

Associated Students of MSU GF-COT

March 18, 2005

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Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Stearns, members of the Board:

While students are on Spring Break, the MSU-GF COT campus is maintaining a busy atmosphere as the Missouri River Break started Friday, March 11th, and ended Tuesday, March 15th. Activities such as workshops and seminars brought people from Great Falls and the surrounding communities to the campus. Great Falls itself has held many activities such as the Class C State Boys Basketball Tournament, the Sawyer Brown concert, and will conclude with the Russell Auction.

ASMSU-GF COT Senator Jeff McElwain brought to ASMSU-GF COT an issue concerning handicapped parking in the south parking lot of MSU-GF COT. The issue stemmed from able-bodied students parking in the handicapped spaces. As a result of Senator McElwain's unrelenting desire to change this problem, the college's Maintenance Department repainted the lines for the spaces, and started putting notices on vehicles. Since the repainting, able-bodied students are parking elsewhere.

A great number of students have voiced opposition to ASMSU-GF COT's election process. In the past, elections were closed, with only the senate voting for the officers. Some MSU-GF COT students believe the elections should be open to all students, giving them the opportunity to voice their opinion. Those on the other side of this issue have concerns with those desiring open elections for Spring 2005, saying it is too little time to get it done. Current officers and senators have devoted much of the Spring semester to this issue. As ASMSU-GF COT President, I have been in contact with other student representatives at other colleges in regards to this issue. I have also contacted former ASMSU-GF COT President Sara Anderson for her opinion, and to bring a neutral viewpoint to the issue. Whether elections for officers will be open or closed this Spring remains to be seen.

As a result of the controversy concerning ASMSU-GF COT's elections, the ASMSU-GF COT constitution is being revised, and the By-Laws are being written.

The major event ASMSU-GF COT will be sponsoring this spring is the annual Spring Picnic to be held in April. The event will be hosted in honor of MSU-GF COT's faculty, staff, and administration. Students will be appreciating these people for their hard work. One new element to this year's event will be the addition of local country music artist TrickRider. Along with the band, there will be food, and games.

The Dental Hygiene students are preparing to take their certification exams on Monday, March 29, 2005. The anxiety can already be seen as the students are studying and preparing for the tests.

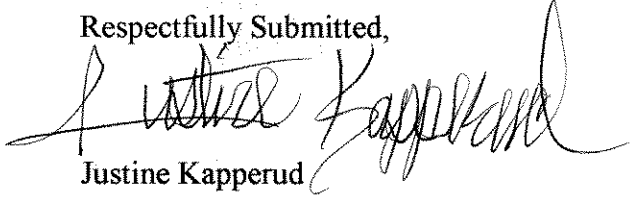
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The Distance Education and Computer Fee committees have decided to split the cost of Macromedia's Captivate program, and implement/install it as soon as possible. With the addition of this program, instructors can build Flash movies to illustrate to students processes and other presentations. This program will allow instructors to have visual instructions throughout the movie, as well as the ability to record the instructor's voice. Instructors of online, blended, and on-campus classes will be able to utilize this program. One huge asset of this program, will be for students who have missed a class, as they will be able to get the information they missed on the instructor's website instead of tracking down the instructor.

Recently, the college's website has been completely redesigned by Graphic Designer Rhonda Kueffler. She has provided a cohesive design, and is still looking at improving the site. Business and Technology Department instructors Ken Wardinsky and Tim Paul were also involved with this process. The website has been well-received and has been a great contribution to the college.

The upcoming months of Spring 2005 will be filled with events, ongoing issues, and students preparing for graduation and finals week.

Respectfully Submitted,



Justine Kapperud
President

18 March 2005

This semester has been interesting, ever changing, and frustrating—much like our weather in Bozeman. With the end of my term in sight, I would like to thank you all for the opportunities you have given me to learn more about our Montana University System. Now, I would like to brag about ASMSU—since that **is** what I do best.

To start with, ASMSU just finished with the Presidential election. The ASMSU Leadership Institute put together a successful debate, entertaining almost 100 students. About 2000 students voted on the student government officials and fee increases, including a \$7.50 increase for ASMSU and \$2.50 for the ASMSU Exponent, MSU's school newspaper. Amazingly, the students of MSU passed the ASMSU fee and decided otherwise for the newspaper. I am happy to also inform you that Blake Rasmussen, the current ASMSU President, will be returning for another term with a new partner, Rock Wankle. Being the spirty Bobcat fan that I am, I will be sure to train the incoming Vice President to be just as enthusiastic come Cat/Griz time.

The ASMSU Senate finalized the official budget for the 2005/2006 school year. The 21 Senators and 8 Finance Board members truly went above and beyond the call of duty. Over 20 hours were spent by the Senate deliberating, evaluating, and cutting the budget. All in all, the ASMSU Senate did an amazing job. Not every committee received the funds they wanted, but every committee did receive a usable and appropriate budget. I know I can speak for all of the ASMSU Administration when I say that I truly am proud of how well they did with this incredible task.

Another phenomenal brag belongs to ASMSU Lively Arts & Lectures and the Leadership Institute. Salman Rushdie, author of many controversial books such as The Satanic Verses and commonly known to have a price on his head, graced our campus with an inspirational and motivational speech. The sold out lecture was housed in **all** the ballrooms, reaching thousands of individuals. Students to this day still talk about the stirring, entertaining, and humorous speech of this internationally acclaimed man.

ASMSU Concerts, aside from offering a free noon show to students every Friday, is planning a huge show that I would personally like to invite you to. Emerson Drive, a popular country boy-band, is scheduled to play at Montana State this April. These "international superstars"—using the term lightly in that they have only preformed in the US and Canada—were CCMA Group of the Year for 2002 and 2003. It should be a great show, and I do recommend all of you come tap your foot along to the awesome pop-country sound of Emerson Drive!

Arts Exhibits had 4 shows this semester ranging from stunning pictures of deer heads to literally a giant birds nest in which students were able to sit inside. The openings all brought in anywhere from 50-100 students.

The Procrastinator Theater, part of our Films committee, has shown 2 different movies each weekend throughout the entire school year. This committee is growing incredibly, as demonstrated through the number of students coming to the films. At least 50 more students a week are attending the screenings. Through a survey given to the students, it was indicated that this committee is the most well-known and used committee that ASMSU has.

The ASMSU Concerts, Comedy, and Tech Services committee heads attended the National Association of Campus Activities Conference in February 2005. This was a leadership conference offered to universities in which student leaders are able to meet bands, comedians, and lecturers. Our committee heads came back with enthusiasm, ideas, and tons of contacts. Once again, this trip proved to be both personally successful for those who attended and useful for ASMSU and future committee heads—a win-win situation.

As you can see, this semester has proven to be successful. With an amazing student Senate and phenomenal committee heads, it is tough not to do well. Again, I would like to thank you all for all the work you have done. I can say for sure that I appreciate it and so does ASMSU. I'll be seeing y'all in Bozeman when the Cats TAKE DOWN the Griz!
GO CATS '05!!!



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March 18, 2005

Dear Chairman Mercer and members of the Board,

Spring is an active time of year for the ASUM Senate, and this year, we have been grappling with some particularly weighty issues. Below, find a summary of our activities.

- Our lobbying effort has been incredibly active, collecting hundreds of pieces of student testimony on a wide variety of bills. Those bills include:
 - HB 435: Establish Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship Program.
 - HB 520: Exemption from minor in possession when reporting a sexual related offense.
 - HB 521: Establish bid preference for food produced in Montana.
 - HB 555: Create parents as scholars program.
 - HB 567: Allow unemployment benefit for quitting due to sexual offense or stalking.
 - SB 78: Increase minimum wage.
 - SB 203: Require insurance to cover contraception.
 - SB 221: Create nonresident student fishing & hunting combo license.
 - SR 9: Confirm Ms. Kala French as a member of the Board of Regents of Higher Education.
- Our lobbying effort has planned one incredibly successful event: Student Lobby Day, where students testified on four bills, met with the governor and had lunch with legislators. We are also cosponsoring a reception on April 4 with ASMSU-GFCOT for students and legislators.
- Students have been asking a lot of questions regarding the proposed South Campus Residential Housing Project. We look forward to finally being able to voice our opinions on the project sometime in the near future.
- ASUM voiced student approval of three fees funding campus auxiliaries. Attached, you will see SB40-04/05, SB41-04/05, and SB42-04/05, on the University Center Fee, the Campus Recreation Fee, and the Curry Health Center Fee respectively. Our Senate also will send increases in the ASUM Transportation Fee and the ASUM U-DASH Fee to referenda in April. The resolution endorsing those referenda, SB36-04/05, is also attached.
- ASUM completed its budgeting process on March 12. We distributed the roughly \$700,000 of Activity Fee money for FY06 among four ASUM Agencies and nearly a hundred student groups. The budgeting process begins with recommendations from executive officers based upon student group funding requests, continues with a week of question and answer "lobbying" session by student groups, and winds up with an all day session of the ASUM Senate where the final decisions are made.

Finally, congrats and welcome to Regent Barrett! We are glad to have you join the Board of Regents.

Thanks for your interest and concern,

Gale L. Price
ASUM President

**SB40-04/05 Resolution Supporting the University Center Fiscal Years 2006/2007 Proposal - passed
03/02/05**

Whereas, the University Center Operating Fee partially funds the services and programs offered by the University Center in addition to facility maintenance and the overall operation of the building;

Whereas, the University Center Operating Fee is currently \$65 per student per semester;

Whereas, the University Center Operating Fee has not been increased since the 2001-02 school year;

Whereas, the UC staff has worked diligently throughout this period to maximize revenues and control costs;

Whereas, pending contract ratification, personnel wages and associated benefits are projected to increase by an estimated \$102,545 in FY 2006, for a total increase of \$323,466 since FY 2002;

Whereas, expenses for utilities and building insurance alone are projected to increase by an estimated \$33,384 in FY 2006, a total increase of \$120,453 since FY 2002;

Whereas, total costs for personnel wages and associated benefits, utilities and building insurance alone have increased by \$443,919 (32%) between FY 2002 and FY 2006;

Whereas, pending contract ratification, personnel wages and associated benefits are projected to increase by an estimated \$71,906 (5.03%) in FY 2007;

Whereas, expenses for utilities and building insurance alone are projected to increase by an estimated \$8,088 (2.03%) in FY 2007;

Whereas, total costs for personnel wages and associated benefits, utilities and building insurance alone are projected to increase by \$79,994 (4.38%) in FY 2007;

Whereas, all other line items have experienced inflationary increases since FY 2002 and are projected to increase at an inflationary rate of 2% between FY 2006 and FY 2007;

Whereas, a \$5.00 fee increase, generating \$110,000, is necessary to help fund contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current services and adequately care for the facility in FY 2006;

Whereas, a \$4.50 fee increase, generating \$99,000, is necessary to help fund contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current services and adequately care for the facility in FY 2007;

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse increases in the University Center Operating Fee from the current \$65.00 per semester to \$70.00 per Fall/Spring semesters (7.7%), effective Fall 2005; and, from \$70.00 per semester to \$74.50 per Fall/Spring semesters (6.4%), effective Fall 2006.

Written by: Andrea Helling & Candy Holt

Unanimously Endorsed by UC Board: Andrea Helling, Chair & ASUM Senator; Josh Peters-McBride, ASUM Senator; Anthony Auken, Student-at-Large; Marybeth Sampsel, Student-at-Large and The Source Student Supervisor; Dustin Hankinson, Student-at-Large (former ASUM Senator); Bill Muse, Administrative Representative and Director, Office of Planning, Budgeting & Analysis; Brian Larson, Faculty Representative & Educator, College of Technology; and, Carl McNaughton, Staff Representative, Staff Senate Senator, Facility Services Maintenance Plumber; and, Candy Holt, UC Director, ex-officio.

**SB41-04/05 Resolution supporting the Campus Recreation Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 Proposal
Resolution supporting the Campus Recreation Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 Proposal - passed 03/02/05**

FY06

Whereas, the Campus Recreation Fee funds the partial operation and programs offered by Campus Recreation, including intramurals, fitness services, and recreation facilities;

Whereas, the personnel wages and non-insurance benefits are estimated to increase by approximately 4.5%;

Whereas, inflation for operational expenses including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs is increasing by approximately 8%;

Whereas, a \$4.00 fee increase is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current operation, programs and services;

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Campus Recreation Fee from the current \$81.00 per semester to \$85.00 per semester.

FY 07

Whereas, the Campus Recreation Fee funds the partial operation and programs offered by Campus Recreation, including intramurals, fitness services, and recreation facilities;

Whereas, the personnel wages and non-insurance benefits are estimated to increase by approximately 5.0%;

Whereas, inflation for operational expenses including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs is increasing by approximately 5%;

Whereas, a \$2.00 fee increase is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current operation, programs and services;

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Campus Recreation Fee from the current \$85.00 per semester to \$87.00 per semester.

Authored by: Kevin Verlanic

Sponsored by: Cassie Morton, ASUM Business Manager

SB42-04/05 Resolution supporting an adjustment to the Curry Health Center Fiscal Year 2006 Proposal and supporting the Curry Health Center Fiscal Year 2007 Proposal - passed 03/02/05

Whereas, the Curry Health Fee funds the operation and range of service offered by Curry Health Center, including medical, dental, counseling, health enhancement, substance abuse, and sexual assault recovery services;

Whereas, the personnel wages and non-insurance benefits are estimated to increase by 3.5% or \$1005, whichever is greater, beginning October 2005 for FY2006 and increase by 4% or \$1188, whichever is greater, beginning October 2006 for FY2007;

Whereas, the employer contributions for employee benefits are increasing, including an increase in the employee insurance program of \$46 per month per eligible employee for FY2006 and \$51 per month per eligible employee for FY2007;

Whereas, inflation for operational expenses including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs is increasing by approximately 6% for FY2007;

Whereas, an additional \$1.90 fee increase above the \$8.85 that was endorsed by SB31-04/05, is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current services for FY2006 and an additional \$10.50 fee increase is necessary to fund the contractual and inflationary increases to maintain current services for FY2007;

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Health Fee from the FY2005 fee of \$148.50 per semester to \$159.25 per Fall/Spring semesters for FY2006 and to \$169.75 per Fall/Spring semesters for FY2007.

Written by Rick Curtis

Introduced by Senator Kimberly Pappas

SB36-04/05 Resolution to send Transportation and UDASH fee increases to referenda and support the proposed parking decal increase - passed 17Y, 2N on a roll call vote 02/03/05

Whereas, the south park n ride is frequently operating at capacity (approximately 1400-1600/rides per day);

Whereas, parking availability remains an issue on The University of Montana mountain campus;

Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana Office of Transportation (ASUMOT) has aspirations to expand park n ride and events service to the north side of town;

Whereas, Public Safety currently has a proposal to build a parking lot east of MontTech on Broadway, which would provide a location for the north park n ride service;

Whereas, such a parking lot would require increased funding in order to be built and maintained;

Whereas, a \$9.50 per semester increase to the optional parking decal fee proposed would provide sufficient means to build a new parking lot;

Whereas, increased park n ride service to the North depends on such a parking lot;

Whereas, park n ride service to the north may help alleviate some of the parking problems on the mountain campus by providing an alternative to driving to campus for people living in the rattlesnake, north Missoula, and east of Missoula;

Whereas, student parking is currently negatively affected by special events;

Whereas, event service to the north may help to reduce the general parking strain placed on the University mountain campus and surrounding areas during special events;

Whereas, the expansion of UDASH to 6 nights a week starting at 7:00 p.m. will provide continuous service to and from the mountain campus, south campus and downtown during the week from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., and service on Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.;

Whereas, fuel prices have increased significantly this year for both the UDASH and the park n ride programs;

Whereas, with the increase in the number of buses needed to facilitate increased services ASUMOT requires the building of a bus and maintenance facility to house and perform preventive maintenance on the Park n Ride and UDASH buses;

Whereas, such a facility would provide significant savings (i.e. mileage to W.COT, driver time, high cost of current preventive maintenance at off campus contractor, wear and tear on vehicles being parked outside, etc.)

Whereas, in a general survey, 90% of students said they would support an increase to the UDASH fee (out of 311 students who responded);

Whereas, in a general survey, 85% of students said they would support an increase to the park n ride fee (out of 311 students who responded);

Whereas, in a park n ride survey, 73% of students said they would support a fee increase (out of 364 students who responded);

Whereas, a \$3.00 increase to the transportation fee would allow for the ASUMOT to pursue service to the north; build a bus and maintenance facility, and pay increased fuel prices;

Whereas, a \$1.50 increase to the UDASH fee would allow two more days of service per week, two more hours of service per day, bus and maintenance facility, and pay increased fuel prices;

Therefore Let It Be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana Senate sends the following referenda to the student body during the 2005 ASUM elections:

Referendum to expand and improve the U-DASH

The U-DASH is a service offering free late night transportation to University of Montana students. The service currently provides safe rides to campus, the downtown area, the University neighborhood and the Lewis and Clark Villages between the hours of 9:30pm and 2:30am. Running this service is currently contracted out to BEACH Transportation. UDASH provides service on average to 80 students a day.

A \$1.50 per semester increase to the U-DASH Fee, in conjunction with the savings from the discontinuation of the BEACH Transportation contract, would expand UDASH services to increase the days and hours of operation and from 4 to 6 days per week (the service will not be offered on Sunday), and expand the hours of operation to run from 7:00pm- 2:30am. This measure would also create an additional 5 student jobs. This Fee would also go toward building a parking garage and maintenance facility to prevent damage to the buses caused by extreme weather, and save fuel costs of parking at the College of Technology- West.

Yes, I approve of a \$1.50 per semester increase to the UDASH Fee to fund the late night transportation program.

No, I do not approve of a \$1.50 per semester increase to the UDASH Fee to fund the late night transportation program.

Referendum to continue and expand the park n ride service

The park n ride is a service that provides free transportation to campus from The Lewis and Clark Villages, the University Villages, and the Dornblaser field and parking lot. This service encourages a diversity of parking options in order to improve parking on campus and decrease road congestion in the University area. Currently the south park n ride operates at capacity (1400-1600 rides per day) to help parking availability issues.

A \$3 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee would increase the current park n ride services to include a north side park n ride and special events services to the north. These additional services would alleviate congestion on campus during school days and special events. This increase would also go to a garage and maintenance facility to prevent damage to the buses caused by extreme weather while decreasing the fuel and labor costs associated with parking at the College of Technology- West.

Yes, I approve of a \$3 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee to fund the park n ride transportation program.

No, I do not approve of a \$3 per semester increase to the Transportation Fee to fund the park n ride transportation program;

Let It Be Further Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana Senate supports the proposed fee increases of \$3.00 to the Transportation Fee and \$1.50 to the UDASH fee.

Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate supports the proposed \$9.50 parking decal increase, provided that the referendum to continue and expand the park n ride service passes.

Authored by:
Senator Chris Healow
Senator Kim Pappas



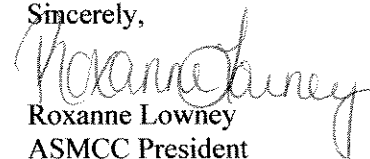
Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Stearns, and Members of the Board,

Good Morning! Thank you once again for allowing me to speak to you this one last time. It has been my pleasure getting to know all of you and being able to share this experience with you. As the year winds down the Associated Students of Miles Community College are keeping extremely busy of course.

- Scrabble-Rama: I am pleased to announce that the Student Senate members who attended this years Scrabble-Rama event beat last years record by two games, which means, we won a grand total of two games!
- Smoking Policy: After a great deal of effort from the administration and students the smoking policy that would require anyone to be outside a twenty-five foot radius of the campus in order smoke, was passed by both the Administrative Council and the Board of Trustees and has since been enacted.
- Awards Banquet: On April Fool's Day your eyes may be deceiving you, but belief it or not yours truly will be dressed in Wranglers and co-conducting MCC's annual awards banquet dinner. It will be a western themed night, which includes a yee-haw contest and a good old fashion hoe down. It will also be the time that members of all clubs on campus, along with outstanding students will be recognized for the great deal of time and effort they have put in at Miles Community College.
- Student Senate Retreat: One of the many great decisions that I am so proud our Student Senate has made was to have one last bonding experience before we get caught up with finals week and everything else that goes along with graduating. We will be taking a one day trip to Chico Hot Springs for a relaxing and yet very productive day of enjoyment.
- Advisor Addition: As the old saying goes, "Two heads are better than one." We have realized this and recently voted to invite Liz Lawrence, a faculty member, to co-advise Student Senate in the upcoming year along with Brenda Little, our advisor of five years.
- Elections: The ballots have been counted and it brings me great pleasure to announce that the president elect of Student Senate is a non-traditional student by the name of Cheyenne Glade. I have the utmost confidence that she will wow you with her enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Also our new Secretary for fall will be Katy Miller and one of the two Sophomore Representatives will be Brett Garber.

The final thought that I would like to convey as ASMCC President is one of gratitude addressed to all of those who sit on the Board of Regents. Each of you has inspired me to continue to strive for great things not only for myself, but for students as a whole. It was truly my pleasure to have the opportunity to meet each and every one of you and I wish you all the best. Thank you for the knowledge, experience, and most of all, the guidance that will be of use to me not only as a student in the Montana University System, but for my entire life. Thank you!

Sincerely,


Roxanne Lowney
ASMCC President

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**Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings Student Report:
Presented by President Adam Lucido to the Montana Board of Regents of Higher
Education on March 18th, 2005 – MT Higher Education Complex – Helena, MT.**

Chairman Mercer, members of the board, Commissioner Stearns: Good Morning!

Once again, I'm Adam Lucido, representing the Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings and as always, thank you for allowing us this opportunity for student reports.

I truly consider myself lucky to have been able to serve as the Student Body President of the grand institution of Montana State University – Billings this past year. As I hope that you have been able to gather from my reports thus far, we have accomplished much at MSU-Billings, and will continue to do so as a new era of leadership embarks before you.

Bursting with activity and anticipation, ASMSU-Billings hosted a lively and competitive Presidential Election in February, showcasing a respected three ticket teams for President and Vice President and an additional Vice President candidate. All candidates campaigned diligently, and while I still believe there is no way to top our campaign's free back scratchers that sported the cunning slogan, "Adam & Jac – we've got your back," I am pleased to announce to you Traci Overberg and Dan Hansen, as the new President and Vice President of the Associated Students of Montana State University – Billings. Congratulations to the new team!

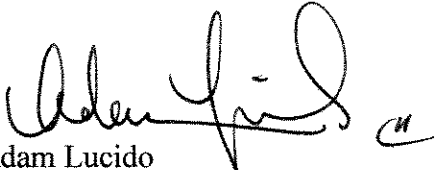
The other evening at the MAS meeting, I relayed to my comrades that there has been a lot of wine consumption going on on our campus... Upon receiving a few raised eyebrows, I went on to explain how our campus and the MSU-Billings Foundation have begun the preliminary festivities of our annual Wine & Food Festival. The hedonism began with *Wine 101* seminars, followed by a food sampling seminar, and will conclude with the week-long MSU-Billings Wine & Food Festival celebration in May. An event and concept truly like none other, a significant amount of the proceeds from these 'cheer'-ful events find their way right into one of MSU-Billings' largest scholarships funds. As a wine scholar myself, I would like to cordially invite the regents and others from within the MUS to come and experience this amazing event on May 13th and realize the difference a benefit like this makes in students' lives.

In other student news, the ever-so outstanding MSU-Billings Cheerleading Squad has returned from a division competition bearing another first place trophy and Division II title. This is the second consecutive year that our talented team has taken first at the Division II competition. Also representing MSU-Billings in a stellar fashion was the MSU-Billings College Bowl Team. The trivia gurus of this MSU-Billings team also took home a division title, and will compete in

the national College Bowl competition in Seattle next month. The Intertribal Indian Club will hold its 37th annual Pow-Wow next week, the largest of any inter-collegiate pow-wows in the northwest. Also – A Red Carpet Affair – or so it has been called. Next month as the sun sets on this busy and memorable year, the MSU-Billings Office of Student Life and Activities will host our annual awards ceremony celebrating a yearly legacy of exemplary student leadership. And while President Lowney may be dressing fully clad in western regalia, yours truly will be gracing the Billings community with my presence as the jolly Easter Bunny as we put on our 15th annual ASMSU-B Easter Egg Hunt for the Billings community.

And finally...(Regent Mercer's two favorite words)... the Associated Students of Montana State University – Billings will collaborate with Chancellor Sexton and the MSU-B Administration to carry on the tradition of hosting a series of forums for the students regarding mandatory student fees. These forums will not only offer students a delicious, **free,** root beer float, but an invaluable edification on the fascinating topic of student fees.

On behalf of the Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings, I wish to thank you all for a wonderful, productive and memorable year. This will be my last meeting with the Board of Regents, as I will be studying in Japan come the May meeting in Billings. Please allow me to assert how truly privileged I feel to have had the opportunity to get to know and work with each and every one of you. Whether this group is aware of it or not, it is your leadership that inspires the students of the Montana University System to stay focused and aim high. I truly hope that if ever a time came about in which I may be of assistance to the Board of Regents in the future that you won't hesitate to call upon me. I would also to convey to the board how much I truly value the experience that I have had with what I deem to be one of the Montana University System's finest offerings. We're doing some great things at MSU-Billings, and I encourage you all to come and visit our beautiful campus in our beautiful city. With bountiful gratitude to the board for this marvelous experience, I now turn you over to Traci Overberg as the new ASMSU-B President. Again, thank you all – take care, and God bless.


Adam Lucido
ASMSU-Billings President

