

Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology
Student Report
Sara Anderson-President

The Associate Student of Great Falls COT recently held their Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation. The BBQ, awards, and activities that are dedicated to the Faculty and Staff were held April 23rd. They went off without a hitch this year.

Elections were held for the new incoming officers. Justine Kapperud is the new president, Georgina Sterling is the new Vice President, Amanda Bolta secretary, and Laura Balster as Treasurer. I would like to congratulate them on their new positions.

The senate also sponsored the semester Blood Drive. This semester we were able to get 32 units of blood for the American Red Cross.

Senate also sponsored de-stressing aids during finals week that included free coffee and creamer in the college bookstore along with 10-minute massages for \$2.00 given by a local business.

I would also like to thank the Board of Regents and MAS for the effort and attention they have put forth towards the betterment of the university system for the students of Montana. It has been an honor to work shoulder to shoulder with the people who help make decisions that impact the students. It has also been a humbling and gratifying journey. Thank you for that.

Respectfully Submitted

Sara Anderson

MSU-Northern Student Report
Brandy Thomas, Summer Interim President

- 1. Had our first online elections, the first time wasn't much of a success with only 5% voter turnout, so we had to redo the election with this time having 10% voter turnout. We have a new President his name is Kelly Paul, the Vice President is Dennis Langel and the Business Manager is Brandy Thomas.**
- 2. We had our annual scholarship awards day, gave out lots of scholarships and also that day was the student excellence award luncheon where we honor the top people of the school for the 2003-2004 school year.**
- 3. Campus Cleanup went on with a huge success this year had everyone on campus helping in one way or another. Planted flowers, cleaned up garbage, and then afterwards we gave all the participants a b.b.q. for there help.**



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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 May, 21st, 2004—Montana State University-Northern.**

Chairman Mercer, members of the board, Commissioner Stearns:

My name is Adam Lucido, and what a pleasure it is to be here today representing the students of the grand institution of Montana State University-Billings. There have been some marvelous things going on at our campus as our academic year has come to a close. Our students are doing some great things! Before I expound upon the successes at MSU-Billings, I first want to take this opportunity to extend to you all the utmost of gratitude on behalf of the students of MSU-Billings. Your indefatigable efforts are what open the doors of opportunity and success to us students—thank you all for your dedication, and for providing us this opportunity to share student experiences with you!

One of my greatest pleasures is to introduce to you the new executive cabinet of ASMSU-Billings. Alexis Urbaniak is our Vice President, along with Hanna Rugg, Business Manager and Steven Jordan, Student Resolution Officer. Stauna Mandic, our former President of the Graduate Student Association is with us as well, and I am indeed honored to be in such dedicated and capable company.

Spring began with the advent of online voting for our senator elections. I am very pleased to report to you that the student awareness and participation at MSU-Billings has increased significantly, as our voter turn-out increased over 100% (from 3.23 to 7.1%)! Following this event, the office of Student Life hosted their annual Student Leadership Recognition Banquet, in which almost 100 nominations were received to recognize students for various leadership roles on campus. Our Student Volunteers organization was so well-recognized that evening for their excellence, that MSU-Billings has now employed a full-time coordinator for the Office of Community Service and Involvement.

MSU-Billings was all over the country last month, as the Environmental Awareness Club traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska to study the effects of climatic disturbances in boreal forest ecosystems, while the MSU-Billings Percussion Club ventured off to Hawaii for an adjudicated performance competition, in which our artists received superior ratings. And back at home, the International Club hosted the first International Food Fair—a huge success! Also, what would the month of April be without ASMSU-Billings' 14th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, in which nearly 500 children attended. Meanwhile, the Graduate Student Association became the impetus behind the restructuring of the Master of Education "Teaching as a Second Career Program," making the MSU-Billings education program

more competitive while maintaining the integrity of the program. As graduation quickly approached, our senate pursued an initiative to increase the faculty turn-out at the commencement ceremonies. A single senator took it upon herself to write personal invitations from the students to attend these ceremonies. Because of the dedication of this student, the attendance of faculty members at commencement increased significantly and truly made this year's graduation remarkable. Finally, last week, the MSU-Billings Foundation hosted the 11th annual Wine Festival—one of the largest events on the MSU-Billings campus which raises money for scholarships and other student identified needs. The event sold out for the first time in its history and was a phenomenal experience!

On behalf of the Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings, I thank you again for this opportunity; and on a personal note, I truly look forward to working with you all in the upcoming year!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Lucido". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Adam Lucido
ASMSU-Billings President

Montana State University- Bozeman Student Report

Submitted: May 20, 2004

- Montana State University conferred diplomas on approximately 2296 candidates at MSU's 108th commencement ceremony held May 8th in Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.
- ASMSU spring elections were held on April 6-8th. Voter turnout was a record 2078 students, 18.1% of the student body.
- In the spring elections, the Student Facilities Enhancement Project passed by a margin of over 140 votes and final design work will begin this summer. The project is broken into three parts: the SUB remodeling, black box theater construction, and PE complex renovation.
- HAVA grant funding was utilized to offer a free barbeque, free root beer floats, and an ASMSU presidential debate. This enabled ASMSU to reach out to over 1500 MSU students and provide them with general and school election information.
- For a second year in a row, ASMSU supported the 29th annual American Indian Council Pow Wow held April 16-17th in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. ASMSU contributed \$3000 to the largest free powwow in southwestern Montana.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASUM President's Report
May 21, 2004

Chairman Mercer, Regents and Commissioner Stearns,

It has been a productive, exciting two months for the Associated Students of the University of Montana. This year, our elections went online for the first time. ASUM would especially like to take this opportunity to thank the administrators that made it possible for us to move elections online this school year: Rosi Keller from the Office of Administration and Finance, who bumped us up to the top of the project development list, and UM Banner coordinator Diane Norem, who oversaw the project and made sure everything was to our specifications.

Our elections saw a large amount of student participation. Five tickets ran for President/Vice President, three students ran for Business Manager and twenty-nine students ran for ASUM Senate positions. In addition, four referendums and one student-generated initiative were on the ballot. We saw slightly increased voter turnout. The results are as follows:

- P resident/Vice President: Gale Price/Vinnie Pavlish
- B usiness Manager: Cassie Morton
- S enate: Kim Pappas, Rebecca Pettit, Britta Padgham, Derf Johnson, Bryce Bennett, Jessica Adams, Casey Hogue, Tyler Clairmont, Ross Prosperri, Chris Healow, Andrew Bissell, Jake Pipinich, Brad Cederberg, Andrea Helling, Josh Peters, Leslie Venetz, Nathan Ziegler, Shawna Hagen, John Snodgrass and Nezha Haddouch
- R eferendum to amend the ASUM Constitution to conduct meetings solely according to Robert's Rules of Order, with no additional rules for the Chair's votes: passed, 1045 to 463.
- R eferendum to amend the ASUM Constitution to change the composition of the Publication's Board: passed, 1119 to 350.
- R eferendum to increase the Kaimin Operating Fee: passed, 955 to 727.
- R eferendum on the proposal to increase the athletic fee by \$4 per semester for the next four years, placing a \$5 per ticket fee for football games and a pro-rated athletic fee of \$15 per semester for part-time students: failed, 298 to 1382.
- I nitiative in support of the right of students to create and fund independent organizations with voluntary fees: passed, 1114 to 460.

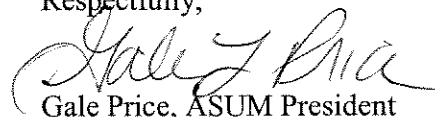
ASUM also has been working on proposals for two different fees. The executives have been in negotiations over ways to reduce the amount of an athletic fee increase, and will continue working with UM administrators and the Regents until the problem has been solved. At the only meeting of the newly elected Senate, we voted to support an increase to \$4 per credit hour for the campus building fee, with a strong suggestion that some of that money be used for measures to increase student safety on campus.

At that meeting, the new Senate also voted to fund an \$8000 renovation to our University Center, which will expand the offices of ASUM Legal Services. Legal Services will soon be able to accommodate at least three more interns, helping dozens more students each semester with their legal troubles.

Finally, ASUM has begun dealing with a suit filed against us by former ASUM President Aaron Flint. UM Legal Counsel David Aronofsky and the lead counsel for the National Voting Rights Institute will be co-counsel in defending this case. ASUM is lucky that NVRI, a group nationally known for their expertise on campaign finance issues, has chosen to take our case pro bono.

The newly elected Senate has many goals for the upcoming year, and I am certain that ASUM will have a very productive year.

Respectfully,


Gale Price, ASUM President

College Of Technology UM Helena
Student Report

Submitted: May 20-21, 2004

COT - Helena election for student senate representatives turned out low interest levels among the student body. After interviewing students we discovered that most of the students said they didn't have the extra time.

The senate held a student picnic at the airport campus to try to generate student interest and to show off some of the projects that were funded by the senate. The metals technologies also raffled off the projects they built and put the monies back into their program for next years project.

The senate decided to vote in new representatives so they would have a voice through the summer semester. However there were only two candidates to choose from. Later it was found that one of the candidates did not qualify, this has left us with the Vice-President (Shane Cosgriff) who is acting as Interim- President at least for the summer semester. The senate will vote for new representatives at beginning of the fall semester.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shane Cosgriff

COT – UM Helena – Interim President

College Of Technology of the University of Montana – Helena

Montana Associated Students Report

Submitted: May 20-21

- At the Montana Associated Students meeting held on Wednesday, May 19 at 6 p.m., discussions began regarding the upcoming Legislative year. Copies of Regents Semmens' power point on the Montana University System as an investment in Montana's Future as distributed to MAS in the March Board of Regents meeting was passed around to give new MAS members a basis for their arguments regarding the importance of higher education in economic development. Initial discussions began about hiring a Lobbyist for the Legislative session and the process that would be involved with the selection.
- The Website for the Montana Associated Students, which is to be created by Spectral Fusion Designs out of Missoula, was approved by MAS on Wednesday evening. This website will be updated regularly and maintained by Spectral Fusion Designs and will contain the date, time, location, and agenda of the upcoming MAS meetings, as well as minutes and contact information for the members of MAS. This will aid in bridging the communication gap between state and campus administrators, as well as students.
- Jacob Eaton, who was one of the original three nominees for Student Regent was called up to serve his country in Iraq. Therefore, another name was submitted to the governor with the full endorsement of MAS so as to fulfill our requirements of presenting three names to be considered for the next Student Regent. In addition to Brad Cederberg and Kala French, the Montana Associated Students would also like to congratulate Carrie Severson, and wish all three of them the best of luck in their interviews and throughout the selection process that will take place shortly.
- The primary focus of this last MAS meeting was to provide an orientation for the new Student Body Presidents. The MAS constitution was provided for each of them and contact information was updated. The election of the new MAS officers also took place, and I would like to congratulate the new President of the Montana Associated Students, Gale Price of UM-Missoula, as well as the Vice President, Matt Larson of UM-Montana Tech, and Treasurer, Adam Lucido of MSU-Billings. In order to ensure that more of the members of MAS can be in attendance for the selection of the officers, these are considered interim positions until September when a vote will be taken again to finalize their status.
- Finally, I would like to again thank those who I have worked with throughout this past year. All of the Board of Regents, Commissioner Stearns, and the President and Chancellors of every campus. I would especially like to publicly express my gratitude to President Gamble and thank him for the policy he has actively pursued of shared governance. This has given students at Montana State University the autonomy they deserve. With that, I will officially turn my position over to the new MAS President and I wish you all the best of luck in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott McCarthy
MAS President