

# **Student Report**

## **Associated Students MSU Great Falls College of Technology**

### **Sara Anderson President**

~The senators at Great Falls held their annual Halloween Party and Haunted House. We hold the party to benefit a local food bank along with give a place for our students to bring their children for a safe Halloween. This year we choose to give to St. Vincent De Paul. The party is free to attendees with a can of food. The party is targeted to students that attend Great Falls that have young children.

~The senate is preparing to put up their annual SEAP (Student Emergency Assistance Program) Christmas Giving Tree. The tree gives an opportunity for students in need to ask for assistance in the purchase of gifts for Christmas. There is an application process that is completely confidential. SEAP is a permanent committee in which any time during the school year a student is in need they can apply for assistance through SEAP.

~Currently the senate is getting teams together for intramural volleyball and basketball that would be sponsored by the senate.

~The senate is in the process of planning for the next semester, they are working on recruitment and projects for the campus.

Student Report  
UM-Helena College of Technology  
Keith Goble; President Association of Students

I am very excited about the activities at our college. Students have been working hard with our administration to better campus life and improve on existing policies. Because of our divided nature as a trade and gen. Ed. school, creating a collective atmosphere is one of our biggest challenges.

Students are taking part in committee work involving safety on campus, policy on tobacco and drug use, and participating in leadership dialog to enhance our community. This inter-involvement with staff and faculty can only improve on what is already a great learning environment. Our President and Dean, Dr. Steven Hoyle, has been very supportive of the efforts by students to contribute to this cause. Faculty and staff's commitment to participate in student-sponsored events has helped bring more unity to our institution.

Students are organizing and attending events that help improve on student life and add and sense of school pride. Co-opetition between the different programs on civic engagement has fostered unity, while giving something back to our community. Blood drives, food drives and a toys 4 tots challenge are just some of the ways that our students and getting involved.

With the help of faculty, more student clubs are forming on campus. Literature and aviation clubs have been growing in interest. Our aviation department is restoring a plane, that was donated, and will use this money from the sale of it, to fund more projects in the future, giving sustainability to student lead programs.

Our recent Halloween party, was attended by more than half the full time student population, and with more of these activities planned for the future, we hope to bring a sense of spirit to students while engaging civic responsibility.

The students of UM-Helena not only want to make campus life more fulfilling in the present but more sustainable in the future as to better serve students, higher education, and the great state of Montana. Thank you.

Sincerely, Keith Goble

## Memorandum

ASMCC President Joshua Huey  
Agenda for November 20-23 BOR Meeting

### New Dormitory Project

- Dorms completed.
- All residents have now been moved in.

### ASMCC Homecoming Activities

- December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>
- One group on campus has each night for their activity
- December 5<sup>th</sup>. Homecoming Basketball games, and Homecoming Dance

### New offices elected

- Jason Lester- Vice President
- JoAnn Gustafson- Secretary

### Student Honors

- Jarrett Monroe.
  - Won the INFR World Saddle Bronc Championship at the Indian National Finals Rodeo.
- Roxanne Lowney.
  - Won the Albertson's company wide Service Challenge held in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Beautification Project

- MCC is in the process of beautifying the campus.

## **ASUM-Western Student Report**

**November 18, 2003**

During the course of the past semester, ASUM-Western Student Senate has been working closely with the University's Administration concerning student input on the decisions being made and implementation of Experience One on Western's campus. The recent appointment of Dr. Eric Murray, Dean of Students, to the campus' administrative board has significantly helped ASUM-Western's voice be heard as Dean Murray is very in tune with the student body's concerns about the implementation of Experience One and the outlook of campus overall.

The student senate has also been very busy this past semester between organizing campus activities and intramurals. Some of the campus activities we have sponsored this year have included Wednesday Night Free Movies, NASCAR Racing, Monday Night Football, and many others which all have seen increased number of student involvement compared to past years. Our intramurals program has also experienced increased numbers of student involvement in programs such as bowling, golf, and volleyball. We are very pleased to see more of our student body taking advantage of our programming.

We have also appointed three new senators to our organization to help with activity distribution and increase our student representation of student groups on campus. Overall we are very pleased with how the year has started and intend to continue working toward a very student-friendly implementation of Experience Ones as well as working toward making Western the best place to be.

## Student Report

Written by Tug Eiden- ASMT President

November 20-21

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

- The Petroleum Engineering Department went to their annual Society of Petroleum Engineers international convention, where the student chapter won first place out of 116 international chapters.
- Enrollment is up 3.2 % this year, sporting a hefty 2232 students this fall
- The Graduate Report came out this month- last year Tech had a 97% placement rate- graduates went to employment, the military, or continuing education.
- Homecoming was a success this year- lots of active participation and memories. Several contests were held, with most of the clubs being involved in one way or another.
- Schweitzer (an electrical engineering firm) donated \$20,000 to the school for Control Systems and Electrical Engineering interests at Tech.
- Chevron- Texaco donated \$20,000 to the school for petroleum interests at Tech.
- The Arch was dedicated during homecoming week with Governor Martz, Commissioner Sterns, Chairman Jasmin, Chancellor Gilmore and various other parties speaking or attending.
- Trick and Canning was held during Halloween with most of the clubs on campus participating. The food will be distributed to food banks during the holidays.

November 20, 2003

Presidential Report  
MSU-Bozeman Meeting  
Dan Hartmann, ASMSU-N President

Chairman Jasmin and the Board, thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Dan Hartmann and I am the current MSU-Northern Student Body President.

-Reappointing a new Vice President

-Current Vice President is resigning due to an employment opportunity

-Halloween

-Student Senate assisted various clubs on campus to put on a Halloween Event for the Community

-About 300 Adults and Children attended the Haunted House and various other activities

-Elections

-Currently MSU-N uses ballot boxes

-Plan on using an online voting system in the spring to increase voter participation



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Montana State University-Billings

Re: Presidential Report

Mr. Chairman, Regents and honored guests,

My name is Carla Amerson, President of ASMSU-Billings, and it is with great pleasure that I come to you on behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of our university. It seems strange to be on this campus again as a student representing another university, when just 28 years ago I was here attending classes for the first time. Even though I did not get the part of completing college right the first time, there must have been something that left an impact, as I am still apart of the same Montana State University system. So if that is not an indication of how we welcome our students back, then nothing is.

It has been an exciting couple of months at MSU-Billings since we last hosted the Board of Regents. Our Executive Committee attended a leadership training in St. Louis, Missouri for student government, where we were pleased to find out that in regards to the way student government is being run across the nation, we are running our program as efficiently as the larger university systems such as Kansas State and University of Missouri, St. Louis. Our Financial Board chair, Adam Lucido was asked by several universities to share as to how our student senate runs financial policy. We found out that in many of the schools, financial policies are determined either by advisors, or the executive committee. Several of the universities were extremely surprised that I meet with our Chancellor, Dr. Sexton every week to discuss school and student issues. I feel very fortunate that he has such an open door policy to all students, as in many cases there is little or no contact with the heads of their university. The overall concern across the nation was the same, the cost of rising tuition, student apathy, and increased student involvement. I must admit though, I did get tired of being asked if I was their advisor or faculty, only to be amused by the surprise on their face when they found out I was the Student Body President. I explained that in Montana, you are never too old!

On November 12<sup>th</sup> we were the first university system this year to host a Gubernatorial Candidate Forum. In attendance were Bob Brown, Pat Davison, Glenn Ferren, Stan Jones, Tom Keating, Bob Kelleher, and Ken Miller. There was both a student forum and a public forum that allowed us the opportunity to find out the candidates stand with regards to higher education and how they might represent us if elected.

Within our university system is the increased awareness of incorporating our COT into more of our campus community by addressing some of the student needs. The Student Equipment Fee Committee has recommended that money be appropriated to fund an information commons that will be equipped with eight portals and internet access for students use. This has been an area of concern by many students for some time now.

I have had the opportunity to work with the University Budget Committee in compiling information for Benchmarking Administration and Student Affairs. This committee has worked together to provide their recommendations as to identifying "quality benchmarks", which is being forwarded to the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education. We were grateful for the opportunity to provide input from the MSU-Billings university system in meeting this challenge.

Finally we concluded the month of October by having our five year accreditation review in which Dr. Elizabeth Street was proud to announce that we had followed through on all recommendations, and that this year we were the only school so far in her reviews not to have additional recommendations. Dr. Street was also extremely pleased with our on-line education, and the increased improvements with our Library facilities. Our next full scale review will be in five years.

As you can see we have been busy since our last meeting in Billings. Coming into this position of President has given me a greater appreciation of the time that each of you gives to meetings, luncheons, committees, and appointments....now if I can just graduate.

Thank you again for allowing each of us the opportunity to participate and share on behalf of the students at our university.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Stearns and Members of the Board:

The Associated Students of The University of Montana are actively working to promote academics and civic involvement during the Fall 2003 semester.

We have been discussing issues dealing with proper implementation of the plus/minus grading system, the expected budget shortfall due to lower numbers of out of state students, and bi-weekly pay for student employees. Voter registration and voter education continue to be a top priority for ASUM. The ASUM Student Political Action Committee organized candidate forums for each ward in the Missoula City Council Elections. ASUM also made calls to nearly 4,000 registered students.

Three proposals dealing with Regents Policy 940.24 are currently on the agenda. ASUM does not support any of the specific proposals before the Board at this time. We do feel that this fee should be open to all student groups and support simplifying the reaffirmation process. However, the devil is always in the details. We are interested in the Board's thoughts regarding the proposals, but are not supporting any specific proposal before the Board at this time.

ASUM passed a resolution supporting the Tuition Relief Fund. If funds are received for tuition relief, ASUM would like to work with the Board to provide 70 percent of the funds for direct tuition relief and 30 percent for targeted financial assistance.

Bi-weekly pay for student employees has long been a desire for UM student employees. ASUM, student employees, and administrators are working to make this a reality. It is clear that modernization of the payroll system for The University of Montana and affiliate campuses must occur.

To strengthen connections between the Montana University System and the rest of the state, ASUM is inviting every legislator and statewide office-holder in the state to meet with students. ASUM also passed a unanimous resolution honoring alumni by changing the name of Campus Drive to Alumni Drive. We thank alumni, legislators, faculty, administrators, and the Regents for your continued support for students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Flint".

Aaron Flint  
ASUM President

**Montana State University – Bozeman**  
**Student Report**

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Submitted: November 20-21

- In an effort to provide a fun, safe alternative entertainment for the University community on the night before homecoming, Montana State University with the help of ASMSU organized and facilitated the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Midnight Mania. This event, which provides a wide variety of games and activities, along with food and an intramural volleyball tournament, attracted over 2,000 of the MSU community.
- ASMSU expressed substantial interest and support for pursuing the renovation of the Strand Union Building and the Student Recreation Center located in the H&PE complex along with creating a Black Box Theater for the MTA students. This project will cost a total of \$23 million with \$14 million coming directly from the students. In order to soften the financial blow to the students, I have begun a campaign searching for additional funding for this project by utilizing resources provided by the MSU Alumni and Foundation. The final decision of the three structures basic layout will be voted on in December by the senate, and a campus wide vote will take place during the spring elections to determine whether or not to finalize the proposal to go ahead with the proposal. If the vote passes in April, construction would begin in 2005.
- On November 19, ASMSU sponsored the band, Unwritten Law, to play at the Valley Ice Gardens. Busses ran to and from the SUB and the Ice Gardens free of charge for students. The concert acted as a visible way of kicking off the festivities gearing up for the Cat/Griz weekend and was very popular for both MSU students and the Bozeman community alike.
- The resolution 03-R-15 was drafted since extreme concern was shown in ASMSU when the possibility of the expansion of the MontPIRG organization was raised. ASMSU felt that the expansion of this organization and others like it would infringe on the autonomy of the student government. Equity among other student groups was also a concern as well as opening the campus up to soft money.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott McCarthy

ASMSU President  
Montana State University - Bozeman

## Montana Associated Students Report

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Submitted: November 20-21

- Students from various campuses interested in pursuing the Student Regent position gathered at the MAS meeting to contribute to discussions concerning state and campus issues. This provided an excellent forum for them directly discuss questions and concerns with the Montana Associated Students concerning the Student Regent position. They also wished to express their appreciation for being able to participate in the MAS luncheon with the Regents since this also provided an educational and enjoyable way to learn about the responsibilities of becoming a member of the governing body of the University System.
- The end of the MAS meeting involved an executive session of MAS where only the Student Body Presidents from each campus were allowed to attend. During this time period, MAS developed both a standard set of questions and a method of interviewing all candidates so that every candidate receives an equitable interview with the members of MAS. Each campus will eliminate those interested to no more than five, and after hearing each candidate at the MAS meeting on January 14, MAS will select five to seven of the most qualified individuals to interview a second time in March where the final selections will be made on Wednesday, March 24.
- The MAS lawsuit with the State of Montana was also reviewed at the MAS meeting. Student leaders debated the idea of discontinuing the lawsuit do to a number of reasons, including the expense of continuing the lawsuit and the feeling that Governor Martz will honor her word, both spoken and in documentation, to MAS leadership. Additional reasoning for the desire to discontinue the lawsuit includes a feeling of respect for the Governor's position and a desire to work with the Governor, the Legislature, and the current and future Student Regents. However, the issue had not been discussed extensively at each campus and therefore it was motioned to table the dropping of the lawsuit until the next MAS meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott McCarthy

MAS President