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Trick or Treat Off The Street 2008

Thanks to all those who helped make the 2008 Trick or Treat Off The Street such a success. Kids and adults, dressed in their best Halloween attire, walked the halls of the Montana Tech Residence Hall receiving candy from students.

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Montana Tech's on-line community – a great way to stay connected to Tech!

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Montana Tech receives gift from Marathon Oil



Marathon Oil Corporation (NYSE: MRO), an integrated international energy company, provided Montana Tech of the University of Montana a leadership gift in the amount of \$100,000 in support of Montana Tech's comprehensive campaign, *Strengthening Foundations...Ensuring the Future*. The gift is directed to

Remember to check out the blogs by Montana Tech students, Justine Wilson and Drew Waltee. [Click here.](#)

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the Natural Resources Building scheduled to be open early 2010. [Click here](#) to view more information.

Celebrating Success

Montana Tech has many successes between the 2007 and 2008 academic year to celebrate. Below, you will see why Tech is celebrating!!

Accomplishments include:

- 6.7% increase in new students in 2008
- 2,402 students in 2008, which is the highest enrollment since 1983
- Average ACT score of 24 in 2008 up from 23
- 164 International students enrolled at Montana Tech (highest number ever)
- Residence halls are at full capacity
- Natural Resources Building is the first new academic building built in twenty years
- Largest Career Fair in Tech's history, with 115 companies in attendance
- U.S. News & World Report ranked Montana Tech of the University of Montana as the 3rd Top Public Baccalaureate College in the West in the 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges." Montana Tech also ranked 7th Best Baccalaureate College in the West in the same report.
- Montana Tech is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. This listing occurred in the just-published 2009 edition of its annual book, "The Best 368 Colleges."

The New Charlie Oredigger

Charlie Oredigger has changed his looks just a bit lately. Charlie, who has been hanging around the Montana Tech campus for the past 10 years, received a makeover this fall.

Charlie, Montana Tech's #1 fan, rarely misses a Digger game and can be found high fiving the fans and cheering on the Diggers.



COT Holds Straw Poll Election

Sen. Barack Obama won a Straw Poll of the 2008 Presidential Election held among the students, faculty and staff at the Montana Tech College of Technology.

The results of the Straw Poll were: Sen. Barack Obama (49%); Sen. John McCain (36%); Undecided (9%); Ralph Nader (1.4%); and a write-in vote for comedian, Stephen Colbert (4.3%).

The Straw Poll was intended to be a fun exercise in civic engagement. However, one incident did mar the exercise. Two days before the election, someone anonymously taped derogatory comments to many of the election announcement posters. It was clear from the taped comments that whoever perpetrated this vandalism was very upset with Sen. John McCain and the Republicans. The COT Administration moved quickly to remove the derogatory comments from the announcement posters so that the straw poll could move forward in due course.

Dr. John Garic, Dean of the College of Technology stated: "While the defacing of the posters was regrettable, especially in a university setting, I think it is fascinating that our presidential election has generated such passionate

talk and action.”

Digger Athletic Update

Digger Football

The Oredigger football team was host to No. 1 ranked Carroll College on Saturday. The Diggers almost pulled out the victory falling just short with a 10-6 loss to the Saints. The Diggers will head to Havre on Friday to play MSU-Northern at 7:00 pm at Blue Pony Stadium. The game has been moved from Saturday to Friday night to accommodate a high school playoff game.

Digger Volleyball

The Montana Tech volleyball team racked up a win last Thursday night. The Diggers won in three matches, 25-22, 26-24, 25-17, over the Western Bulldogs in a frontier conference match. The team will finish their season this week against Montana State-Northern on Friday, November 7 at 8:00 pm and against the University of Great Falls on Saturday, November 8 at 7:00 pm. Both games will be played on Kelvin Sampson Court. Good luck!!

Oredigger Women's Basketball

The Montana Tech women's basketball team played the Aggies of Utah State Monday night in an exhibition game. The Diggers lost 73-46. The Diggers will remain in Utah to play the Snow College Badgers Tuesday.

Tech Men's Basketball

The Orediggers played Big Sky Conference member Idaho State University in Pocatello, ID on Monday night in an exhibition game. Tech fell short losing 73-55. Tech heads on the road this Friday to play Eastern Oregon in a non-conference game.

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