

## CAMPUS REPORT

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**TO:** Board of Regents

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**RE:** Campus Report for the November 19 and 20, 2009 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Liberal Studies Professor Robert Ziegler has written a new book, *Asymptote: An Approach to Decadent Fiction* (Amsterdam, Presses Rodopi, 2009). *Asymptote* deals with Decadent art and the fictional output of the leading authors of turn-of-the-century France, as did Ziegler's three previous books.
- Professor John Amtmann, Safety, Health, and Industrial Hygiene, was offered and accepted the position of editor for the inaugural column "Check Your Vitals" for the *Journal of Emergency Medical Services*. The Journal is North America's leading journal in the emergency medical services field.
- Professor John Amtmann was invited to submit a book chapter entitled High Intensity Training for the Mixed Martial Artist for the book *Advancements in the Scientific Study of Combative Sports* (Nova Publishers, 2009).
- Montana Tech's Center for Advanced Material Processing (CAMP) has won a 2010 Appropriation from the Department of Defense, through the US Navy, Fuel Cell Design and Manufacturing Technology Development Project.
- CAMP has contracted to support Radiance Technologies and the Department of Defense, Adaptive Light-Weight Material (ALM) for the Missile Defense Program. The project focuses on establishing and operating a Pultrusion Manufacturing Facility in Browning, Montana. CAMP will support the effort by providing Composite Material processing, design, testing, and failure analyses.
- Julie Hart, Associate Professor in the Safety, Health and Industrial Hygiene (SHIH) Department, was honored as the "Distinguished Industrial Hygienist of the Year" at the Pacific Northwest American Industrial Hygiene Conference in Vancouver, B.C.
- Professor Pat Munday, Science & Technology Studies, organized a session at the Society for the History of Technology 2009 annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Montana Tech's Student Wellness Taskforce was recognized by Moving Mountains through Prevention Awards for their efforts in promoting health and safety in the Mining City. Created by the Health Department, the award recognized Montana Tech for the effort to go tobacco-free on July 1, 2010.
- Mathematical Sciences Professor Rick Rossi has written a second book, *Applied Biostatistics for the Health Sciences* (John Wiley & Sons, 2009). The book is an introduction to essential key methods used in the statistical analysis of data in the health sciences.
- Two student computer programming teams from Montana Tech competed in the Battle of the Brains in Salt Lake City in October. Team A took 4<sup>th</sup> place at the Rocky Mountain Regional Contest and placed 4<sup>th</sup> among all U.S. teams in their region. Members were: Bryce Muller, Glendive; George Cox, Plains; and Tyler Lee, Belgrade, coached by Assistant Professor of Computer Sciences Frank Ackerman.
- Montana Tech has been awarded \$1,072,744 in funding through the U.S. Department of Energy's Geothermal Technologies Program: Ground Source Heat Pumps. The project, titled *A Demonstration System for Capturing Geothermal Energy from Mine Waters beneath Butte*, is part of the \$338 million Recovery Act announced yesterday by the Department of Energy.
- Four Montana Tech faculty members ran in the New York City Marathon on November 1 to support Mariah's Challenge, devoted to reducing underage drinking, and drinking and driving. They were Vice Chancellor Doug Abbott, Assistant Professor of Business and Information Technology Traci O'Neill, Business Instructor Linda Granger, and adjunct Jim Woy.