

ASMCC Student Report

- Spring 2004 semester begins with new student orientation on the 20th and classes begin on the 21st of January
- ASMCC's Decision to rescind article 940.24
- Montana 2 year conference held January 8th and 9th at Miles Community College
- Beautification Project at MCC is continuing
- Awards Banquet

Thank You

Joshua Huey
ASMCC President

Student Report

MSU Great Falls College of Technology

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Montana Associated Students Report

Submitted: January 15-16

- A total of 7 students from around the state interested in becoming the next Student Regent were interviewed by MAS members at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Several questions were asked and ranged from what they would change about the Montana University System to what qualifies them for the position. All candidates had been put through some form of selection process by the individual campuses that endorsed them, and they were all very qualified. A second round of interviews will occur March 24 at UM-Western where the final selections will be made.
- The MAS Constitution was amended slightly and voted on so as to make it so that every campus had the same final version of the constitution. The newly accepted constitution was unanimously approved and it now clarifies the transition of MAS leadership from year to year. Other changes describe the appropriate action to be taken by MAS should an officer of MAS resign as Student Body President of their campus.
- One campus still has yet to make a decision regarding the MAS lawsuit with the Governor and the State of Montana. That campus will reach a decision on this matter in a few weeks, and following that time period, a special MAS meeting will be called. This will be in the form of a conference call for the voting members of MAS, and if necessary, formal action may be taken following that meeting.
- Other issues including HEA Drug Provision policies, student loan and Pell Grant issues, and bi-weekly pay for student employees were also briefly discussed. These issues will be taken back to the campuses, and more resolution may be decided in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McCarthy

MAS President

January 15, 2004

Student Report
Dan Hartmann, ASMSU-N President
Montana State University – Northern
Havre, MT

Regent Jasmin and Members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today,

MSU-N held its annual Cabin Fever Seminars December 20-23 and January 5-10.

The Cabin Fever Institute is a link between MSU-N and the County Extension Offices for the surrounding counties including Hill, Blaine, Liberty and Chouteau. Cabin fever offers an opportunity for people in the surrounding area to participate in a variety of different educational offerings such as seminars on various aspects of Agriculture. Cabin Fever is self-supporting, paying for itself through the fees collected to participate in the various seminars. This years Cabin Fever was a great success and people seemed to enjoy themselves.

Now that the New Year has started MSU-Northern will begin celebrating its 75th Anniversary as an Institution. MSU-N first opened its doors on September 24th, 1929. We as a University are beginning to plan various activities the will take place throughout the 2004-2005 school year. Some of these activities include a ceremony with a ribbon cutting to mark the opening of the University, an All-school reunion and a series of speakers throughout the year.

Thank you for your time.

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Student Report
ASUM-Helena
Keith Goble, President:

UM-Helena College of Technology students are working hard to expand on their education. They are getting involved in competitions, as well as trade shows that showcase their acquired skills along with giving them the opportunity to add to their knowledge by working with other students from around the state.

Students are funding our automotive club to compete in Havre, sending the second year construction students to a trade show in Las Vegas with the returning students passing on their experience to the first year students, and lastly student senate hopes to sponsor the business department in the state business plan competition this spring. Our aviation club is restoring plane and will sell it to fund future projects.

Student Senate has sponsored three scholarships for students with outstanding academic achievements, community involvement, and financial need. We believe that we also need to be involved more with helping fund our fellow students education. We hope to develop these scholarships more each year with an increase of interest by the students.

Our Christmas party returned to the campus this year. The focus was toward the non-traditional students. We had holiday food, live music, door prizes, and Christmas videos for the children. Attendance was 3 times what it was the previous year and we feel it was a success.

When our senate returns to school, we hope to add more recreation to our student center. Television and DVDs along with cable will bring a little relaxation into what is a stressful student life. Our spring barbecue will feature robots from the electrical and metals department and we hope to feature our fire and rescue along with our nursing department by staging a mock fire with a suppression and rescue followed by triage to treat the mock victims. All will help expose the great skills that our students will bring to our state after leaving UM-Helena.

Student Report

Written by Tug Eiden- ASMT President

January 15-16, 2004

Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Sterns, Members of the Board:

- Various groups and clubs on campus participated in charity events for the Christmas and New Years holidays. Some events included Angel Tree, food drives, and sponsoring families for gifts and food.
- 17 Tech students were included in the up-coming publication of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The included students are from several degree programs and represent Tech well.
- In early December, the Liberal Studies Club performed "The Importance of Being Earnest." It met with great reviews and another play for this next semester is now in the works. It was the first play to be performed at Tech in a number of years.
- Last month, the Geology club and most of the department instructors went to a geology conference in Seattle which lasted for several days. The students were not only exposed to numerous research projects and papers, but gave some research papers of their own. Some of the papers dealt with the geology within Montana.
- School started Wednesday the 14th. Most of the students are back and ready to go.



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To: Board of Regents:
From: Carla Amerson ASMSU-B President
Montana State University-Billings

Re: Presidential Report

Chairman Jasmin, Regents, and honored guests,

My name is Carla Amerson, student body president of Montana State University-Billings. After having returned from a much needed break over Christmas, I am proud to announce that the students, faculty, and staff are back in full swing for the spring semester. We now realize as a student organization how little time we have left in this year to accomplish the things we want to do within our university.

The student government office at MSU-B and our COT concluded our year by participating in the annual "Giving Tree", by giving out the names of 250 children through the Children and Family Services division in Billings. Our students on both campuses participated above and beyond in helping make the lives of children in our community a little brighter during the holiday season. The P.R. committee within Senate also participated in the Festival of Trees which auctions off donated decorated trees to raise money for the Family Tree, a family service organization. Each of these events again connected campus involvement with community involvement.

The property acquisition that was tabled at the November Regents meeting will not be addressed until the March meeting after our university system has the opportunity to meet with the perspective neighborhood task forces. Along with expansion, comes progress and the College of Allied Health Professionals is proof of that. With the expansion of this program comes the possibility of transition of degrees from one department to another. These changes will be beneficial for different plans of study that apply to the students in those programs.

The position of our University Relations Director was previously held by Ken Woosley, who stepped down to pursue other interests and options, is now being held by Shelly Van-Atta. We welcome her to our university system, our student population, and look forward to the new changes she will bring to us.

Many of us recently encountered the severity of the cold snap that inundated much of Montana. I for one had the good fortune to run my vehicle off the road and into a snow bank and by the time I was able to retrieve my vehicle the next day, I found that the drifting snow had completely engulfed my little car. I have decided that the warmth of the desert is looking pretty good. Our university battled the dropping temperature by converting to our back up Propane System which is in our contract to do during rate high consumption with MDU. By doing this in compliance with our heating source, we will have a savings of close to \$100,000.00.

The old Recreation Activities Office has recently been renovated into the new Community Involvement Center. By spring, the Resource Center will have the ability to connect students to the community through Americorp and other volunteer resources.

On January 10, our Student Government held spring retreat. This allowed us the opportunity to look back on our goals and objectives and see what we've accomplished and what we still have to do. Our training began with guest lecturer Tamara Hall heading up the workshop entitled Teamwork Works for Everyone. We each did a Personality Inventory to determine where we fit into the team. The T standing for task master, E for enthusiast, A is the analyst while concluding with M for mainstay. It was exciting to see everyone so excited about their organization and the impact it can make by using the right tools. We learned that if your only tool is a hammer then everything looks like a nail. So today I thought I'd be a wrench. The issue of MontPirg was again brought to a vote by our student government in regards to the way we felt about fee collection by individual organizations and the university system. Again the vote was unanimous that we will not allow this as students to take place on our campus! We feel that any fees collected, should be the same for all organizations. We are getting ready to gear up for presidential elections in February with an emphasis on increased voter turnout and apathy on our campus

When I first came into this position of President, I was concerned about making the wrong decisions and feared the possibility of criticism. Recently I learned that if you want to avoid criticism, and then say nothing, do nothing, and be nothing. As President of the student body of Montana State University- Billings I am not willing to do that, there are still too many things that I have yet to accomplish, which is why I am running for a second term. It was an honor to be asked to participate in the dinner honoring Regent Edwin Jasmin and his years of service to our state, as a student, I would like to extend a grateful appreciation of your commitment to higher education

I would like to conclude my student report by thanking each of you for doing what you do, so that I may continue doing what I do in representing the students of Montana State University-Billings.

Sincerely,



Carla J. Amerson
ASMSUB-President
Montana State University-Billings