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AMPLIFIER SAYS

COMMENTS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Editor

by J. R. Van Pelt

Senior finals this week! Yep, the seniors are studying like mad in order that they might pass their subjects. They have to hand in their theses by the time the senior trip starts which, by the way, is Monday. Their trip this year includes visits to various industrial plants, using Denver, Colo. as their home base. They'll see a lot of interesting things in Denver as well. Henry Schoo, especially, should find the trip interesting. Dinty Moore has already pasted a "Denver here I come" sticker on Henry's trunk.

Let's not overlook the Juniors! Junior finals begin next week and even now, Juniors are busily studying for the big week. They will take their trip nearer the end of this month. Of course, the usual route is planned. (Visiting most of the ACM plants, Petroleum plants, and various mines throughout the state.) The trip through the Park (Yellowstone) will provide some diversion. Last year, the Juniors (now Seniors) were reprimanded for standing too close to Old Faithful. Let's hope Ed Sadar doesn't decide to take some of the water from the famous geyser home to Canada.

How about Freshmen and Sophomores? Their exams begin around June 6. They've been pretty well hit with before-final exams in order that some straggler would have the opportunity of boosting their averages. The Math tests were toughies but several guys did better this time. So—these fellows will be hitting the books soon enough.

The end of the second semester really creeps up fast. The Seniors leave on their trip, the Juniors follow up by going on their trip and the Freshmen and Sophomore groups are ready for their big finals before you know it. AMPLIFIER says: have fun on the trips, and for the unfortunate, study hard!

ALM: Would you call for help if I kissed you?

JAG: Would you need it?

In last week's AMPLIFIER you probably read about the joint meeting of the Anderson-Carlisle Technical Society with the Montana Section of AIME, which was held in Museum Hall on May 12. If you didn't attend the meeting, you missed a very good program. One student from each of the five degree-granting departments presented a report of a technical investigation being conducted in that department.

It seemed to me that these five papers averaged very high in organization and clarity. Many of the illustrations also were excellent. The overall effect was so good that many senior AIME members commented on the fine presentations.

I was impressed by another point in this program: the interest of our Engineering Departments on original investigations. One is working on an improved hydraulic method of hoisting ore, another on a very important aspect of flotation, and so on in each department. Many an engineer has learned only out-of-date methods, because "it's in the book." Such an engineer stands in his own way. The man who will grow is the one who knows that engineering isn't static, it's highly dynamic. Our graduates, trained in departments where original investigation is going on, are not likely to make the mistake of ignoring new ideas.

Convocation Held Last Thursday

Trophies were awarded to winners of the Forensics Meet by Dr. J. R. Van Pelt at a convocation held last Thursday, to Nevin, Langfeldt, and Weber; second place to Lanphere and McCarthy. Following the presentation the Glee Club sang and M. Lanphere played the piano (he's really good!) Most of the faculty members were present that day - most of the students didn't show up. How in the hell can you expect the faculty to back the student body when the students refuse their support?

MEET YOUR FACULTY

by Art Morris

Who graduated from the School of Mines in 1920, and has been here as an instructor since 1923? Well, this "who" is the subject for this week's faculty interview, and a very interesting "who" he proved to be.

D. C. McAuliffe, Professor of Engineering Drawing and Director of Athletics at the School of Mines, has been teaching here for 32 years, and expects to be teaching here for a few years to come. Mr. McAuliffe, whose wife is a former Anaconda girl, has a son studying Geological Engineering at the University of Idaho, and a daughter who is a registered medical technologist.

Professor McAuliffe, or as he is affectionately called by his students, Professor McAwful, spent a year in the oil-fields of Eastern Montana, and coached at Miles City High School between graduation and coming to MSM as coach. Professor McAuliffe stated that the reason he came to MSM "was probably because I liked math." He was drafted into the infantry while a senior at MSM, and saw action in four main battles of "The War to End All War". As an infantryman, Mr. McAuliffe received the oak leaf, purple heart, the Distinguished Service Cross, and the French Croix de Guerre. (For the story behind these medals you'll have to see Professor McAuliffe himself).

Professor McAuliffe was very active in sports while in high school, setting a record for the pole vault (as a senior) that was unbroken for 6 years, and placing second in the pole vault and second in the broad jump while a junior.

Mr. McAuliffe said he felt (as most students do around final time) that the students should put more time on studies, and participate in at least one extra-curricular activity on the campus. As chairman of the faculty committee on Student Activity, Mr. McAuliffe said, "this year's successful intramural program should be perpetuated in following years", and later stated "plans are being made to coerce students (in a voluntary manner) to the interesting convocations planned."

When asked who he felt was doing an exceptional job around the campus, Mr. McAuliffe said he didn't like to single

out any one person, but that he would like to commend Koehler Stout of the Mining Department for his readiness to participate in extra-curricular activities, as well as doing an exceptional job of student instruction.

In addition to his other talents, Professor McAuliffe is also: Very interested in fishing and golf, quick to spot apple-polishing students, instructor at survey camp on the plane tables and according to his students, one of the best liked faculty members and among the best teachers on the campus.

PERSONALITY SPOTS

Plowing my way through a pile of used flashbulbs and a motely assortment of camera attachments, I came upon a student known by every student and faculty member at MSM. He is an individual you can't keep from meeting no matter how hard you try! At the most unexpected moments, Willie will greet you with a blinding flash, express a few original ideas on the situation at hand, and then will be on his merry way.

Wilson Hong was born in Butte on Dec. 18, 1934, and since that time has been acting as a "Red Skelton" for the surrounding Butte area. Will has one brother who is now serving in the Marine Corps in Japan. His favorite pastime in college is "havin' a good time", (this is a carry-over from his high school days). In his more serious moments, he does his share of studying and frequently listens to records. As any student, his hopes for the future include graduation---a degree in Petroleum Engineering preferred.

Summer plans are still a little indefinite, but there are prospects of working in an oilfield in Montana or Wyoming. When asked how he was going to celebrate the end of school, the only comment was his familiar expression: "Cough! Choke - Gag!" Nevertheless, he did offer some advice to any prospective freshmen ----- "buy an inexhaustible supply of "No Doze".

In the production "All My Sons", given by the Drama class this spring, Wilson acted as stage manager. He also fills the role of school photographer at

school functions along with taking "mug shots" as a member of the Magma staff. If any one else is in need of his help, he's always ready and willing with the words: "I'll play your silly game!" Thanks to Willie, his timely jokes, and bright outlook on life; school doesn't seem half bad!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

by Ed Westerman

The first meeting of the Student Council was very encouraging, and it laid the foundation for an active administration. As no member of the last Student Council was present to brief us on past business, we were forced to ignore it for the present.

An informative discussion on convocations took place. The Council as a whole agreed that a Student Committee on Convocations should be formed; this Committee would work with the Faculty Committee on Convocations to select programs that would fit our budget and satisfy our entertainment desires. The budget is one stumbling block in the way of good convocation programs. Popular speakers and entertainers command a fee that would deplete the budget after two, or possibly three, programs. Therefore, the entertainers must be chosen wisely, in order that we may get the most enjoyment for our money. Plans for the formation of this committee will soon be drawn up.

Why doesn't each campus organization and club send a representative to the Student Council meetings? These representatives would help the Student Council by their ideas and criticisms, and they could help their own clubs by their ideas and criticisms, and they could help their own clubs by their representation when critical legislative matters arise. Let's have some students turn out at these meetings!

The Student Council is planning to meet with the Alumni Association in the future. There are many alumni of the Montana School of Mines in Butte and vicinity, and they are willing to help us boost our school. As you know, they

donated \$75.00 to buy paint for the "M". The paint, unfortunately, did not arrive by "M" Day, when it was to be applied. More work will be done on this in the future.

GRADUATING SENIORS

by R. Wayment

Dewey Parrott: - The subject of my article this week is a Montana man whose home town is Red Lodge, where he graduated from high school in 1939. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943 and terminated his service in 1946. After driving cab in Billings for five years, Dewey decided if he wanted to take advantage of the G.I. Bill, he had better get started. There upon he enrolled at Eastern Montana College of Education, completing one year there after which he transferred to M.S.M. in 1952. Dewey is a married man having acquired a wife along the way (Ruth), who is from Seattle, Washington. He is also the proud owner of a cat, "Teddy Bear".

Dewey is graduating in Petroleum the 10th of June and has to be on the job by the 5th of July. He is going to work for Standard Oil and Gas at Meeteetse, Wyoming, working the first month as a roustabout and then stepping into a Jr. Engineers job. Dewey has worked for the A.C.M. Co. on the weekends as a miner for the past 2 1/2 yrs. Last summer he worked as a roustabout for Stanolind at Meeteetse and previous to his entering the Navy he worked as a pipe-fitter in the ship yards. He is an active member of the A.I.M.E., the Sigma Rho, and doesn't plan on doing any graduate work. He says he is getting too old (?) Good luck, Dewey, I hope "oil" goes well.

General Visits Residence Hall

General J. O. Guthrie, Commanding General of the Great Falls Air Force Base visited Residence Hall Wednesday. He went through the line and commented: "No wonder these men look so healthy, look at the wonderful food they eat." (Mrs. Tait, as well as the kitchen staff consider this a high compliment). He was impressed by the cleanliness of the kitchen too.

THE FACULTY SPEAKS

by Mr. Harnish
Professor, Pet.
Dept.

I have been asked to write this week's faculty column. Knowing full well that columns, like editorials, should be short and slanted to emphasize a particular point, I will try to conform to this standard. My time here has been short and I am not qualified to "hand down an opinion" therefore, let me call it an observation. Since my own students won't recognize my writing unless it is in the form of a sermon, you may call it that if you wish.

Expressing my thought in not too profound rhetoric, I have found that life - or education - is just what you make it. You can integrate it between limits of good and bad. You may scale it by the method of least squares but like a statistician you can make it just what you want it.

When a young man comes to college it's his first real opportunity to stand on his own two feet. Mama and Papa are miles away and the young man with his new-found freedom can call his own shots. He very often doesn't recognize responsibility and consequently shows very little. Therefore, his environment will play a very important part in how he progresses in college. If he allows himself to be influenced by dullards he will become one of them. If he chooses as his friends the ones with industry he will soon find himself making his own decisions and equitably. I assume that each student comes to MSM to gain knowledge. It may on rare occasions be for aesthetic reasons, but generally it's a practical reason: To gain knowledge to better your station in life. In other words to make a few bucks to feed and shoe the bids a little better than they have been accustomed to. This is known as "raising the standard of living", and if it's material gain that's to be acknowledged then it behooves each of us to get as much as we can. No one has yet fully determined

the capacity of the human mind and it's conceivable that all of us can absorb some learning while we're here in college. We can if we want to and still have time to enjoy the fun.

Everyone makes mistakes, and a college is the best place in the world to make them because here we all do at a more rapid pace than elsewhere. The reason is we have more opportunities to. The short-stop who handles the most chances probably will have the poorest fielding average but he'll have had the most experience and consequently the most confidence. It's not a crime to make a mistake, but it is a crime not to recognize it. A freshman's fielding "average" is apt to be low but as he progresses through to his senior year he can learn how to handle his chances better and his average comes up. If he's a crybaby and feels that he can't improve he won't. We can sum it all up in one word - maturity. There is a lot in the dictionary about this word and look it up if you want to know what I mean. While we are waxing literary let me quote from my favorite - Browning's "Rabbi Ben Ezra", "Then, welcome each rebuff that turns earth's smoothness rough, Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand but go! Be our joys three parts pain! Strive, and hold cheap the strain; Learn, nor account the pang; dare, never grudge the three!

Proud Parents

Cleveland, Banghart, and Tanmahill will soon be the proud parents of a school of baby fish. They have an aquarium in their apartment and one of the fish is expecting. The boys are extremely proud of this accomplishment and although the exact number of fish they expect is lacking, an estimate (based on volume as in the Kick theory of comminution) was made, which ranges from 4 to 7. Nice going men!

CADENCE COUNT

By Richard Westerman

SIGMA RHO NEWS

The annual inspection of the cadet group was presented at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 18. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Joseph LaComb, Cadet Commander, was in charge of the review, and did a fine job of organizing the operations. The Butte High Band under the direction of Henry Schiesser provided the march music, livening up the ceremonies, and the program should have been broadcast over WOPR. A large number of people were on hand to witness the event, and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Many favorable comments were heard concerning the entire program.

Attending dignitaries included James Guthrie, Brigadier General, USAF, Reviewing Officer, representatives of the Montana School of Mines, an Air Force ROTC inspection team, Air Force ROTC Headquarters representatives, and decoration donor representatives.

- Persons receiving awards follow:
- Captain Holgren, USAF - Commendation Ribbon
 - Cadet E. Westerman - American Society of Military Engineers Award
 - Cadet LaComb - Outstanding A.S. IV Cadet
 - Cadet R. Westerman - Outstanding A.S.III Cadet
 - Cadet Worcester - Outstanding A.S.II Cadet
 - Cadet West - Outstanding A.S. I Cadet
 - Cadet Erickson - Outstanding Arnold Air Society Cadet
 - Cadet Stenmark - Outstanding Rifle Team Member
 - Cadet Goodrich - Outstanding A.S. IV Flying Candidate
 - Cadet Stenmark - Outstanding A.S.III Flying Candidate
 - Cadet Hickman - Outstanding A.S.II Flying Candidate

Squadron B was chosen the honor squadron, and Flight B2 was chosen the honor flight. The reviewing officers thought highly of the review as a whole, General Guthrie expressing the opinion that it was a "superb performance".

The Rho party, held last Sunday at the Rose Garden, was a huge success. About 25 nurses showed up - all of them rode home! Yep - there are no slouches at the School of Mines! Jerry Svec really sparked the party when he danced the Bunny Hop. Our thanks to every one present for making the party a success!

Sigma Rho elected officers Thursday night for the ensuing year. Those elected were:

- Ted Berthelote - Archon
- Dick Westerman - Vice-archon
- Andy Mular - Treasurer
- Dick Sigaw - Secretary
- Bob Martinich - Scribe
- R. Trevison - Sgt. at Arms

The annual Sigma Rho Stag dinner will be held at Lydias about 4 hours before the school Junior prom as usual. The faculty (most of whom are Sigma Rho) will be invited to attend.

R. Trevison

THETA TAU NEWS

By P.du Toit & R. Gevers

We Score Again:

On May 13th & 14th the Theta Taus scored again. It was in Billings. Out of the 7 students who represented the M.S.S.M. 6 were Taus. They not only represented MSM but reaped the laurels. Dick Baker and Jack Hunter cleaned up in the gold championship. Dick placed first and Jack second. On the tennis courts Bill Campbell and Don Mathis lead a fast victory in the doubles championship. The singles championship was won by Pete du Toit.

John de Beer had a close call for three first places in the track division. He placed easily in second place in three events. (Just as a matter of information: The seventh member was an Independent)

FRATERNITY DIGNITARY VISITS US:

At our final open meeting of the year, at 12:30 P. M. on Thursday, May 19, we will be honored by the presence of one of our National Officers. He is Mr. C. W. Britzius from St. Paul, Minnesota, and the present Grand Outer Guard of the Fraternity (He was elected to this office at the last National Convention).

At this time of the academic year everyone is in an exam frenzy, and consequently we were unable to arrange a more suitable time and date than those above.

The meeting will be of a formal nature, and all members and pledges are requested to be present (in suits).

PERSONALITIES AND JOKES

B. Huber

A friend of mine had some interesting relatives, among which was Ynerd Ralt, my friend's grandfather. His grandfather liked scotch, the kind that used to come in half gallon bottles. After imbibing the last drop of each bottle, his wife would then use them for grape juice. But the inevitable happened. He was persistent in keeping a good stock of bottles on hand but one year he didn't keep his quota up. Result: There was a bountiful crop of grapes that year and he drank himself to death trying to supply his wife with bottles.

OVERHEARD AT THE ROTC REVIEW

Report

TIPS FOR THE SCIENTIFIC MIND

The way to tell a male sardine from a female is to watch and see which can they come out of.

Quicksilver - what the Lone Ranger says when he's in a hurry.

Don M.: Then every thing went black.
Andy: Why?
Don M.: She hung something on the knob.

BATTLE CRY OF THE 460th ROTC DETACHMENT

"Run mudders, their shootin' real bullets."

T.B: I'm groping for words.

J.B: Well, I hope you don't expect to find them here.

Nurse: A man is nothing but a brag, a groan, and a tank of air.

Student: A woman is nothing but a rag, a bone and hank of hair.

The doctor was on his way to visit Rastus' wife and deliver her twelfth child. Riding along with Rastus, he saw a duck in the road.

"What kind of a duck is that, Rastus?"

"That ain't no duck, Doctuh," sighed Rastus, "that's a stork wid his legs wore off."

She was a second hand dealers daughter, that's why she didn't allow much on the old davenport.

SPORTS IN REVIEW

The Mines did exceptionally well at the conference meet in Billings last weekend. In the Senior tournament Pete du Toit won the singles championship and Bill Campbell and Don Mathis took the doubles championship. The golf tournament was won by Dick Baker and Jack Hunter was runner up. Because of Baker's championship he is now qualified to play in the regional tournament at Bozeman. In the track meet Johann DeBeer took a second in the 100 yd dash, a second in the low hurdles and a second in the broad jump. He had the fourth highest number of points at the meet. John is now also qualified to run in the regional meet at Bozeman. Also Bob Penny tied for third in the javelin throw. If DeBeer qualified at Bozeman then he will go to Texas for the National Championship.

The school has been presented with championship cups for the championships in golf and tennis. The named athletes did much for the prestige of the school and they will be honored by having their names placed on the respective cups.

Spring football was called Thursday night and all those still wishing to turn out may obtain equipment from Coach Olsen. There will be no body contacted until next fall.

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The intramural horseshoe tournament has started and Dick and Ed Westerman being the only ones who have completed and won their respective matches have advanced to the quarter finals.

Intramural softball starts Monday, May 23, with Sigma Rho and Theta Tau leading off. All games will start at 6:30 o'clock, Leonard Field. Tuesday Sigma Rho plays Theta Tau 2 and Wednesday Theta Tau 1 plays Theta Tau 2.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Hi, again from the Community Nurses! We're back with some more news and comments on the latest functions and parties.

First of all, many thanks to the Sigma Rho's for inviting us to your party last Sunday night. From the haggard looks the next morning, we could tell it was a heck of a ball. Hope you appreciated our humorous barmaid service through the courtesy of Herbie and Jones, just in from Warm Springs. We might add they felt right at home. The main after-effect was Len Darsow's appendicitis attack the next day. Was the competition too tough for you, Panther?

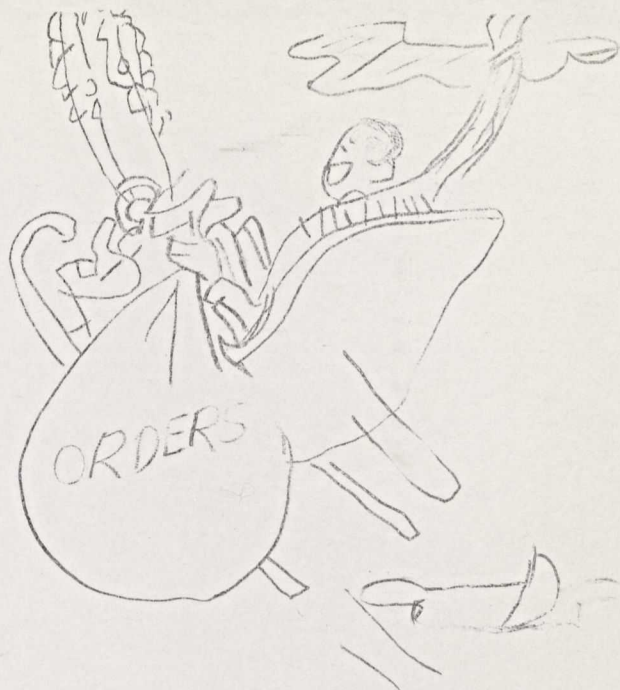
In case you haven't noticed our posters yet, we'd like to invite all of you to our picnic, Sunday, May 22. It's from 4 P.M. 'til who knows when? We hope the Tau's softball game won't interfere too much. If you're a little late, come on out anyway and join in the fun. It will be at the Lion's Den. Hope to see you all out there. Rides will really be appreciated. Please call if you're willing to offer taxi service.

And don't forget about the softball game on Saturday, May 21. Marv Lanphere has graciously consented to be our "impartial" umpire. This is one way for us to get to "first base" with the School of Mines!

Our comment on the Moonshiner's Brawl - Pink underwear -- it seems to be the latest fashion this Spring! P.S. We really had a swell time!

More facts about student nurses:

Betty Echols - Says things she's sorry for.
Diane Neunaber - Likes a certain Theta Tau.
Val Handley - Has a good time at parties.
Janet Watson - Is from Bozeman.
Marianne Llewellyn - Seems to have an admirer.



Rising high!

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

A Farewell Testimonial Banquet was given Thursday, May 19, for MSgt Bradley who is leaving us shortly for Alabama. Attending were all the office girls who presented Sgt. Bradley with a beer stein and Mrs. Bradley with copper ash trays. We had the stein filled but Sgt. Bradley was anxious to empty it so he could admire the picture on the bottom of the stein (Wow!) The banquet was at the Lane Duck and everyone had an enjoyable time.

There was a knock at the door of the dormitory room. "May I come in?" said a male voice. "It's the room I had when I went to college here."

"Yes sir," he continued. "Same old room, same old furniture, same old view of the campus, same old closet." He opened the closet door. There stood a girl, terrified.

"That's my sister," said the occupant of the room.

"Yes, sir," he replied, "same old story."