

# Commuter Connections

## Welcome to *MichiganTech!*

So you've made it through the first two weeks of school, bought books that must be worth their weight in gold, and your first exams are looming ahead. Fun? Exciting? Boring? Or, the same old? Everyone has a slightly different take on college, but there are some common threads. One: everyone who is reading this is a commuter student. A good number of us are "locals," who've been to Tech games, performances at the Rozsa, and have maybe even taken classes on campus. Two: we can navigate "the Yooper Loop," and pronounce "sauna" the right way. Now that we've all seen Tech from the outside, it's time to jump in, and get the most out of that tuition you're paying!

If you have questions about life as a tech student, or maybe life in general, there are two people on campus who are employed to help you out. That's us, Andrea and Kara, your fellow commuter students turned commuter mentors. Kara, a third year Social Science and Biology Education student from Calumet is involved in Greek life, the Michigan Tech Cheer and Stunt Team, and Undergraduate Student Government. Andrea is a third year student in the Exercise Science program who is involved in Michigan Tech Cheer and Stunt Team, Social Dance Club, and various other student activities.

As commuter mentors, we hold office hours in COMPASS, located in Wadsworth Hall (check out directions below to find us!)

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## Where should you be on campus this month?

September 16 & 17 – Sorority hosted Recruitment Events, 5:00-7:00 pm, Fisher Hall.

September 17 – Interview Idol, 6:00 pm, Fisher 135.

September 18 – DOTS Event Planning Workshop, 6:00-9:00 pm, G002 Forestry

September 19 – Student Activities Comedy Series (SACS) presents comedian Chris Mata, 10:00 pm, MUB Ballroom

September 19 & 20 – Film Board: Wanted

September 20 – Parade of Nations – Begins at 11:00am in Hancock, ends with the cultural festival at the Dee in Houghton.

September 22 – Benefits of a Co-op or Internship, 6:00-7:00 pm, Dow 641

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September 23 – Late-night Writing Workshop, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, Wadsworth Annex

September 26 & 27 – Film Board: Get Smart

September 27 – Open House

September 29 – Kick-off to Homecoming week

For more information on these events or to find out what else is going on, check out the Michigan Tech calendar on [www.mtu.edu](http://www.mtu.edu), table tents in the MUB and residence halls, and bulletin boards in Fisher, the MUB, and all across campus.

## Homecoming 2008

Michigan Tech's annual Homecoming will be held Monday, September 29 through Saturday, October 4, 2008. Check out [www.homecoming.mtu.edu/](http://www.homecoming.mtu.edu/) for all the details about fun events and ways to get involved. Here are some highlights:

### Monday - September 29 - Husky Day

**Root Beer "Kegs on Campus"** 12:00-3:00 pm  
Outside of Fisher and MUB

**Powder Puff Football** 6:00 pm  
Sherman Field or the SDC Multi-Purpose if it is raining

### Tuesday- September 30

**Take on a Husky Night** 7:00-8:30 pm  
SDC Multi-Purpose Room

### Wednesday- October 1

**Court Dinner** (by-invite-only)

### Thursday- October 2

**Student Choice Voting** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
MUB Keweenaw Commons - Donate your old athletic shoes for Nike's "Reuse a Show" campaign

**Hobo Challenges** 7:00-10:00 pm  
Walker Lawn or the (SDC Multi-Purpose if it is raining)

### Friday- October 3

**Hobo Lunch** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Campus Green  
Eat lunch and bring your canned food donations!

**Parade** 5:15-5:30pm  
Begins at the Ambassador and works back to campus (east to west) through downtown, through campus, ending in Lot 9.

**Pep Rally** 6:15-6:30pm  
Lot 9, Following the parade!

**Cardboard Boat Races** 7:00 pm  
Hancock Beach

### Saturday- October 4

**Alumni Tailgate Party** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Lot 24, Sherman Field

**Football Game** 1:00 pm  
Sherman Field  
Michigan tech Huskies vs. Ferris State Bulldogs!

**Coronation & Awards** Football Game Halftime  
Sherman Field  
The 2008 King and Queen will be crowned and winners from the week's events will be announced!

## Big Dog/Top Dog Info

Hungry on campus and don't want to drive home for food? Consider the Top Dog or Big Dog Express meal plans offered by Michigan Tech Dining Services. Buy meal swipes for the dining halls or put money on your Tech Express ID Card to use at any Michigan Tech owned dining facility. Any meals or money you don't use by the end of the year are rolled over into your account for next year. By utilizing these plans, you'll get more for each dollar that you spend on food at Michigan Tech. On campus eateries are a great place to get a quick bite to eat and meet other students. For more information, visit the Top Dog and Big Dog Express website at [www.dining.mtu.edu/sub/big\\_dog\\_top\\_dog.html](http://www.dining.mtu.edu/sub/big_dog_top_dog.html).

## Commuter Parking

Avoid getting a parking ticket! Remember, all commuter students must register their vehicles with the University. Commuter student parking registration can be done online at [https://www.admin.mtu.edu/em/students/vehreg\\_form.php](https://www.admin.mtu.edu/em/students/vehreg_form.php) or in person at the Office of Student Records and Registration (110 Admin Bldg). Commuter may park in Lots 9, 26, and 32. For a map, please visit <http://www.publicsafety.mtu.edu/docs/parking.pdf> (commuter lots are shaded light blue). Parking in these lots is available on a daily first-come, first-served basis. If these lots are full, overflow parking is available at the Student Development Complex Lots 22, 23, and 24. Any vehicles illegally parked, such as parking in aisles, blocking in vehicles, etc., will be towed away at the owner's expense. Please remember that you must feed the parking meters if you park in a metered space (even if your vehicle is registered).

## From experience...

The all-campus study lounge on the ground floor of DHH is a great a place to study or relax after classes. Although it's located in the residence hall, this lounge is open to all Michigan Tech students. It's large, quiet, and full of comfy chairs and couches. Because it's usually fairly empty, it can be a better choice for studying than the noisy MUB or crowded library. Next time you have a break between classes and want to hang out or crack a book, stop by Douglass Houghton Hall and check it out!

## USG Freshmen Representative Applicants

Make Michigan Tech what you want it to be.

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) is accepting nominations for first-year students until September 19, 2008. Polls will be open for the actual elections from September 26 to October 3. There are no technical or tricky requirements like a specific major, interest, or past experience with student government. All you need is the desire to make Michigan Tech a fun, interesting and effective institution. Who doesn't want to go to an awesome college?

USG is currently working with the campus bike program, which lets students rent bikes cheaply for a day, weekend, or entire week; an underpass for US-41 is also in the works; and USG helps to allocate the Student Activity Fee that we all pay.

For more information, or to pick up your nomination packet, stop by the USG office on the first floor of the MUB (across from the Campus Store).

If serving on USG is not for you, you can still stop by their office to bring up student issues or suggestions for change. To vote for your class representative, follow the link that will be delivered to your Huskymail, select your class, and then your candidate of choice. It takes, literally, less than five clicks!