

tradition never graduates



Homecoming Court from left to right: Nicole Talbolt, Alex Cotton, Jessica Banda, John Kinzinger, 2009 Homecoming Queen Natalie Minott, Blizzard T. Husky, 2009 Homecoming King Joe Gallo, Sarah Zimmerman, Paul Valencia, Andrea Taglione, Conor Callaghan

Homecoming Weekend Begins Now

Happy Homecoming Commuters! With the celebration of our 125th birthday, this Homecoming weekend is sure to be a big hit! We hope you've enjoyed the Homecoming festivities this far, but if you've missed out, don't worry, there are still plenty of fun activities to keep you busy over the weekend.

Today, Friday October 1st, you can reveal your Husky spirit while watching the Homecoming Parade at 4:00pm. Directly following the parade there will be a pep-rally in the Rozsa Center parking lot. Then, at 5:30 we will have cardboard boat races at Hancock Beach.

On Saturday, October 2nd, you don't want to miss our Homecoming Football game versus the Ohio Dominican Panthers. Homecoming King and Queen, as well as the winning Homecoming organizations, will be announced. Later in the evening, at 7:07, we will be playing our Homecoming hockey game against Nipissing. Broomball championships will follow.

If you haven't already done so, you should visit the student involvement link! Looking to publicize an event? The site's virtual cork board is a great place to hang your fliers. If you're bored, you can use the cork board to view current campus events. And, if you are looking to get involved in campus organizations simply fill out your involvement profile; the website will suggest organizations that are a good fit for you. After 125 years of a paper based system to organize student organizations, the emergence of the online involvement portal is a refreshing change! Check it out today!

Check it Out: The Involvement Link



4. Log-in with your Huskymail/Zimbra User

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The future of parking

There are currently 4,600 parking spaces on campus and 5,800 registered vehicles. Naturally, on busy days, this can result in parking tickets for the unlucky people that do not find a legal parking spot. We currently have one full time parking enforcement officer and one student parking official on staff at all times during business hours. Together, these officials issue between 20 and 100 parking tickets a day bringing in \$120,000 in parking fees each year.

This number is staggering when you consider that only \$90,000 is generated in the purchase of legal commuter, faculty, and staff parking passes. It also means that the average student is spending roughly 1.3 times more on parking violations than on parking registration. So what can you do to avoid tickets?

First, park only in your assigned lots. As a commuter student, you should never consider parking in a faculty, staff, or visitor lot. Second, park within the designated space. Never park in driving or fire lanes. Third, absolutely do not park in a handicapped parking spot! If you must park outside of your parking lot, park at a meter. Insert a quarter to cover the first hour. If you return in more than an hour you will be issued a \$10 ticket. In contrast, parking outside of your designated spot or outside of parking lots will result in a \$25 ticket and parking in a handicapped parking spot will result in a \$100 fine.

If you feel that you are following the parking regulations, but you have difficulty finding a spot due to parking violators do not hesitate to report them. You can anonymously report students that drive around barriers or park without a pass by calling or texting: 906-487-OTIP or visiting: <http://www.mtu.edu/tips/>

The University has implemented a parking Task Force to improve the current state of parking. The Task Force is currently looking into shuttle buses, adding additional lots, and a new parking structure. Though parking structures are a popular idea, it is important to be mindful of the fact that the cost (to the university) of our current parking is \$170 per space while the cost of implementing an above ground parking structure could be up to \$10,000 per space. As such, a fee would likely be implemented to cover the cost of the structure.

This information was obtained from Captain Daniel Bennett. If you would like to discuss parking further please do not hesitate to stop by commuter assistant office hours.

To Find Out More:

<http://www.mtu.edu/publicsafety/files/task-force-20100302.pdf>.



just for you, commuters

Save the date: Commuter Appreciation Day

Keep your calendars open for Wednesday, November 3! Your commuter assistants are planning you a Commuter Appreciation day in the new commuter lounge. The event will take place from 10AM-1PM and will include free refreshments and cookie decorating. Everyone who attends will be entered into a drawing to win free Michigan Tech T-shirts, travel mugs, and notebooks.

Coming Soon; Commuter of the Month!

There are several outstanding commuters on campus. Starting in November, we will be publish a monthly story about an excellent commuter. If you know a commuter student that deserves this title please e-mail us at commuters@mtu.edu.

Please include the following information in your e-mail

- 1) Student's Name and MTU e-mail address
- 2) Students Major and G.P.A. (if you know it or an approximation if you do not)
- 3) The Student's Involvement
- 4) 1-5 sentences about why the person deserves this title

Commuters of the month will be recognized publically and will receive a gift.

Facebook Group

Commuters now have a home on Facebook. Search "Michigan Tech Commuters" under "groups" and join today.

Commuter Lounge, An Update

The commuter lounge, located in MUB 106 (the entrance closest to the vending machines) has been open for five weeks. All commuter students can now log in to the computers in the lounge. An anonymous comment box has also been added. Please don't forget to sign the black coffee table guest book when you visit the lounge. We will use this record to show that commuters are utilizing the lounge so we can maintain the space from year to year.

You can visit your Commuter Assistants in the lounge:

Mondays: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Wednesdays: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Fridays: 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM



Quick Tips for Career Fair

If you're hoping to join the majority of Michigan Tech students in getting a Co-op or Internship be sure to visit our 2010 Fall Career Fair which is coming up this Tuesday October 5, at the Student Development Complex. Here are some fast facts to help you succeed:

What should men wear to the Career Fair?

A dark colored suit, white shirt and a tie with some red color to it. Avoid wearing any cologne/aftershave lotion or earrings. If the person does not own a suit, he should wear a nice dress shirt with dress slacks and a tie.

What should women wear to the Career Fair?

A dark suit coat with slacks or skirt, and a light color blouse or shirt.

How many resumes should a participant bring?

20 resumes

Is resume paper necessary?

Resume paper or just plain white paper is fine. White paper with black print is the best. A person does not need to buy expensive/fancy resume paper.

What is one way to start a conversation with a recruiter?

Introduce yourself with a 30-60 second info-mercial which should include information about your education, work experience, skills, projects, and accomplishments.

What can participants do to stand out from the crowd.

Develop a strategy for the job fair. Analyze the list of employers registered to come. Select at least 6-10 top employers research them. Build a binder of information of these companies. Show the companies that you have researched them by demonstrating your knowledge of the employer.

Take the time to thank the employer for coming and speaking with you and wish them the best during the job fair.

<http://www.career.mtu.edu/>



Cafe of the Month: Fusion

Looking for a great place to grab a healthy snack in between classes? Visit the Fusion Cafè, conveniently located mid-campus, in the lobby of the DOW environmental sciences and engineering building. Open from 8:00am-4:00pm, the cafe' features organic Coffee (\$1.55 for a small and \$1.80 for a large).

They also have a variety of wraps and salads for \$3.99, fresh fruit cups for \$2.00, Juice for \$1.95, and Cliff Bars for \$1.75. The cafe's most popular menu item, however, is their delectable smoothies (\$3.95). We tried the Pina Colada smoothie during our visit and it was delicious.