

Information for Graduate Students

Summer Softball League

If you are spending the summer in the UP, you should consider participating in Summer Softball League, even if you do not have a team! It is a great opportunity to get outside and meet new people! Below are some important dates.

May 12th, 2015 5:30 PM: Managers Meeting

If you would like to develop a team, already have one put together, or just want to learn more about the league, you should attend this meeting in Admin 404. Topics of discussion will include equipment, schedule, fees, softball clinic, liability waivers, rules, refereeing, the free agent list and more. A representative from each team is required to attend.

May 23rd, 2015, 10 AM to 3 PM: Softball Clinic

Want to play in the Softball League but do not know how? Do you know how, but want to get some practice in before the season starts? If so, come to the Summer Softball Clinic at the Michigan Tech Softball fields. Lunch will be provided for all registered participants. To register, please visit our website:

<http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/softball.html>

If you have any questions about GSG Summer Softball League, please email them to the GSG Softball Coordinator, Jarod Maggio, at jcmaggio@mtu.edu.

Student Health Insurance Updates

The Student Health Insurance Committee is in the process of looking at student health insurance plans for the next academic year. Please be on the lookout for more information. The Health Insurance website (<http://www.mtu.edu/hr/students/insurance/>) is being remodeled and will soon include new features like a Frequently Asked Questions page.

One important change is that students must first meet the health insurance requirements before they are able to access their tuition bill, in order to be enrolled for classes next year. For more information, contact the Student Insurance office via email (studentinsurance@mtu.edu) or phone (906-487-1088).

If you missed the GSG Student Health Insurance Open Forum and would like to access the discussion, please visit our website: <http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/openforums.html>



International Student Surcharge Fee

New incoming students will be assessed a \$100 enrollment surcharge for their first semester, in addition to the existing \$200 fee per semester surcharge that is assessed of all international students. Current students will continue to pay \$200 in the Fall and Spring semesters. The surcharge fee information for new students will be communicated by the Graduate School through MyMichiganTech.

St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a food pantry that serves residents of the Houghton/Hancock area who are in need of food. St. Vincent de Paul is located on Quincy Street in Hancock, hours are Wednesday from 1-4 pm. Students that are in need of food only need to bring a photo ID. Donations of peanut butter, bread, no salt added canned veggies, tuna, and other high protein, healthy food options are needed.

Summer in the Keweenaw

Bridgefest 2015: June 19th—21st

Bridgefest celebrates the anniversary of the Portage Lake Lift Bridge. This weekend-long celebration includes outdoor concerts, sporting events and a fireworks display. Bridgefest is held in conjunction with the **Houghton Rotary Seafood Fest**, where a variety of seafood, including fish, crab, mussels, and lobster is sold.

Fourth of July

America celebrates its independence on the Fourth of July. Beautiful fireworks displays can be viewed in several locations over the weekend, most notably in Lake Linden on July 3rd and Copper Harbor on July 4th.

Jamport Bakery

The Jamport Bakery is one of the hidden treasures of the UP and contains some of the most delicious baked goods around. For more information, visit: <http://store.societystjohn.com/>

Waterfalls

The UP is home to dozens of waterfalls, some of which are a short hike away! To see a map visit:

<http://www.uptravel.com/waterfalls-of-the-u.p.-59/>

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GSG Events to Look Forward To

August 26th, 2015: Orientation Picnic
Join GSG in welcoming incoming and current graduate students at an orientation picnic at Hancock Beach! Food will be provided for vegetarians and non-vegetarians.

September 4th, 2015: First Friday Social

Come relax after your first week of classes with other graduate students, faculty, and staff. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Daniell Heights Renovations

The University is planning a scheduled maintenance project in Daniell Heights that will occur over the next four years. The project is scheduled to begin this July and continue through each apartment building until completion in 2019. This project will require each resident in the 1801—1810, 1812, and 1901 to move one time during the 2015-2016 contract year. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Bennett (ryanbenn@mtu.edu).

Inter-Residence Hall Council

IRHC is the main contact between the housing administration and the residential body. Daniell Heights currently does not have representation at the campus level. As DH houses mainly graduate students and their families, IRHC is asking for any graduate students interested in representing DH to the administration to work with IRHC on developing a constitution. This would give graduate students living in DH a voice to the housing administration. If you are interested in working to include DH under the governance of IRHC, please contact Andrew Baldwin (irhc@mtu.edu).

Travel Grants

GSG Travel grants assist with the costs of attending or presenting graduate research at a conference. Applications for the Summer Term will open on May 16th. For more information and to apply, please visit our website:

http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/travel_grants.html.



GSG E-Board for 2015-2016

The new Executive board members and their contact information are listed below. Many of the department representatives will also be changing. Visit our website to see who your representatives are!

<http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/members.html>

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| President: Chelsea Nikula | cjgrawn@mtu.edu |
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Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions related to Graduate Student life at Michigan Tech but do not know where to direct them, consider submitting them to our anonymous contact form (<http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/contact.html>). Additionally, you may reach us by email (gsg@mtu.edu). Our email is regularly checked by the President and Public Relations Chair.

For More Information

Please visit our website for more information about GSG: <http://gsg.students.mtu.edu>

Additional information about important new policies and events can be found on our blog: <http://gsgmtu.wordpress.com/>

You can email us directly: gsg@mtu.edu

You can also find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GraduateStudentGovernment>



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