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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 January 21st, 2005—Carroll College – 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, this opportunity for student reports is greatly appreciated – thank you!

It brings me great joy to reflect back on the holiday season at Montana State University – Billings! As students closed out their semesters and prepared for a well-deserved winter break, the MSU-Billings campus was bursting with activity and spirit. Dean of the MSU-Billings College of Education, Dr. George White kicked off the final weeks of the fall semester by challenging the MSU-Billings campus community to consider the student families of MSU-Billings during this holiday season by partaking in a campus-wide food drive. With an ambitious and benevolent charge to raise the morale of our student body by helping our needy students celebrate the holidays, the event received resounding support from the campus community, as MSU-Billings students, faculty, staff and administrators participated in the drive by graciously making contributions to MSU-Billings student families. It was indeed, a special time for our campus.

Also engaging in a holiday service project were the Associated Students of Montana State University – Billings. ASMSU-Billings provided the opportunity for the MSU-Billings campus to give needy children within the community of Billings a reason to celebrate Christmas. Now it was about this time that Student Regent French came to tour our facility, and while I showed her around the ASMSU-B offices which were chock full of donated wrapped presents, I smiled at her and explained to her that I had been a really, REALLY good boy this year. She didn't believe me. Nonetheless, ASMSU-Billings' "The Giving Tree" project was a great success this year, with over 200 gifts donated to the children within Billings.

That same week, ASMSU-B received a call from former senator Bruce Simon who expressed his interest in paying a special visit to our campus. Mr. Simon spoke with student leaders about the 2005 Legislature and held an informal workshop on what a few have called, *Bill Reading 101*. It comes as no surprise to anyone that this remarkable opportunity on our campus was made possible by ASMSU-B Student Lobbyist and Political Action Director, Connie Summers, who has spearheaded a student ambassador

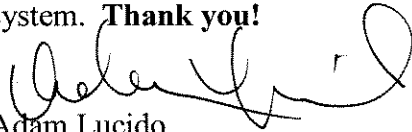
program in which students work with our local legislators. This program is now in full swing and has already been a great learning experience for MSU-Billings students.

As was mentioned in Chancellor Sexton's report, the unveiling of MSU-Billings' newest Downtown Campus was truly an event to be remembered, as Billings Mayor, Chuck Tooley proclaimed the day to be *MSU-Billings Downtown Campus Day*. The students have taken great pride in our immaculate new facility and representatives from ASMSU-B showed up to greet members of the Billings community on the eve of its debut.

Finally, an act of pure kindness that may appear to some to be insignificant, but certainly not to the students at MSU-Billings. Various staff leaders campus-wide came together on the final week of the semester to provide a pancake study break for the students at MSU-Billings. Again, when we are all up here discussing the MUS budget, transferability, and legislative strategy, pancakes really don't seem to measure up in the scheme of things. However, the effort that is made by the fine people at MSU-Billings to keep us motivated and upbeat that truly makes a difference in our education.

Classes did just begin on Wednesday, and there are a lot of great things in store for the students at MSU-Billings as we begin our Spring Semester. I look forward to reporting to you all more success stories at MSU-Billings at the March meeting.

On behalf of the Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings, I thank you again for this opportunity and commend you all on the hard work and dedication that you have put forward to ensure quality, affordability and excellence within the university system. **Thank you!**



Adam Lucido
ASMSU-Billings President

Student Report

January 21, 2005

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

Montana Tech just started our second semester on Wednesday with ASMT looking forward to having another successful semester.

On March 10th Montana Tech is putting on a Healthcare Fair on our campus and this will be open to all campuses statewide.

We have updated our computers used in the downstairs computer lab in our Student Union Building.

Montana Tech's library just celebrated its' 100th year adversity by having a social displaying where the library started from, where it is today, and where it is going in the future.

ASMT was addressed by administration about the use of student computer fees being used to update the networking and wiring around campus. We were given a presentation sitting the details and history of the wiring around Montana Tech and promised that this would not affect student fees, that the students would feel no impact from this update. ASMT senators took a vote and fully supported this proposal, which is on the agenda for this Board of Regents meeting.

I would also like to take a minute and recognize the COT in Butte and the student involvement. Tiffany Beeman the COT representative that serves as a senator on ASMT has done an outstanding job of organizing events down at the COT for the students and their families along with taking an active role with ASMT. They have put on both a Thanksgiving and Christmas party that have been great successes, along with many other activities.

Our first ASMT meeting is Tuesday 25th, 2005 where I expect that we will take off right where we left off and continue to have a successful second semester.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mattson Larson
ASMT-President

MSU-Northern Student Report

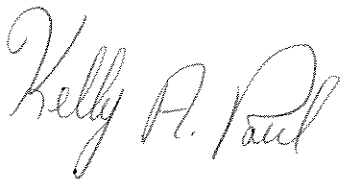
Well all MSU-Northern students enjoyed a nice winter break, however Northern campus never really slowed down. The construction of the auto shop is still underway. It will be up and running next semester. The new facility will provide students with the opportunity to use state of the art equipment, such as the floor dyno, and oil-testing lab.

Administration did a vary nice job of getting students back into the swing of things. Students that had missed the opportunity to register for classes early had no trouble getting registered for classes upon their return to Havre.

As for clubs on campus, the Skills USA club (formerly known as VICA) earned a \$2,000 grant for the single purpose of recruiting high school student to Northern. All of the Skills USA state officers will travel around the state talking to high school students letting them know what there Montana collages have to offer. We already have stops planed in Havre, Great Falls, Helena, Butte and we are in the process of planning more stops.

Unfortunately, I will need to attend this recruiting effort, as I am a state officer. The time we will be traveling will prohibit me from attending the next regent meeting.

With that I would like to say thank you for the opportunity and the experiences that I have with the regents. I would also like to thank Student Regent Kala French. She went above and beyond the call, keeping me informed of important issues.

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January 21, 2005

Dear Chairman Mercer and members of the Board of Regents,

The time since the November Regents meeting has flown quickly, but the relatively small number of students on campus during the winter break has limited activity on campus. As a result, I am able to keep my report on ASUM activities very brief.

Just before finals week, our ASUM Senate began examining the issue of alcohol advertising and sales on the UM campus, particularly at Grizzly football games. We passed a resolution supporting a new UM policy allowing for alcoholic beverage advertising at University of Montana events and related activities. The Senate is also in favor of exploring the possibility of beer sales at University of Montana events. Finally, through the course of the Senate's investigation into this matter, we also call for a review of the University of Montana Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee's "Strategic Plan for Alcohol Abuse Prevention." The Senate is particularly concerned by portions of the strategic plan that call for the University to act in a manner that would violate students' constitutional rights, and a number of our Senators are interested in participating in a review of the plan.

I can also testify to the amazing learning experience of ASUM. My most recent experience has been as a member of the University's collective bargaining team. Although I cannot reveal any details, I will say that I am thankful for how respectfully participants on both sides of the table listen to a student.

Most of ASUM's focus over the break has been spent working on our legislative lobbying campaign. ASUM has at least five interns working in Missoula under ASUM Student Political Action Director Patricia Bassett, researching bills for our full-time lobbyist, Jessica Grennan. In early December, ASUM sent a letter congratulating all of our state's legislators. We also created and distributed personalized folders for all legislators earlier this month. The folders included information on ASUM, the University of Montana-Missoula, and the entire Montana University System.

Finally, I would like to note with sadness the death of a fellow UM student and personal friend, who died after a fall from a fire escape on campus earlier this week. Although the police will probably never know whether to rule his death a suicide or an accident, it brings up an important issue. Depression and suicide are issues that affect college students dramatically. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15 and 24. Although college is supposed to be the time of our life, the stresses of paying for school, keeping grades up and working can be intense. Luckily, our campus has CAPS: Counseling and Psychological Services, an amazing resource for students. I am pleased to announce that one of my priorities for this semester will be raising awareness among my fellow students about this valuable service. UM Vice President for Student Affairs Theresa Branch and I are already talking about ways to tackle this incredibly important issue.

Thank you for your interest in student issues,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale L. Price".
Gale L. Price
ASUM President



Montana Associated Students of the Montana University System

The Montana Associated Students is composed of the following organizations:

The Associated Students of Montana State University
Bozeman, MT

The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Missoula, MT

The Associated Students of Montana Tech of UM
Butte, MT

The Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings
Billings, MT

The Associated Students of Montana State University-Northern
Havre, MT

The Associated Students of Western Montana College of UM
Dillon, MT



Dawson Community College
Glendive, MT

Flathead Valley Community College
Kalispell, MT

Miles Community College
Miles City, MT



Great Falls College of Technology
Great Falls, MT

Division of Technology of Montana Tech
Butte, MT

Missoula College of Technology
Missoula, MT

Helena College of Technology
Helena, MT

MAS Agenda and meeting area 6:00 p.m.

David Oberembt, - intern at the Commissioner's Office.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of the Minutes – November
3. Public Comment
4. Guest Speaker
 - a. David Oberembt
5. Old Business
 - a. M.A.S. Web Site\ Contract
 - b. Mission Statement\Strategic Plan – Review Draft
 - c. M.A.S. Logo updated
 - d. Update from Treasurer and M.A.S. Dues
6. New Business
 - a. Montana University System Transferability Issue
 - b. Letter of recommendation of reappointment of Regent French
 - c. Legislation on the Student Regent – update
 - d. Further pending legislation
7. Luncheon Topics
8. Student Reports
9. M.A.S. Campus Reports
10. Adjourn to dinner

MAS Report

January 21, 2005

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

MAS would like to thank David Oberembt and Arin Rogge both intern's at the Commissioner's Office for taking the time to come talk to MAS about bills in the legislation of interest to the students of Montana.

MAS is close to figuring out our website, the only remaining item is a possible new host and we are waiting on a few more details before making a final decision.

Members of MAS have decided to move forward by developing a MAS mission statement, constitution, and by-laws that will guide its future members.

Montana University System Transferability issue was discussed in further detail during the meeting and it was consented that the issue be taken back to individual senates to be discussed and voted upon before MAS make a formal stance.

The same process and mind set was taken on Regent French's letter of recommendation of reappointment and of the legislation directly connected with the Student Regent. Both of these items are to be researched and discussed further by individual senates and then brought back to MAS for a vote on a formal stance.

MAS has placed a lot on its' plate for the next few meeting and I am excited about direction we are heading.

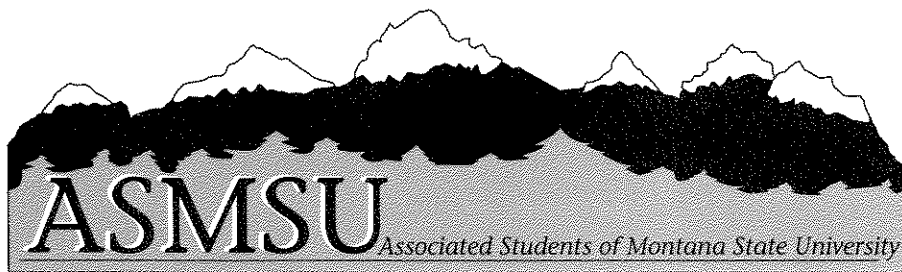
I would also like on behalf of MAS leadership thank Regent French for the excellent job she has done as Student Regent and recognize the efforts she has made to go beyond the call of duty to communicate with us and keep us up-to-date with student issues.

MAS leadership would like to give our gratitude toward Regent Roehm for all of his dedication for student interests. Thank you for your time and energy.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mattson Larson".

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Student Report
January 20, 2005

The ASMSU senate unanimously approved the schematic design of our Strand Union Building. Final design considerations are being taken into account and groundbreaking is still scheduled for this summer.

Three days of open-house forums for the design of our student H&PE complex will conclude this Thursday.

The Leadership Institute is starting a leadership library. They continue to do an excellent job of providing students with educational opportunities outside the classroom.

ASMSU will be proposing a fee increase this spring during the spring elections. For the next six weeks the senate will prepare our FY06 budget and determine the fee amount to propose to the students.

ASMSU would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts and hard work of our student regent, Kala French. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and fully support her senate approval.

Megan Dumas, the ASMSU student lobbyist, is working hard lobbying for the MSU students. Megan, in conjunction with Cole Arthun, the ASMSU political action director, keep the students informed and update to date with the legislative session.

Due to the Bobcats poor performance in November I have the pleasure of singing (if you can call it that) the UM fight song.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Rasmussen
ASMSU President

Associated Students of MSU GF-COT

January 20, 2005

Board of Regents
Helena, MT

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

MSU-GF COT is into their second week of the spring semester. The first week welcomed students back with free juice and cookies provided by ASMSU-GF COT.

On January 10th, ASMSU-GF COT officers spent the afternoon engaging in a retreat. ASMSU-GF COT officers worked on trust, communication, and leadership skills through various activities. As a result, the officers are more cohesive, and are thrilled to plan activities for Spring 2005.

ASMSU-GF COT is looking into constructing its own website. This would be the first website ASMSU-GF COT has ever had. Ideas and elements of the website are being constructed.

At ASMSU-GF COT's last meeting of Fall 2004, two senators were elected into two vacant officer positions. Keith Bushnell was elected as Vice President, and Crystal Langford was elected as Secretary.

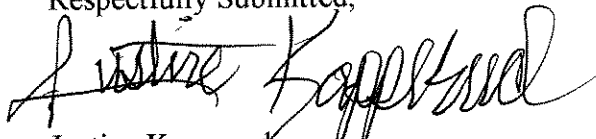
Along with elections, ASMSU-GF COT provided massages, coffee, and creamer during Finals week to students and faculty. The coffee and creamer were free, and the massages cost the students \$3.00, and the faculty \$5.00.

Last year, MSU-Great Falls COT received a one-time allocation for \$79,311 from the Governor's office. 90% of the money is helping to provide \$200 grants to students, with the other 10% going toward work study opportunities. In Fall of 2004, 151 students benefited from the grants, for a total of \$24,901, Summer 2004 124 students benefited with an \$187 average scholarship. An estimated 150 students will receive an average award of \$163 for Spring 2005.

The Web Development program is excited to learn that Oracle will be a required course for all new students entering into that program. This will begin with Fall 2005.

In the upcoming months, ASMSU-GF COT will be planning activities. One of the more intensive undertakings will be ASMSU-GF COT's Spring Picnic, which will be held in April of 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,



Justine Kapperud



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Student Report

January 21, 2005

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

We are already off to a great start at Western. We kicked off the semester with a loaded activities calendar consisting of events like:

- Movies
- Concerts
- Cowboy Poets
- Poker Tournaments
- Skiing and Broadway theatre trips

Our senate continues to stay involved in numerous campus committees and is helping to work out the few minor glitches left in our transition to X1. We have also been active in many volunteer projects throughout the community.

We are also working hard at developing a new senate website, funding various club speakers and have planned a senate retreat at Lost Trail this weekend.

As a senate we are starting to follow the 2005 Legislative session. We continue to work towards the goals of Shared Leadership and are working hard to encourage these ideas on our campus and throughout our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Miles Community College Associated Students Report
January 21, 2005

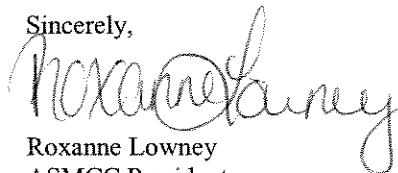
Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Stearns, and Members of the Board,

Even though the close of one semester and the beginning of another was on the minds of all students at Miles Community College, there was still a great deal of tasks that we were able to accomplish.

- ❖ No Smoking Policy: A policy was created and voted upon unanimously by the members of Student Senate to only allow smoking outside a twenty-five foot radius of the main campus building. The health committee offered to match up to half of the funding in order to provide a shelter for the smokers to walk to and be semi-protected from the harsh weather elements. This will also help with the aspect of cigarette litter, which has been brought to our attention many times through the comment box we have set out for this very purpose.
- ❖ Open House: The Miles Community College campus was open to the public on December 10, with tours and refreshments available all day. We helped with the event by giving away free pizza, beverages, and desserts. In addition, any student that came by was welcome to choose one out of over a hundred gifts that were available from under the Christmas tree.
- ❖ Salvation Army Volunteer Work: Another way to help us get into the Christmas spirit was by simply donating a couple of hours to help some well-deserving children pick out fifty dollars worth of clothing with the generous cooperation of the Salvation Army and Wal-Mart. We also decided to pick four names off the tree at Wal-Mart and spend twenty-five dollars on each child to help spread a little Christmas cheer.
- ❖ By-Law Amendment: The experience and knowledge I have acquired at the few Board of Regents meetings that I have attended is so abundant that we have decided to make it mandatory that the President and Vice President of ASMCC must attend every Board of Regent meeting during their term in office.
- ❖ Homecoming: An exciting announcement will be made at Miles Community College on January 28. The homecoming royalty will be voted upon and this coming week and honored on Friday. Along with voting a bonfire will take place to get all students involved with the week of games and activities.
- ❖ Bobby Burns Show: This weekend the Student Senate members, along with those of Phi Theta Kappa will be serving at a Scottish based dinner and show. It is not only great publicity for the college clubs, but it also helps those clubs that participate to earn some extra funding for the separate programs in which they participate.
- ❖ Scrabble-Rama: In order to continue to reach out the community and test out our vocabulary skills, three Student Senate members will be attending a Scrabble competition in the middle of February at the VFW. We have been sponsored by Beth Weideman, a MCC faculty member, and plan to win at least one more round than we did last year.
- ❖ Daniel James Performance: At the end of March, Daniel James, a hypnotist from Texas, will be performing not only for the students on campus, but also for the entire community. In order for those not attending MCC to enter, they must donate a food product to the food bank.
- ❖ Automotive Technology's Wheat Montana Award: We are very pleased to announce that our auto technology program served over forty Miles City elderly citizens at the end of December by winterizing their vehicles for them free of charge. They were recognized for their kind deeds by Wheat Montana and were named the Wheat Montana Bread Winners.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Regents, especially Kala French, for taking the time to listen to our needs and fulfill any of the requests that we may ask of her.

Sincerely,



Roxanne Lowney
ASMCC President