

## **Keith Goble: ASUM-Helena President The UM-Helena College of Technology**

Good morning Mr. Chairman, Regents, and Guests.

My Name is Keith Goble, I am the president for the ASUM-Helena College of Technology.

Over the summer our students were involved in numerous activities at our school. Student leaders worked closely with administration and faculty on search committees for new staff positions throughout UM-Helena. We developed a student leader handbook to assist students in their efforts to better serve our school and the Helena community. We are happy to have our new Assistant Dean of students, Chris Valdez and are working closely with him to better student life.

Our continuing goal from last year, to increase civic engagement from higher education and to increase service-learning opportunities for students and businesses, is still our focus. The challenge at UM-Helena is keeping students unified and insuring that projects don't get lost during student turnover. We now have a senate committee devoted to putting safeguards in place so that in the future, students can continue successful programs and keep student voice strong. Students have agreed to donate area from their student center for a bank branch that will add service to our campus, provide service learning within our school, and strengthen the link to our community.

We believe that building a face for our school in the community will strengthen the credibility of the importance of higher education. Our students will be utilizing our new marketing director, Mark Armstrong, to better increase involvement both on and off campus. Campus Compact is continuing to engage our community with projects such as Adopt-a-Highway, on-campus daycare, volunteer fairs, along with planned food drives over the holidays.

I believe that demonstrating the value of higher education to our people and our communities is the key to our success. Talking about how students serve our state will not convince people of the importance of higher education, but action and collective involvement will.

Thank you

During the last 2 and a half months, The University of Montana – Western has not really had any new issues arise. The ongoing discussion about the implementation of X1 or block scheduling has been the primary focus of all conversations and actions taken on the campus.

UM President George Dennison visited the campus on September 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the progress with faculty, staff, administration, students and community members. The meetings were essentially the same as previous meetings. Most questions raised by any member of the campus have remained vaguely answered with no details provided about implementation. All members of the Western and Dillon community feel that the university is a vital part of the community and those that are not involved with the project are concerned with the well-being of the university and feel that they have not gotten any firm answers about the implementation process.

In addition to the X1 controversy, on September 22<sup>nd</sup> a group of students asked to appear before Student Senate to vocalize some concerns they are having about the university in general. It was their feeling that the quality of education at Western has dropped lately. More teachers are simply assigning overwhelming amounts of homework rather than simply teaching their courses, and students are feeling overburdened as well as feeling like they are not getting the product that they are paying for. With tuition steadily increasing in the state and country, students are increasingly aware of value and when they don't feel that they are receiving a good product they are becoming more vocal about that.

On a lighter note, Western had a very successful welcome week with numerous activities including NASCAR racing, a campus talent show and other activities to

welcome new and returning students to campus. Participation in the activities was better than in previous years and although our enrollment is up only 1% it feels like there are just a lot more people on campus.

## Student Report

Written by Tug Eiden- ASMT President

September 25-26

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

- Last April, the national HPV competition was held in Sacramento, California. Montana Tech's human powered vehicle won second place.
- Last Spring, the Environmental Engineering Design Team won first place at their national competition.
- Tech's Arch was finally installed in early September. It was funded by private donations, notably by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Poore. The Montana Tech foundation, the City of Butte, and ARCO all donated to the project as well. Finishing touches are still being completed, with the dedication ceremony to be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, which is also Tech's homecoming week.
- The fourth annual career fair this fall was the largest to date at Montana Tech. A total of 64 companies representing the interests of mining, construction, healthcare, petroleum, and business all attended. Students were exposed to many great job opportunities within their fields of study. The majority of students were able to set up interviews for either internships or permanent placement, as well as obtain job offers.
- This years Tech/Carroll football game, hosted at Tech's Alumni Coliseum, was televised on the College Sports Network. This was a sell out crowd, as well as bringing national recognition to both Montana Tech and the Frontier Conference.
- Freshman orientation went very well this year, with presentations being done by various faculty, staff, and ASMT officers. Freshmen enrollment is up this year, and they all seem to be adapting well to campus life.
- Montana Tech's bachelors in professional nursing (BSN-RN) is currently in its first full year of accreditation. The nursing program is currently the largest program at Montana Tech enrolling over 500 students, with over 300 students currently in the program and approximately 200 students declaring a nursing major.

## Memorandum

**DATE:** September 2003

**TO:** Board of Regents

**FROM:** Joshua W. Huey, ASMCC President and Resident Advisor, Miles Community College

**RE:** Miles Community College Campus Report Fall 2003

- New Dorm Project. Due to the fact that our new Dormitory is behind schedule, we have had to board residents in the Econo Lodge Motel in Miles City. We are supposedly going to be able to move the bottom floor in sometime next week, and the rest of the residents two to three weeks later. As for now, we have use of the Quads on campus and the Econo Lodge. The Resident Director and myself reside in the Quads. Our Assistant Resident Director and three other Resident Advisors live in the Econo Lodge with the majority of the students. It has been a little hassle, however, the management at the Econo Lodge has worked with us immensely in making the transition work.
- Orientation was pushed back a couple of weeks because of the dorm project. However, in the three years I have attended Miles Community College, it was our best turnout. We had many speakers, and for the first year all our Advisors participated and met their advisees.
- For the first time Student Senate and the Student Ambassadors took a leadership training trip to Mikoshika State Park in Glendive. We went up for a two-day, one night trip a week before classes started. It was a great way for the two groups to bond before things got hectic on campus. The trip was a great experience and I'm positive it will be something that Miles Community College will continue to do for many years to come.
- MCC Student Senate has many activities planned coming into the first semester of the 2003-2004 school year. First and foremost, we are in the middle of electing our four remaining positions on Senate. Our remaining spots include: Vice President, Secretary, and two Freshman Representatives. We are in the middle of correlating either a movie night or haunted house for Halloween, and we are already throwing out ideas for our Spring Homecoming.
- All of our athletics are looking great as we come into the 2003-2004 seasons. There is a large base of incoming talent that will look to only better each and every organization we have on campus, on and off the field. So far into practices our Pioneers are strong, healthy and excited to get the chance to prove themselves to their teams and the community.



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Board of Regents  
ASUM Student Report  
Friday, September 26, 2003  
Billings, MT

Commissioner Stearns and Members of the Board:

The Associated Students of the University of Montana look forward to a strong working relationship with the Board of Regents and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education this year.

We have already been successful in forging a strong working relationship with The University of Montana administrators. This summer, ASUM negotiated a ten percent increase in student seating at Washington-Grizzly stadium. UM President Dennison, VP Bob Durringer, and Athletic Director Wayne Hogan should all be commended for their efforts to come to the table with students on this endeavor.

ASUM, in conjunction with ASUM Transportation, came together to support a popular program on campus- the safe ride home, late night bus service, called U-DASH. One of the only problems we saw with the service was overcrowding of the bus due to the overwhelming popularity of the program. ASUM, led by ASUM Transportation Director Nancy McKiddy, took corrective action and purchased a new bus. This purchase will allow ASUM to provide better, more efficient service.

I would also like to update you on ASUM's efforts to build a closer working relationship between students and legislators. I have started up a program called "Montana Connections: Meeting Leaders in Your State." In the first full week of classes, students had a chance to meet with Senate Majority Leader Fred Thomas (R-Stevensville), House Minority Leader Dave Wanzel (D-Missoula), and Rep. Rosie Buzzas (D-Missoula). Each appearance was publicized in the "Montana Kaimin." Through this continuing program we hope students can connect with legislators, as well as with business and community leaders around the state.

I will be drafting invite letters for every member of the legislature and statewide officeholders soon after this Regent's meeting.

ASUM extends this offer to meet with students to members of the Board of Regents and Commissioner Stearns. We appreciate the commitment each of you has given to students in the Montana University System.

Sincerely,

Aaron Flint  
President  
Associated Students of The University of Montana

September 25, 2003

Presidential Report  
MSU-Billings Meeting  
Dan Hartmann ASMSUN President

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

The Senate at MSU-Northern has just started to get its feet wet with school issues. At this time I have no immediate issues to report on.

The students of MSU-Northern continue to appreciate the administration for their wiliness to work along side students to make Northern a strong center for education. The administration is doing an excellent job of following through with improvements to various facilities across campus in regards to the Academic Facilities Fee and the IT Information Structure Fee. Two fees that were endorsed by the students of MSU-N last spring. I personally sat on the Facilities Planning Committee last year as a Student Representative. The committee discussed various ideas of how classrooms and labs could become better learning environments. These ideas have started to become realities with improvements being made all across campus. I have personally witnessed and heard stories of students entering these enhanced learning environments and expressing their appreciation and satisfaction of having a sound environment to attend class in. The University will continue to see improvement as these fees are implemented in the coming years.

I would like to thank Chairman Jasmin and the Board for their time.

**Associated Students of Dawson Community College**  
**Patrick Kramer**  
**President**

- The Associated Student Body Senate has elected its Freshman Senate and is preparing for the upcoming year. As well as the Senate, all of the clubs on campus are reorganizing and preparing for the year.
- Current student enrollment is up slightly. Work is under way to maintain and improve student enrollment.
- A new program offered at DCC is Ag-Power. The addition of this program has become popular as well as being a great tool for recruitment.
- On October 4 will see the dedication of the Recreational Complex, the recreational complex consist of new Baseball and Softball Fields. Along with the Field Dedication will be a Community College Day for the community.
- The students of DCC have contributed just under \$1.1 million to the funding of a new athletic center, performing arts center, learning center and library expansion.
- The students of DCC have established a student newspaper.



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

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Submitted: September 25-26

- In remembrance of the September 11 terrorist attacks of two years ago, ASMSU organized and facilitated a remembrance ceremony at the flagpole at noon of September 11, 2003. Members of the police and fire departments from the surrounding communities were in attendance, as well as ROTC members. A large crowd gathered for the playing of “God Bless America” on the trumpet as the United States flag and Montana flag were raised and lowered to half mast.
- The Leadership Institute committee of ASMSU has had major success already this year, especially in the sales of the academic planners called Cat Trackers. These small books contain a daily calendar with all the information that is occurring throughout the year, as well as other useful information. Due to new leadership from a full time Leadership Institute director with a new marketing plan which reached out to the community with an improved product, the Cat Trackers sold out in a record two weeks. Essentially, ASMSU spent \$10,000 for the product and after selling over 1,900 of them, the organization nearly doubled its money while providing a very appreciated service to the students.
- ASMSU voted unanimously in favor of the first Resolution of the semester 03-R-10 which expressed support for the Student Tuition Relief Fund (ITEM 120-104-R0703) as proposed by the Board of Regents in July 2003 in an effort to demonstrate to the Legislature the serious financial situation faced by students at Montana State University.
- Montana State University in Bozeman has record setting enrollment yet again, as attendance from new students soared to 2,181 which is up 3.2 percent from last year. The amount of Montana students who decide to stay in the state is increasing, not only at MSU but at other schools around the state, demonstrating that students feel that they can get the best deal and the best education by staying in this state.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott McCarthy

ASMSU President  
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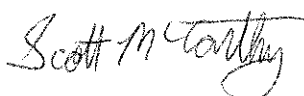
## Montana Associated Students Report

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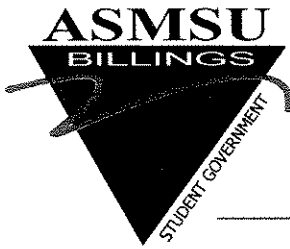
- The proposal at the July Board of Regents meeting regarding the Student Tuition Relief Fund (ITEM 120-104-R0703) was discussed at the MAS meeting held on the evening of September 24. In an effort to appear more unified to the Legislature, MAS members expressed support for presenting the proposal in the form of a similar resolution to their Student Senates. The idea behind this movement would not only include bringing MAS together with essentially one formal resolution, but also to unite the Montana Associated Students behind the Board of Regents regarding the proposal, which would only strengthen the Montana University System's case with the prospect of a special session still ahead. This would hopefully more clearly depict the serious financial situation faced by many students.
- It was decided that the process should begin for the search for the next Student Regent. MAS realizes that its decision should be reached by March, if not before, so as to provide the Governor's office and Legislature adequate time to question the applicants and determine who would be most fitting for the position. As a general plan, MAS agreed that the individual campuses would begin advertising and searching for qualified individuals to bring to the MAS meeting to be interviewed. At the November Board of Regents meetings, MAS will discuss and agree on a method of questioning the candidates so as to narrow them down to 3 or more qualified students. By January, there should be sufficient time for every campus to locate candidates, and a decision can hopefully be reached at that time.

Respectfully submitted,



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Presidential Report  
Board of Regents ASMSU-Billings  
Montana State University-Billings  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Mr. Chairman, Regents and honored guests,

My name is Carla Amerson, President of ASMSU-Billings and it is with great pleasure that on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of ASMSU-Billings, we welcome you to our university and our community.

Due to some unforeseen changes, Ray Champ and Christina Sprague resigned from their positions of President and Vice-President of our campus due to career changes for each of them. This past week we held a special election for President, and it is with great pleasure I come before you as the new President for the student body of ASMSU-Billings, with Justin Sian serving as Vice-President appointed by our student senate.

When Ray took his position as President, he reported to you at the Board of Regents meeting in Great Falls that he was proud to be one of the first Native Americans in Montana to receive this position. I now come before you as perhaps being one of the oldest students to be receive this position. Let it not be said then that ASMSU-Billings does not believe in diversity.

I am proud to represent an ever increasing population of students called non-traditional. These are students who have chosen to begin their college at a later time than just having graduated from high school. How fortunate I feel to have felt so welcomed by a university system, and been given so many opportunities for career and personal advancement.

This fall we have a 5% head count increase, and a COT head count increase of 11%. Our student population is 2/3 women and our average students age is 27 years old.

The students of our university accepted their tuition increase with dignity because of the importance of their education, but do have concerns how they will be able to maintain their education with continued increases. While an even greater concern, is how they will be able to send their children to college.

Our student government is in the process of creating a stronghold for the students of ASMSU-Billings. We recently returned from a 3 day leadership retreat in Red Lodge and developed a format for the coming year for our Financial Board, Public Relations, and Ledge Legal committee's. The main focus of our Executive Committee is to develop greater student leadership, increased voter awareness, and improved student involvement.

Several initiatives our campus is continuing to work on include increasing availability for 2 year degree's at our COT, Formation of our College of Allied Health Professions, On-Line growth opportunities around the state and nation, and delivering educational programs for Working Professionals in our facilities in downtown Billings. As you can see Montana State University-Billings is a campus which stands behind its motto "Access and Excellence". Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Carla J. Amerson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla J. Amerson".

President ASMSU-Billings

# Student Report

Associated Students MSUGF

September 24-26, 2003

Board of Regents Montana State University-Billings

The student senate at MSUGF held their first meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 25 people attended where lunch was served for the student body.

The four officers on the Executive Cabinet attended a National Conference in Chicago on August 8th-10th. They attended various lectures and activities in Event Planning, Membership and Conflict Resolution to name a few. There were Student Leaders from all over the U.S. Upon completion, Sara Anderson: President, Paul Krogue: Vice President, Shane Kolwyck: Treasurer, and Elizabeth Rolle: Secretary were awarded Certification as Certified Student Leaders.

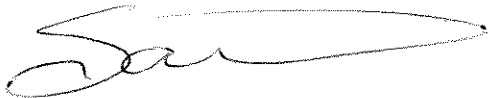
ASMSUGF will be holding a retreat on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Great Falls for all senators to attend to complete the work on our newly revised constitution and by-laws.

After the 15 day count Fall 2003 FTE is at 974.8% up 9%, and unduplicated headcount is at 1431 up 6%.

The senate has also recently donated money to the remodeled library to purchase furniture for four study group rooms which are new to the library and student computer lab.

This year we have six high school students attending Auto Body classes. These students receive seven college credits after completion of this program.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sara Anderson  
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ASMSU Great Falls