Important advising dates coming up

- Mid-term grades: October 13
- Term A classes end: October 17
- Term B classes begin: October 20
- Last day to drop a class with W: October 24
- Spring & summer registration: November 2 - 16
- Thanksgiving break: November 22 - 30
- Exam week: December 15 – 19

www.admin.mtu.edu/em/services/calendar

Mid-term grades

All first-year students will receive mid-term grades for their classes; mid-term grades are viewable on Banweb starting October 13, 2008. The purpose of mid-term grades is to help first-year students see how they are performing in their classes. If a student has questions regarding a mid-term grade for a class, they should meet with the professor. Mid-term grades are defined as satisfactory (SA), unsatisfactory (UN), not applicable (NA), and missing (M). NA is used for courses where credit is not earned. M is used when an instructor does not submit a grade. Mid-term grades are temporary grades and will be replaced when the student has earned the final grade for the class. Therefore, no permanent record of the mid-term grade is kept.

Last day to drop with a “W”

October 24, 2008 (Friday, Week 8)

The last day to drop a class with a withdraw (W) grade is Friday of Week 8. All first-year students must meet with their academic advisor and instructor to drop a class. This allows the student to discuss the ramifications before dropping a class. After the last day to drop, students who have extenuating circumstances must appeal to the Student Affairs office for a Late Drop. The instructions for requesting a Late Drop can be found at: www.admin.mtu.edu/dos/latedrop.htm. More information regarding W grades can be found in the September 2008 Newsletter: www.geneng.mtu.edu/newsletter.html.

Career Day 2008

The Michigan Tech Career Day was a great success. Attending the Career Day were 290 companies and approximately 3000 students. In addition, there were over 4000 interviews conducted on-campus that week. If you missed Career Day, the Job Fair Guidebook is still available on-line at www.career.mtu.edu. Also, mark your calendars for the Spring 2009 Job Fair, February 17, 2009.

IBM Representative talking with a student at the Michigan Tech Career Day.

ENG1001 trash-to-treasure competition

This fall, in ENG1001 Sections 2 and 3, 100 first year engineering students brought 375 items of trash to class to create useful objects. In addition to the trash items, students could use paint, tape, staples, etc. to either decorate or hold their device together, as long as the items were already owned (i.e., nothing was purchased to make the objects). The items constructed ranged from water filters to bird feeders to bags. No two teams built the same object or had similar designs.

The best designs were displayed in Dillman Hall Lobby. Students, faculty, and staff voted for the best design by donating coins. A total of $150 was collected. These proceeds will benefit "Pennies for Peace," an organization that supports the construction of schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan and is part of Greg Mortenson’s Central Asian Institute.

The winning trash-to-treasure design was created by Zachary Fredin, Elizabeth LaRouche, William Pearson, and Olivia Zajac. They created a “Garbage Bag” from items that included a Little Debbie Snack Cake box, an envelope, and plastic cups. For more information on the project and additional photos, please see the poster located on the first floor of Dillman Hall.

The winning design, “Garbage Bag” by Zachary Fredin, Elizabeth LaRouche, William Pearson, Olivia Zajac.

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