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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 September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004—Montana Tech – Butte, 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 before I begin, I would just like to thank you all for allowing this opportunity for student reports.

What a pleasure it is to have this opportunity to report to you all on the behalf of our students, as our school year could not possibly be starting off any better. I could not be more excited to be working with such an ambitious and dedicated student cabinet, as we have all made a commitment to reform the amazing resource and opportunity offered to our students known as ASMSU-B Student Government. Our goal: an invigorated and involved student body that is both politically active in this pivotal election year and ready to make a difference on campus through a myriad of great service projects.

With this covenant, ASMSU-B has worked fervently in pursuit of gaining recognition from the student body at MSU-Billings. We began the school year by volunteering to assist the university by helping to work fee payment, all the while having the opportunity to introduce ourselves to new and returning students and converse with them. Shortly after, ASMSU-B, for the first time ever, sponsored MSU-B's annual Welcome Week Barbecue, an event where one would typically find up to 550 students in attendance. Our senate networked, handed out business cards and brochures and sported some very fine looking and distinctive ASMSU-B t-shirts, making a lasting impression on the students of MSU-Billings.

How, might you ask, were we able to measure the success of our efforts? Last week, for our fall elections, existed five open positions for ASMSU-B. I am pleased to report that a staggering 19 applications were submitted for our organization and that the voter turn-out for this election doubled from 3.5% to 7.1%. Yes, it is true that we are a university comprised of a majority of commuter students who both live and work away from campus, many with families. It is also true that these students as well, have a yen to get involved with our campus, and we are making it our priority to accommodate these students and to continue to connect the entire campus community.

Accentuating our commitment to student activism, ASMSU-B will host an occasion like none other for our campus next week. In an event most appropriately entitled Political Action Fair Week, ASMSU-B will engage the student body, faculty and staff, and the Billings community in a week-long celebration of political activism.

Monday kicks the event off with Montana's gubernatorial candidates agreeing to a student luncheon followed by an informative forum. All four candidates have confirmed their seat at our event. The following next two days will emulate this format for both house and senatorial candidates respectively. Of 28 house candidates in our area, 27 have confirmed their participation in our fair and nine of the ten senatorial candidates have confirmed their spot as well. After receiving 5,000 voter registration cards to empower all of our students to get to the polls, we will wrap up the week holding registration drives on both Thursday and Friday.

After seeking approval from Mayor Chuck Tooley, MSU-B students will get the opportunity to personally turn in their registration cards as we will conclude our event with a march down 27<sup>th</sup> street to the courthouse with both a throng of motivated students and hopefully, about 4,500 voter registration cards. We appreciate the conversations that we have been fortunate to have with you all at our MAS luncheons about not only establishing a relationship with our policy makers, but building a rapport with them. Chairman Mercer, we are securing this opportunity to do just that. We are truly excited for our event, and cordially invite the Regents and Commissioner Stearns to come and join us next week!

I would like to thank you, Commissioner Stearns, for taking the time to sit down and speak with us students last week in Billings about Shared Leadership. I also just want to commend my fellow comrades within MAS—this is a phenomenal group of Montana Associated Students and we look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

On behalf of the Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings, I thank you very much your time and efforts and look forward to reporting to you in November when it's neither Cat nor Griz that takes the voter registration competition!

Adam Lucido  
ASMSU-Billings President

ASMSU Student Report  
September 24, 2004

So far, this has been a year of records. To start with, our school newspaper, *The Exponent*, released a record 40 page welcome back issue. Since then, each weekly paper has had no less than 20 pages compared to last year's average of 12 pages. The Exponent has also reached 25% of their yearly revenue goal with only four papers out.

Another record brag comes from our MSU Leadership Institute. 142 students attended an educational film "Fog of War." They also hosted an open house where many students stopped by, asked questions, and enjoyed cake.

Our community outreach committee started the year out strong, as well. They hosted a live broadcasted congressional Debate, co-sponsored by the MSU Leadership Institute. 300 participants were seated with over 30 standing. They are planning a gubernatorial debate on October 4th. They also hosted a blood drive, and 90 useable units were obtained.

Likewise, ASMSU concerts has hosted two noon shows. These have proven to be very popular to the students. Two lectures are planned for October. On October 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a debate on I-148. Following, there will be a question and answer session. "Doctors without Borders" is coming on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This is co-sponsored by the University Studies program.

We are currently preparing for Homecoming on October 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be office decorating contests, a pep rally, parade, and Midnight Mania, a fun opportunity for students. Elections for Homecoming Court will be paired up with the fall ASMSU Senate elections on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

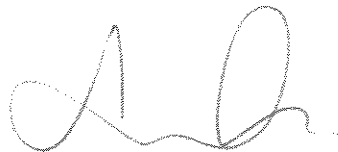
An update on our renovation project. On Wednesday we hired an architect for the H&PE complex renovation. We have active student participation on all three projects and are looking forward to finalizing the design of the Black box Theater and Strand Union Building.

Due to the current competition between the Montana State University System (including Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, and Havre) and the University of Montana system, the voter registration status cannot be released. It should be known, however, that through the efforts to date, MSU is positive that not only are they the better university, but they are the better university with more students registered to vote. The UM system will go down.

Respectfully submitted



Blake Rasmussen  
ASMSU President



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# Associated Students of MSU GF-COT

September 24, 2004

Board of Regents  
Student Report  
Butte, Montana

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

MSU-Great Falls College of Technology has been busy these past months. The summer semester of 2004 wrapped up on July 23. Enrollment numbers showed 574 part-time students, 26 full-time students, and 387 students were enrolled in at least one online course.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, the MSU-GF COT sponsored a day at the ballpark with the Great Falls White Sox. Students joined the faculty, staff, and administration to watch the baseball game and entertainment involved with the game. Staff member Keith Eldridge sang the National Anthem, while Dean Mary Moe provided the fun in the seventh inning stretch as she twirled her baton to the crowd's singing of 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame'.

The Connected Classroom Conference was held August 25<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup> at MSU-GF COT. The conference brought students, staff, and web professionals together to enhance their knowledge of the Internet, coding, graphics, multimedia, site design and management, legal issues, accessibility, project management, along with business management and marketing. The conference also held the opportunity to take a certification exam to become a Certified Apprentice Webmaster (CAW). Featured instructors included World Organization of Webmasters (WOW) founder Bill Cullifer, as well as Molly Holzschlag-considered one of the top most influential women on the Web. On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the featured event was the "Iron Chef" Web design competition in which three teams (students, faculty/staff, and web professionals) competed against each other in designing web sites for local businesses.

MSU-GF COT's method of voter registration has changed to an online format. The campus teamed with Rock the Vote to place a link on the homepage of MSU-GF COT's website.

The Associated Students of MSU-GF COT held their Open House on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen faculty/staff/administration members along with eighteen students attended. The open house was a success, as much interaction, and exchanging of thoughts and ideas took place.

Respectfully Submitted,



Justine Kapperud  
President

## Associated Students of Miles Community College Student Report

- ❖ 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: On October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Miles Community College will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be a Dinner followed by a dance on the 15<sup>th</sup> and on the 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a Great Alumni Game.
- ❖ Enrollment Increase: Our enrollment at MCC has increased by over 6%, up from 464 last year to 494 this year. Our official count will be out later today.
- ❖ Nursing Program: The Nursing Program has continued to expand, now with the ability to reach Billings, Glendive, and Sidney with the implementation of the Distance Learning System. Over a three year course of the Nursing curriculum, the number of students has gone up from 30 to 91!
- ❖ Non-Traditional Group: There has also been an increase in Non-Traditional enrollment, which brought us to the idea of creating a Non-Traditional Group. Our ambitions for this group include providing child care services and an adequate setting for these students to gather, study, and relax.
- ❖ Beautification Project: For the first time, the resident living area on campus is full. Improvements to the campus include new landscaping around the dorms and refurbishing of the commons area. Student Senate will also be performing their annual highway cleanup this coming Tuesday.
- ❖ Orientation/Bike Show: We helped welcome the students with an orientation picnic, allowing the students to socialize and have a free meal. After the picnic the Student Senate hosted a bike show, free to both students and the community.
- ❖ Tailgate Party: Tonight the Student Senate is hosting a Rodeo Tailgate Party, which is a good way to get students involved in supporting their fellow peers. Chili will be provided and prizes will be given away.
- ❖ Student Achievements: Jason Johnstone took an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place position at the National Jr. College Golf Championship in May. It was the first time the MCC golf team attended nationals and took a respectful 14<sup>th</sup> place at the tournament. Last fall, two local girls competed in Albertson's Service First Competitions. They advanced all the way the national event, hosted in Las Vegas, where they earned first place recognition. One of these girls (Addie Gwin) is now attending Montana State University-Billings and the other is a second year student at MCC.

# University of Montana-Western

## Student Report

September 24, 2004

So far this year we have enjoyed a very successful orientation with our largest freshman class in recent history, it's also our first full freshman class in experiential learning. We continue to be extremely involved in all the aspects of transitioning from regular scheduling to X1.

We have coordinated a number of events this far including:

- Student Political Debates
- Movie Series
- Numerous Concerts
- Welcome Fair

We also have welcomed our new chancellor, Dr. Richard Storey, who comes to us from Colorado College.

We also are pleased to be at the top of its class by U.S. News & World Report magazine in their annual "Best Schools" edition. Western is ranked first in the Best Public Comprehensive Colleges Bachelors Division in the West region.

Finally we have currently been working on voter registration and have been very successful in getting a number of voters registered and also getting many absentee ballots out.

Submitted by,



Ashley Shillcox  
ASUM-Western President  
The University of Montana-Western

# **Campus Report**

## **MSU-Northern**

Getting the year kicked off we had a welcome dance, welcoming in new freshman and welcoming back old students. The attendance of this dance was higher than normal.

MSU-Northern has undergone, and is undergoing, a few changes. The whole student body is enjoying new top of the line Dell computers campus wide. To complement this change, we would like to change the new hard-wired computers to wireless campus wide.

MSU-Northern is also undergoing the construction of a new state of the art tech. building. In this shop Northern will have all the cutting edge technology that is used in the automotive and diesel industry today. We will have the ability to take engine oil samples and test them for failure diagnoses.

Northern is also celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Last Friday there was a kickoff ceremony and festivities all through the weekend. Many of the MSU-Northern clubs participated by putting their floats in the parade.

At the close of last year, the VICA club (Vocational Industries Club of America) finished 8 first place positions at the state VICA competition. We sent all 8 first place finishers to the national competition. Cody Blanchard, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the automotive contest at nationals and because of this the school received two new vehicles for educational training.

Coming up at the end of October we will be having our homecoming week festival. During this week we have a number of activities for the students to participate in, including homecoming King and Queen and the hello walk in which students from all the clubs on campus come out to paint the steps in some way that represents their club.

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September 24, 2004

Dear Commissioner Stearns, Chairman Mercer and the Board of Regents,

This fall has seen many new programs and additions for UM students. The new University-owned Lewis and Clark Village apartments have created a new housing option for students and significantly opened the rentals market in Missoula. One part of the new apartment complex of which ASUM is especially proud of is the new Marlice McMahon Transportation Center. The Transportation Center is the result of a great combined effort between many agencies: ASUM Transportation, UM Public Safety, the Missoula Ravalli Transportation Management Association, Mountain Line, the City of Missoula, the State of Montana, and Montana's congressional delegation. It serves as a heated, indoor waiting area for our newly expanded Park'n'Ride bus system and Mountain Line buses. This building, and the parking lot connected to it, will allow us to introduce more students to alternative transportation. The first two weeks of this year, before the lot was finished, the Park'n'Ride buses were averaging 1200 students per day. That's a record for ASUM Transportation.

Another ASUM expansion is just being completed. ASUM Legal Services is building a wall in another office to create additional interview space for their interns. This expansion will allow Legal Services to eventually host more UM Law School interns, who will in turn serve hundreds more UM students. This is a great example of a small improvement that will have a huge impact.

This fall also means a lot of hard work for ASUM in terms of voter registrations, voter education and Get Out The Vote efforts. This week was Extreme Voter Week, and gave UM students a variety of opportunities to register to vote. A great example of the week's festivities is yesterday's event, where volunteers canvassed campus in camo, conducting a "war on apathy". We've also had a band, an open mic event and have been tabling all week. The week winds up tomorrow with the Montana Youth Vote Coalition's Votestock, a festival in downtown Missoula with lots of live music, speakers and vendors. ASUM will also be teaming up with the Office for Civic Engagement on education efforts associated with the new Help America Vote Act and will be putting out a non-partisan voter guide.

I would also like to point out two concerns that UM students have been voicing recently. The first is in regards to the price of student football tickets. The sale of student football tickets has decreased, and many students are concerned that it is the result of the new \$7 price tag. I am also concerned, but Student Regent French and I have discussed this, and we have decided that the best course of action would be to wait until the end of this season to analyze the data and make an informed decision. The second concern UM students have voiced recently is in regard to student safety. There were five reported sexual assaults or attempted assaults on UM's campus last spring. Another happened last weekend. Attached is a letter from the ASUM Senate on the subject. Their sentiments speak for themselves.

Respectfully,

Gale Price, ASUM President





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### **Resolution to Read Letter Regarding Campus Safety to the Board of Regents of Higher Education**

Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM), passed a resolution on May 5, 2004 that supported using the building fee funds to purchase equipment to increase student safety on campus;

Whereas, the Board of Regents voted down this proposal with a 3-4 vote;

Whereas, this September Board of Regents meeting is when the Regents decide the MUS budget;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that a copy of the following letter be read by ASUM President Gale Price to the Board of Regents at the September 2004 meeting.

To the Board of Regents:

Last May, ASUM proposed an increase of \$1.45 per credit hour to the building fee to improve safety measures on our campus in light of a number of assaults on campus. This fee could have been used to purchase security cameras, emergency telephones, or streetlights. We brought this proposal to you. We offered a solution to a problem. You, the Board of Regents opposed our solution. Now the problem remains. We are disappointed in your decision.

Last year in a three-month period, there were five assaults on campus. This year, another rape has already occurred on campus. The problem has not gone away. It is continuing. Our students do not feel safe.

The Montana Kaimin reported on September 22, 2004 that students again are interested in new security measures around campus. We lack the money to implement this solution. As Regents, you are accountable for the safety of our students. We urge you to find the money to provide a safe campus.

Respectfully,

The ASUM Senate

## Montana Tech of The University of Montana-Butte Student Report

Submitted: September 23-24

- The Princeton Review for 2004 ranked Montana Tech one of the top schools in the nation out of 357 schools. The Princeton Review ranked Montana Tech one of the top schools in the West out of 134 schools. Montana Tech was also ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation for being the "Best Bargain, Public School".
- Tech's-2003 graduating class had a job placement rate of 99%. This attributed to the hard work that our career services does. Tech just had its annual career fair, where over 60 companies were represented and looking at Montana Tech students.
- A.S.M.T. this year has a full senate consisting of seven senators at large, two freshman senators, one graduate student, and one C.O.T. representative. ASMT is exited to have the C.O.T. representative because she is from the nursing program and this is now Techs largest department.
- A.S.M.T. had a retreat on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September to outline our objectives for the year. This was a very productive meeting where many committees were formed, along with goals and objectives for the year.
- Tech's-Homecoming is coming the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Our S.A.C. directors have done a great job lining out activities for the students that week. The football game that weekend should be an exiting one against Carroll College.

Respectfully submitted by,



Matt Larson  
ASMT-President  
Montana Tech of The University of Montana-Butte

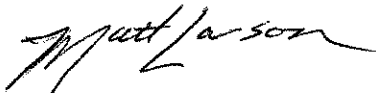
# MONTANA ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

## Student Report

Submitted: September 23-24

- MAS Elections took place. Congratulations to the new board of Justine Kapperud for Treasurer, Adam Lucido for Vice President, and Matt Larson for President.
- Regent Foster attended aside Regent French. He answered many questions, gave advice for the future, and blessed MAS with his presence. Throughout the next year, MAS will invite each Regent to attend MAS meetings.
- Discussion on the MAS Lobbyist arose. Due to lack of time and detail, the proposal was declined.
- MAS Mission Statement is underway. During the next conference call, details will be discussed.
- There was discussion on reformatting the MAS Luncheon to make the time more efficient.
- During the luncheon, discussion continued on the reformatting of the MAS Luncheon at this time many of the Regents commented on how they enjoy the time they spend with us and felt that we should continue the same format. The Regents went on in a less formal format giving great insight and inquired about campus issues.

Respectfully submitted by,



Matt Larson  
MAS-President