian Price, Karl Ulrich and Richard Storey on Sunday evening and meeting with the NWCCU Steering Committee on Monday morning.

POLYNESIAN CULTURE CLUB EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES



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The Montana Western Polynesian Culture Club Luau will be held on Saturday April 26th in the Keltz Arena. This event is part of Alumni Weekend. The Luau Barbeque begins at 6pm (meal tickets w/show: \$15 student/all ages, \$25 individual, and \$45 couple). Please call Professor Judy Ulrich at 683-7422 or go to Bert's CD in downtown Dillon for tickets and information.

Note:

This newsletter will be posted on the Provost's website at <http://www.umwestern.edu/administration/vcaa/newsletters/> Back issues can also be found at the same site. It will also be mailed to Dillon community members who express an interest in receiving it. The purpose is to have a central, broadly distributed information resource to keep people informed about Western, its programs, and its faculty, staff, and students. If you have information that you believe would be appropriate for this newsletter please send it to Karl Ulrich in the Provost's office, k_Ulrich@umwestern.edu