

## CAMPUS REPORT

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**TO:** Board of Regents

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**RE:** Campus Report for the July 10, 2008, Board of Regents' Meeting

- Roger Jensen, Professor of Safety, Health, and Industrial Hygiene, won the first place award for his outstanding paper in the 2007 volume of Professional Safety, Journal of the American Society of Safety Engineers. The paper proposes nine broad strategies for reducing risks associated with known hazards. It presents theoretical development as a tool for design teams to use in risk assessments of consumer products, workplaces, and many other systems. The award will be presented at the Annual Conference of the American Society of Safety Engineers this month.
- Martha E. Apple, Associate Professor of Biology, and Xiaobing Zhou, Assistant Professor of Geophysical Engineering, have received funding from DOE-EPSCoR for research on plant responses to carbon sequestration. Apple and Zhou will collaborate with investigators at MSU, U of M, Montana Tech, and National Labs.
- Montana Tech mining engineering student Jack Stratton recently received notice that he is a 2008-2009 recipient of a \$10,000 grant from The Copper Club, Inc. Jack will receive the \$10,000 in two installments, \$5,000 for his junior year and \$5,000 for his senior year. Jack is the son of Bob & Peggy Stratton and the 2006 Valedictorian of Kamiakin High School in Kennewick Washington. The Copper Club, Inc. grant is for undergraduate students majoring in mining, geology, & metallurgical engineering and other fields related to the maintenance and expansion of the copper industry. The Copper Club, Inc. Educational Grants Program was established in 1994. Since then 49 grants have been awarded. Jack joins ten other Montana Tech Students who have won this prestigious award.
- Ryan Lance, President of Exploration & Production – Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East for Conoco Phillips, presented a gift on behalf of Conoco Phillips of \$49,000 to Montana Tech over commencement weekend. The gift was designated for the Petroleum and Environmental engineering departments. Mr. Lance was on campus to deliver the Commencement address and accept a Distinguished Alumni Award.
- Mary North-Abbott and Dave Reichhardt, Assistant Professors of Petroleum Engineering, have received funding from DOE-EPSCoR for research on the effects of carbon sequestration on subsurface rock core samples. Professors North-Abbott and Reichhardt will collaborate with investigators from MSU, UM, Tech, and National Labs.
- The Governor's Trustees Restoration Council voted unanimously to award CFWEP its first year of contracted services funding from the Montana Natural Resource Damage Trust Fund in the amount of \$319,000 for July 2008 through June 2009. In addition, CFWEP successfully secured \$725,000 in grant funding from OPI for Math and Science Partnership teacher professional development. This funding begins on July 1, 2008 also and will run through 2011. In total, over \$1M in funding has been awarded to CFWEP and Montana Tech.
- Dr. Pat Munday, Professor of Professional and Technical Communications, published "Conservation groups come and go. Why?" in the 09 June 2008 edition of *High Country News* as part of the paper's syndicated column, "Writers on the Range."
- Montana Tech has received a leadership gift in the area of faculty support for their comprehensive campaign *Strengthening Foundations...Ensuring the Future*. Barnard Construction Company of Bozeman has agreed to give \$160,000 in support of the General Engineering Department. The funds will be used to establish **The Barnard Professorship**.
- Andrea A. Stierle and Donald B. Stierle, Chemistry faculty, and undergrad Chemistry major Briana Patacini have published a paper entitled: *The Berkeleyamides: Four New Amides From Penicillium rubrum, a Deep Water Acid Mine Waste Fungus*. *J. Nat. Prod.* 71(5), 856-860.