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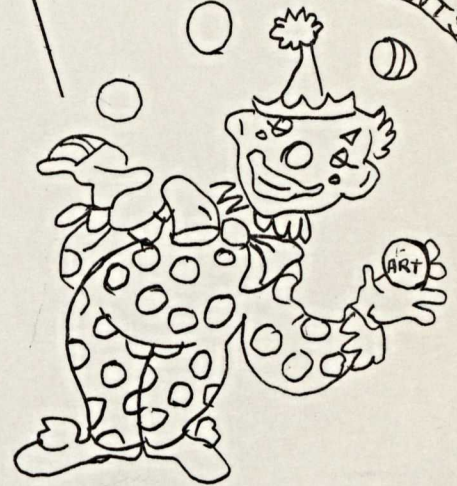
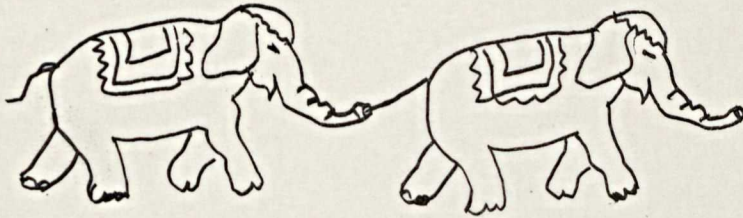
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# AMPLIFIER



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We would like to have more names  
in this column

COMMENTS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

by J. R. Van Pelt

Greetings to all students, both old and new! The enrollment this year is up substantially from last year---about 25% in fact. This means we have more talent on the campus for getting things done. I hope every student will find one or two extra-curricular activities in which he can take an active part. This includes ASSM jobs, fraternity activities, glee club and band, and of course athletics. And that isn't all; there are many others to interest you. Get into one or two of them but don't overload yourself with these outside jobs. Here at college we have the same need for balance between the main job and the auxiliary jobs, between the serious purpose and recreation.

You will want to get acquainted as rapidly as possible with other students and with faculty members. The campus directory, listing faculty and staff members, as well as students, will be distributed within a week or so.

With the cooperation of all concerned, we can make a wonderful record this year.

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AMPLIFIER SAYS

Editor

Once, again, the academic year begins at the Montana School of Mines. Residence hall throbs with life as old acquaintanceships are renewed and new friends are introduced. Pensive-eyed freshmen stare furtively at upper classmen; upper classmen begin to start anew with determined looks. The school itself is a beehive of activity. Forms to fill out, accounting, budgeting, new plans for the future of the school---all of these are part of a big thing, and that thing is the education of ourselves. Yup, we sure are a part of it all!

The AMPLIFIER wishes to welcome the Freshmen. Many of our new men are just out of high school; some of them are veterans; and some have just recently been able to afford a higher education after working for a few years prior to

starting college. We are glad you men have picked engineering as your career. Technical men are in sore need by the nation. It is true that some of our new members are liberal art students and that they are taking advantage of our new undergraduate curricula. Still, these persons are needed as teachers, lawyers, etc. The fact remains, college trained people are always in demand.

Our school makes one prerequisite to everyone, freshmen and upper-classmen. We must do our work well and study hard. This must be done in order that we maintain our high standards of education. After all, you men are the future "technical businessmen" of the United States of America.

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WHO WAS THE OLD KID?

The Kid in The Corridor will be written by a "new" unknown person this year according to word received by your editor. The old kid ART MORRIS has officially resigned. Says Art: "Things were getting too hot for me; especially when Erma Button threatened physical violence. I would like to inform the student body of my deep sincerity when I say that I enjoyed writing the article very much."

The big question now, is who the heck is the new Kid?

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If you have troubles, come in and tell us about them. If you haven't, come in tell us how you do it!

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Your calendar shows the passing of time. Your face shows what you are doing with it.

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On the first day of summer school, the little boy was telling teacher about his new dog.

"What kind of dog is it?" asked the teacher.

"Well, he's a mixed-up-kind," replied the small owner. "Sort of a cocker scandal."

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# NOTED GUESTS SPEAK AT CONVOCATION

WANTED

by Bob Loucks

The first convocation of the year was held Thursday, September 29, with the A.I.M.E. being the focus of attention. Distinguished guests were Wm. Wallace Mein, Jr., President of the Calaveros Cement Company, and Bishop Oil Company, and Roy O'Brien, Field Secretary of the A.I.M.E. at Salt Lake.

Mr. O'Brien briefly outlines the objectives of the A.I.M.E. as well as its structure in order to acquaint the freshmen and other people unfamiliar to the Institute.

Mr. Mein, after being introduced by Dr. Van Pelt, gave a very informative as well as enjoyable talk on the theme; "The Trend to Industrial Minerals." This talk, spiced with personal experiences, was well received.

This convocation is one of the several which are presented throughout the year which give MSM students up to date ideas on fields associated with the curriculum presented here.

Intelligent, (don't let that scare you) capable, (that one either) Mines Students who would like to give a small part of their time to one of the school functions. As you see, we are again bringing you a school paper. We hope to make it one of the best; however, to do this we need your help. The paper has an excellent staff -- headed by Andy Mular, assisted by Art Morris, with Professor Pinckney as advisor. Like any school activity of importance, the paper needs the support of the students.

Don't read this and say to yourself, "They don't need me: Joe and the other guys will be enough." If you want to work on the paper, we have a spot for you.

To join the ranks of aspiring young journalists, or to obtain further information contact Andy Mular or Professor Pinckney at any time.

# PICNIC AND DANCE

by Bob Loucks

Upholding a MSM tradition started last year, the second annual All-School Picnic will be held Sunday, October 9. Rumored to even surpass last year's acclaimed get-together, this year's picnic will start at 2 o'clock at the City Reservoir south of Butte. Delicious eats are being offered at this picnic by the Coeds and Copper Guards, along with softball, football, and volleyball competition among the classes.

The day will be climaxed by an informal dance in the Museum Hall on the campus. This dance, being sponsored by the Copper Guards, is free and nurses from both hospitals are being invited. It will last from 9-12 and music is being provided by one of Butte's top bands.

In case of inclement weather this picnic will be held in the gym with all the attractions still provided.

Dates are welcome and with everything furnished by the school, this occasion can hardly be passed up.

Here's a good chance for everyone to get acquainted and have lots of fun. If you have no ride, cars will be leaving shortly before 2 o'clock from the statue of Marcus

# STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

by Ed Westerman

The first session of the Student Council during the 1955-56 school year was held on October 3; we were pleased to see quite a few students in attendance. Remember -- The ASSM is YOUR organization. If you have a gripe or an idea, come and tell us about it!

The Council voted to buy five sweaters to outfit five co-ed cheerleaders this year. The five cheerleaders will be chosen from 10 applicants by Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. McBride and the Student Council in the near future.

As work on the 1954-55 Magma was hardly begun last year, the Student Council voted to refund the \$5.00 Magma fees that were assessed that year. Bob Hickman will give us a report on the 1955-56 Magma at the next meeting; we are sure that this one will come out on schedule.

We have several projects underway at the present: Ted Berthelote and Art Morris are working on student regulations for the dormitory, Knownly Dorman and Jerry Weber are going to recommend solutions to the auto parking problems, while Ted Berthelote and myself will try to settle the coffee-shop question. We will have reports on these subjects soon.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED

A tea, in honor of new faculty members, was held at the home of President and Mrs. J. R. Van Pelt, on Saturday, October 1, 1955. New members present were: Dr. B. B. Brown, Lt. Col. J. T. Cousin, Lt. F. E. Humpert, Mr. F. L. Koucky, Mr. J. G. McCaslin, and Mr. H. S. Tropp.

We want to form a Student Committee on Convocations soon, perhaps at the coming class elections. Each class should elect one member to work on this committee. This student committee will work with the Faculty Committee on Convocations and help to choose convocation subjects that will interest and entertain the whole student body.

We will have our annual budget allotment meeting in the immediate future, after the various organizations have turned in their financial requisitions to Sam Worcester, our Secretary.

MEET YOUR FACULTY

by Bill Lees

HOUSEMOTHER TAIT

"After raising a family of girls and being a house mother for many years in a girls dormitory, I find that life with a group of boys is certainly different. Boys tend to be more full of pranks and a dull moment is rare."

These are the words of Mrs. Gertrude T. Tait, formerly of Whitehall, Montana. She has raised three girls and she now has three sons-in-law and six grandchildren. One of her sons-in-law is a graduate of MSM in Mining and now holds the position of chief engineer at the Leonard Mine in Butte. Mrs. Tait spent several years with the Deaconess School of Nursing prior to 1953. She left this position, made a trip to Europe in between, and came to MSM. Mrs. Tait seems to worry too much about the diet of her students. Says she: "Nobody can say there are a lack of vegetables on each days menu." This is certainly true? Mrs. Tait would like each student to feel perfectly at home while in attendance at MSM. She is always partial to "her boys." One thing was mentioned, however, which is extremely important: She would like to see more cooperation between the men in eliminating noise during study hours. "We should all strive to make residence hall a place of study. A mature awareness of residence hall life should be the ultimate goal of all."

Men, here's a statement with a lot of wisdom. Mrs. Tait put it in a nutshell. We must try to assume a responsible attitude towards study. Absolute quiet is a necessity. Let's try to follow her advice and let's give her a helping hand this year; even more than last year. Mrs. Tait closed this brief interview with: "I extend a hearty welcome to our new Freshmen. Please feel at home."

If you should see a person in the Petroleum Building who spends a lot of his time in the Physics Lab. and who is of average height, slenderly built, and dark haired with a fair complexion, it's a good bet that he's John McCaslin, one of the newcomers to the Mines Faculty this semester. Mr. McCaslin originally hails from Broken Bow, Nebraska, but he received his college education from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Socorro, N. M., where he received his B.Sc. in physics and his M.A. in geophysics. He is married and has 4 children, 3 girls and a boy, ages 7, 5, 2½ and 1½. He came to the Mines from Wichita, Kansas, where he was employed by the Boeing Aircraft Co. as a testing engineer. When this interview was taken, a student happened to be asking what the temperature was and on hearing this, Mr. McCaslin's face turned several shades of red and green and he exploded, "Don't ever mention the word temperature to me again! All I did at Boeing was take temperatures 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." When he was asked whether he had formed any opinions of Mines or the students, Mr. McCaslin replied that he hasn't been here long enough to decide. He is, however, high in his praise for the State of Montana.

HOWDY FOLKS:

The teacher asked the class how Noah spent his time on the Ark. Seeing no response from the tots, she added, "Do you suppose he did a lot of fishing?" "What?" jeered little Freddie, "with only two worms?"

OUR MINES STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

by M. Sheinkin

Two juniors and two seniors received awards from three sources on June 10th, 1955. Two awards were given by American Smelting and Refining, one by American Society of Metals, and the other by the A.I.M.E. Women's Auxiliary. George Wilhelm of Santa Rosa, Calif., a mining senior, was recipient of the \$500.00 Mining Scholarship from A.S. and R. George is well known by the students for his scholastic record and activities.

Andy Mular of Butte, Mont., a major in Metallurgy, received the A.S. and R. Scholarship in Metallurgy of \$500.00 for 1954-55. The award was given on the basis of scholasticism, school activities, and leadership which both Wilhelm and Mular have demonstrated.

Robert Loucks, Great Falls, Montana, a junior metallurgist, received the American Society of Metals Award of \$400.00. The award was presented by Dr. Hames of the Metallurgy Department. Bob is extremely active, and aside from his scholastic ability he has done fine work for the Copper Guards, School paper, and many other additional jobs.

Moshe Sheinkin, Holon, Israel, a mining junior, received the \$400.00 AIME Women's Auxiliary scholarship. Moshe, or Curley, came from Israel two years ago and has demonstrated fine ability.

UNUSUAL VISITOR

Don Hendricks sat at his desk; busily scribbling on paper and concentrating on the Physic assignment. Tom Martin was resting from a weary day. Suddenly an unbalanced person came rushing into the room, slumped down at Don's desk and said: "Oh, there's my copy of Playboy." He then proceeded to explain that he had traced the book from the first floor to the second floor; then back to the third floor and that his last report was in the vicinity of Room 212 (Don's room). Now all of this took 15 minutes or so to explain. The boy suddenly thought, looked at Don and said: "This IS my copy, isn't it?" Don glanced up, smiled and explained: "No!" The fellow is probably still searching for his copy of Playboy. All right you guys, who has

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

by Art Weizer

A short explanation for those who are not familiar with this column. For each edition of this paper we select a subject pertaining to the student, the school, or campus life. Then a few of you are asked your opinion about it. This week, inquiries were made about the following questions. "What is your impression of the girl situation in Butte?" Some of the accumulated answers are:

- Roger M. - "Doesn't bother me in the least."
- Ken F. - "Mmmmm Oh not bad."
- George E. - "It sure isn't like home."
- Ron F. - "Crazy, man."
- Don B. - "Terrific, terrific. The best town I've ever been in."

Form your own conclusion.

PERSONALITY NOTES

by Art Weizer

This week our personality in the spotlight is Freshman John Kenneth Finstad from Pendant d' Oreille in Alberta Canada. John, or Ken as he is better known, grew up with three brothers on a cattle ranch. Upon graduation from Mount Royal College where he attended high school, Ken worked as a "cat skimmer" (tractor driver) for a construction company. By conversing with some Petroleum engineers, he decided upon his future and ventured about 550 miles to Butte in his 1954 chevrolet. Now at the age of 21, and very distinguished-looking, he plans to major in Geology. Besides being a very active baseball, badminton, and skiing enthusiast, Ken also appreciates a good brew.

"I wish you'd wear a dress in the second act that is not quite so daringly cut," the stage manager told the star of the show.

"But this is the latest style and I paid a lot for it," she protested. "Why should I change?"

"Well, in that serious scene where your husband says: 'Woman, you're hiding something from me', the audience laughs. They can't figure out what he means."

GRADUATING SENIORS

by R. Westerman

Courtesy, congeniality, and a cheerful outlook -- these are the chief attributes of affable Paul Burchell.

Paul is a native of Butte; he graduated from Boy's Central High School in '52 and entered the School of Mines the same year.

He is majoring in Petroleum Engineering, for his interests have been centered in that field since his high school days.

Paul was married last spring, and he and his wife are living in a nifty little apartment downtown.

Paul's activities include A.I.M.E. (he is Vice-President of the Petroleum Section), Sigma Rho Fraternity, and Dramatics.

His favorite outdoor sport is fishing, though lately he has been a little too pressed for time to indulge that sport as much as he's like to.

The senior curriculum appeals to Paul very much; he finds his elective in X-ray Metallurgy especially interesting. (A plug for the metallurgists?)

Paul's future may lie with Stanolind Oil (he worked for Stanolind last summer as a roughneck and is now on an educational leave of absence) but he has ambitions to work in Venezuela.

Paul is a fellow who makes his own breaks and who isn't afraid of hard work. He can't help but succeed.

KID IN THE KORRIDOR

Unknown

Well, the kid is back again this year, although in altered identity, and is ready to deliver his usual punitive comments with the accustomed rapier-like wit.

This year's kid will not make the same mistake made by last year's kid and let everyone know who he is.

Too much hot water, you know. Really, the first part of each year is the one the kid likes best, because it enables the Kid to go to all the fraternity rush parties and dinners.

I know you ask how can the Kid keep going to all the doings year after year, and its simple.

Since a student (?) is not allowed to pledge any fraternity if he is on probation, the Kid never has pledged and probably never will.

The frats keep hoping he will get off probation,

so they keep inviting him year after year.

Here and now the Kid wishes to accuse whoever is responsible for the disappearance of the coat hangers from the rooms of being a despicable cad and character of low morals. When the Kid got back from vacation, his room, as well as the rooms of others, was gutted of any trace of the wire hangers. The Kid wishes whoever started the scrap drive would read and papers; the war is over.

Last year concern was expressed over the flagging attendance at the convocations. Such concern did not appear necessary this year, as the Kid noticed a good number of students present at the first convocation. If these students judge following convocations by the first one they attended this year, however, last year's concern better be dragged out twofold. Any freshman never before attending a convocation should not be blamed for saying "If they are all like that one, I'll stay home next time."

The freshmen cannot be blamed, the upperclassmen never could.

FROM ROOM 114

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How many Co-eds are in attendance at MSM this year? ANSWER: Who knows? And that's how things look over in Room 114, the Co-ed room. The girl's have counted noses four times---just to find out how many co-eds there are! The results: There are between eleven and thirteen. Any of you ingenious males taken a census yet?

The co-eds are sure of three girls anyway -- Glada Ann Nichols, Darien Carkett, and Myrna Vivian! These girls are the club officers.

We aren't completely organized yet; however, look for us in the next issue of AMPLIFIER. Maybe we can catch up with some of those busy gals.

LANGFELDT, LANIER, McNEIL, MULAR and the boys have trouble sleeping at night?

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SIGMA RHO NEWS

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Sigma Rho held a dinner party for prospective pledges this week at Lydias on October 4, 7:30. Seventy two persons attended, among which were Dr. Koch, Dr. McLeod, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Brown, Mr. Laity, Mr. Albertson, all honorary members of Sigma Rho. The rest of the group comprised the members and the pledges.

Dr. Koch delivered the main address of the evening, speaking on the Advantages of Fraternal Life. Aurelio Madrazo, talented singer, sang an Irish song and the song "You've Gotta Have Heart." Ken Paul played the piano for the group as did Howard Bear.

A sweet wine was served before dinner which seemed to hasten ones appetite. The dinner was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy himself. Sigma Rho looks forward to many such pleasant evenings.



THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE can at times amuse us with the many meanings for one word. Take another word and see if you can work out something similar to this:

A crowd of ships is termed a fleet, but a fleet of sheep is called a flock. A flock of quail is a bevy, a bevy of wolves is a pack, a pack of thieves is a gang, a gang of angels is a host, a host of porpoise is a shoal, a shoal of buffalo is a herd, a herd of soldiers is a troop, a troop of quail is a covey, a covey of stars is a galaxy, a galaxy of ruffians is a horde, a horde of rubbish is a heap, a heap of cattle is a drove, a drove of hoodlums is a mob, a mob of whales is a school, a school of worshipers is a congregation, a congregation of bees is a swarm, a swarm of people is called a crowd-- and a crowd is what we have in the typing office.

THETA TAU NEWS

by

The initial meeting of Psi chapter of Theta Tau for the 1955-56 school year was held on the evening of September 28. Much important business was discussed and plans for the rush period were formulated. Jeff Howard, Regent, was the presiding officer.

A pledge party gloriously took place Wednesday evening, Oct. 5, at the Rose Garden. A great time was encountered only to be followed by many sleepy eyes Thursday morning. After starting peacefully at 7:30 the tempo soon rose to a point of gaiety and continued at the pace until all liquids were consumed. We hope that this was only the beginning of a gala year.

Added to the staff since the last issue of the AMPLIFIER is Mrs. Margaret Rosecrans who works for the Dean in the Morning and the Air Force in the afternoon.

MORE NEWS NEXT WEEK.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

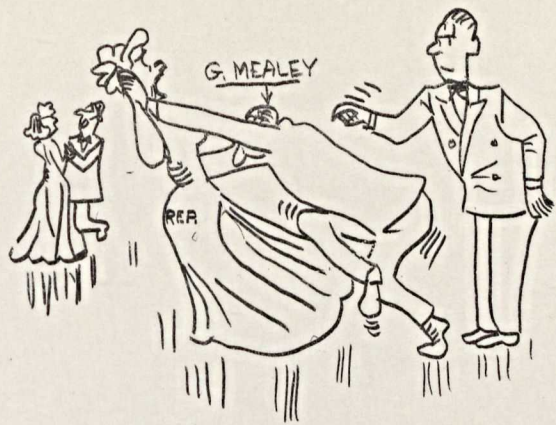
Sat., Oct. 15, Rocky Mountain College of Education at Butte	2:00 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 22, Carroll College at Helena	8:00 P.M.
Sat., Oct. 29, Western Montana College of Education at Butte	2:00 P.M.
Sat., Nov. 5, Eastern Montana College of Education at Billings	



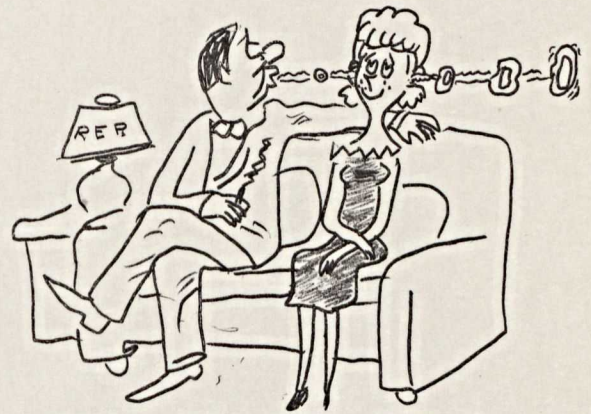




SAID PEOPLE DON'T SEEM TO LIKE  
FOR SOME REASON - OPEN YOUR  
RS, FATHEAD!"



"YOU CERTAINLY MAY!"



-TWIN BRIDGES GIRLS-



THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT?

