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# AMPLIFIER

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WANTED: THE AMPLIFIER IS  
IN NEED OF AN EDITOR. HERE  
IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE  
YOUR SCHOOL AND GET A SHARE IN  
THE GLORY. IF THIS SCHOOL IS  
TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A PAPER  
EXPRESSING STUDENT VIEWS, WE  
MUST HAVE THIS JOB FILLED.  
APPLY TO ROBERT MORRIS,  
PRESIDENT OF A.S.S.M.

## DRAMA - TRAGEDY - COMEDY

## GO WEST YOUNG MAN

The Drama class, under the direction and supervision of Mr. Chance, is currently hard at work on the production "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller. This drama has been put on with much success by small colleges and little theater groups throughout the country. It is rated as a very excellent drama, coming from the pen of a very prominent playwright who has written such plays as "Death of a Salesman" and the "Crucible."

Wednesday, the 22 of March, the versed arguers of M.S.M., the Debate Team left for points west, to debate with Gonzaga, Washington State College, and the University of Idaho. Members of the team who went are Marvin Lanphere, Larry McCarthy, Jerry Weber, and Jon Langfeldt with Professor Albertson their hard-working advisor. Other team members are Joe Hughes and John Kaiserman.

The question which they will debate is: "Resolved that the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the government of Red China."

In past meets this year, the team has made a good record. Last Saturday they met Carroll here and won in the afternoon and lost that night. On March 9 at Bozeman, they won 4 and lost 2 debates.

Future events in which they will participate include a T.K.A. tournament in Missoula on April 21 and 22, and the State Tournament here at M.S.M. May 6 and 7.

"All My Sons" is concerned with the problem of war-profiteering through the manufacturing of defective airplane parts. After many deaths in battle have been caused by these defective materials, the man responsible becomes deeply involved with his own conscience and finally confesses to his deeds.

The leading role, that of Joe Keller, is played by Robert Beebe who is supported by Mrs. Della Clement as Kate Keller, Bob Dorman as Chris Keller, Glada Ann Nichols as Ann Deever, Art Morris as George Deever, Marvin  
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Lanphere as Dr. Jim Bayliss, Jacquey Greenough as Sue Bayliss, George Cloudy as Frank Lubey, Shirley Hagman as Lydia Lubey, and Jan Albertson, Professor Albertson's son, as Bert.

The back-stage crew consists of Wilson Hong, acting as stage manager, Rod Foster in charge of lighting, Sally Bires, handling publicity and programs, Mrs. Elny Chance, taking care of make-up, Lou Boyer, building the stage sets, Smiley Seccomb, doing all the painting, and last but in no means least is Mr. William Chance, who is directing and producing the play.

Don't forget to see the production "All My Sons" on next Tuesday, March 29 at 8:00 in the Museum Hall.

### MINER VICTORIOUS

On February 26 another athletic victory was rung up for old Mines when a certain junior student won an endurance race from the Community Nurses Home to the top of Big Butte. The nurses claimed victory by default due to our contestant being a minute late for the race, but after much persuasion on his part the race was held. He was declared the victor by the narrow margin of 1/16th of an inch by a near-sighted judge who was dumb enough to break a path through the snow to reach his station. However, our contestant, being a gallant lad, declared the race a tie so as to keep the nurses on good terms with the Mines boys. Congratulations D.H.!!

### HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

Twenty six engineering and five general students at Montana School of Mines made the honor roll for the first semester.

The engineering students with a brainy 3.00 or a straight "A" average are Don Hendricks, Des Moines, Iowa; Marvin Lanphere, Spokane, Washington; Ed Westerman and Dick Westerman, both of Butte.

Other engineering students follow: Samuel Worcester, Butte, 2.71; Thomas Minette, Cut Bank, Deloy Wight, Cardston, Alberta, 2.67; Ted Lehman, Bridger, 2.63; Charles McNeil, Anaconda, 2.62; Bill Wayment, Butte, 2.50; Ranier Gevers, Nigel, South Africa, Fred Owsley, Butte, 2.43; Thomas White, Stryker, 2.41; Raymond White, Butte, 2.39; Arlan Rathke, Hamilton, 2.34; Petrus du Toit, Pretoria, South Africa, Robert Motsch, Livingston, Howard Place, Butte, 2.33; John P. Hager, Big Timber, 2.30; Jon E. Langfeldt, Great Falls, Gene Lanier, Polson, William Travis, Great Falls, 2.28; Lawrence Treiber, Billings, 2.26; Darrell Bywater, and Sidney Cooper, both of Butte, 2.25.

General students on the honor roll include: Don Mahagin, Butte, 2.89; Selma Neilsen, 2.88;

Butte; Jacquey Greenough, Butte, 2.83; Glada Ann Nichols, Whitehall, 2.53; and Gail Demmons, Divide, 2.32.

In order to be eligible for the honor roll, a student must carry a minimum of 12 hours and have an index of at least 2.25.

### LA COMB RECEIVES AWARD

Cadet Lt. Col. Joseph W. LaComb, group commander of the AFROTC Cadet Corps here at MSM, was honored as the outstanding cadet here by the Daughters of the American Colonists at the Finlen on March 5th. Making the presentation of a travel-clock to LaComb, was Mrs. George Palmer, regent.

A senior from Basin, LaComb was outstanding in the summer camp held at Geiger Air Force Base in Spokane, June and July, 1954 where he was a squadron commander. Upon graduating this June, he will enter flight training.

A member of the debate team at MSM for 2 years, LaComb received also the mining scholarship for 1954-55 presented annually by the American Smelting and Refining Company to an outstanding mining student. He is married to the former Betty Soll of Basin and has one son, Joseph, two k years old.

Dr. J.R. Van Pelt, president, and Major Dale Pinckney, Professor of Air Science, were also present. Both spoke briefly and thanked the group for the award. Cadet Lt. Col. LaComb also expressed his appreciation for this recognition.

### JUDGES CHOSEN

Professor William Chance, Mrs. Louise McBride, and Major Dale Pinckney have been chosen to judge the 20th Annual National Essay Contest for high school students in the Butte area. This contest is sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

### THETA TAU NEWS

An election was held recently at which Godfrey Howard was elected Regent, Norm Erickson vice-Regent, Ron Gevers, secretary, and George Cloudy, treasurer. Plans for some future parties were also

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Made and will be carried out in the near future.

## THE KID in the KORRIDOR

## ROTC NEWS NOTES

The Department of Air Science at MSM announces the permanent grades of cadet personnel in the AFROTC detachment at MSM.

The appointments include: Joe LaComb, group commander and Clarence Howald, deputy group commander, both with the grade of cadet lieutenant colonel. Appointed cadet majors are Richard S. Johnson, director of personnel; James Goodrich, director of operations; Harold Coolidge, adjutant; and Henry Schoo, information service officer.

By order of the cadet commander Edwin Westerman and Richard Westerman, Ernest Stenmark, and James Kerr are appointed to the permanent grade of cadet captain. Cadet first lieutenants include George Wilhelm, Jr., Don Mathis, Theodore Berthelote, John Riggelman, Norman Erickson, and Garvin Godfrey. Those made second lieutenants are Dale Barnum, James Shaffer, George Dewhurst, George Huber, James Connelly, Lawrence McCarthy.

## TRAVELER

Major Dale Pinckney, Professor of Air Science at MSM attended the Third Annual Professor of Air Science Conference at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama on March 8, 9, 10, and 11.

The purpose of the conference was to review present and future aspects of the AFROTC program in relation to national defense and citizenship training, and to discuss policies and procedures concerning the selection, education and motivation of cadets. Approximately two hundred professors of Air Science attended the conference from colleges and universities in the United States, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

## ROTC ACTIVITIES

There will be a carnival sponsored by the Arnold Air Society this Saturday night starting at 7:00 until ? Most school organizations will have booths with games of skill of all types. **DON'T FORGET TO COME! FUN! FOOD! AND PRIZES! !**

It's not too early to start looking for a date to go to the Military Ball April 15.

## DEDICATED TO:

Garv and Glada, "Walking My Baby Back Home"  
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Hall, "Where Can the Dimple Be"  
ROTC, "Sound Off"  
To the Seniors, "Someday" (we might graduate).  
To the Guy Lawyers, "Mama Doll Song"  
To the Ted Eydes, "Naughty Lady of Shady Lane"

The Kid is awful sad this week, cause it seems he just can't get anywhere around here. He tried out for the school play, but didn't get any parts when Mr. Chance found out that he couldn't even read the lines, let alone memorize them. He decided it wouldn't do any good to join the Glee Club cause he isn't taking P-Chem or Fire Assaying, and besides the Kid has a pretty good voice and doesn't want to ruin it.....

Say, all this trouble about the Senior Trip makes the Kid feel nostalgic. All these guys are arguing about where to go, and no concern about the poor Kid, who can't even go on the Junior trip. Oh, well, maybe next year he'll be able to pass something and go on a trip.

Well, HOWALD you doing these days? The Kid has a little STORY for you. It seems we HERDE of a party- DeBEER was cold, so we REGAN to drink. "BEAR not drink too much," someone said, "KERRS we've got SCHOOL tomorrow." "SADAR," I said, "EYDE be KERRful -- HUBER not talk like that, it's SHAFFER to FILE out of TOWN." So, SHEINKIN everybody's hand and wishing MOORE LOUCKS to all, we left.

## SPORTS

The Oredigger Basketball squad wound up the season with a victory at the expense of Northern. This gave the boys a 4 won 6 lost record for the conference season to place them in a tie for fourth place with Rocky Mountain.

At the meeting of the conference representatives in Helena recently, Dan Regan was chosen for the first string all-conference team and Dick Baker on the second string.

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

By defeating Dan Regan, Kenneth Paul won the Intramural Table Tennis Championship. Those taking part in the tournament were Frank Baker, Pujo, Marv Lanphere, John Stuart, George Mealy, Dick Banghart, Frank Howald, Leonard Greeley, John DeBeer, Joe LaComb, By, and Regan and Paul.

Those in the Intramural Handball tournament include Joe Nevin, Dick Sigauw, Sigauw, Jack Vogel, Bill Graham, Ed Laird, John Cashell, and Bill McGee.

The laurels for the Handball Tournament went to Bill McGee, and the runner-up was Joe Nevin.

### LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

- Ed Westerman - He has a brother.
- George Cloudy - He comes from Alaska.
- George Wilhelm - Wants to own a Volkswagon.
- Marv Lanphere - Gets pretty good grades.
- The Seniors - Might go on a trip somewhere.
- Jerry Koon - Got married last summer.

### THE ANNIE OAKLEYS OF 55.

Sally, Jacquey, Glada, and Selma have formed the Annie Oakley rifle team under the watchful eyes of Captain Holgren and Sergeant Scharn. A **WARNING** to all students of the school: Beware of playing in the gym on Thursday afternoons - Not that you need a warning of course. P.S. Sergeant Scharn couldn't take it, so a very brave fellow, Sergeant Deeds has taken his place.

THE EXECUTIVE WHO ARRIVES AT THE TOP and stays there is characterized by six traits, two investigators report in a new study of what makes administrators successful. Based on the findings of Robert Wald and Roy A. Doty, these traits are as follows:

**Tolerance.** The successful executive does not shut off ideas simply because he had not thought of them first or because they "go against the grain." He opens the door for all views and projects, insisting only that those who propose them shall also be responsible for explaining and defending their practicability.

**Stability.** The successful executive is described as having "average emotional stability." He is self-confident and self-possessed, but not to any unusual extent. "The executive position by its very nature is conducive to anxiety," say the investigators.

**Frankness.** The successful executive is frank, sincere, and honest in his interpersonal dealings, though evidencing tact and diplomacy.

**Firmness.** Tests given to a group of successful executives showed that these individuals scored high on this trait. In other words, they were positive and decisive individuals. They showed great skill in viewing a situation as a whole, in sifting out pertinent facts, and in coming to a realistic conclusion about a problem.

**Serious-mindedness.** The successful executive is personally concerned about his work, his organization and the future. His greatest satisfactions come from the progress that his organization is making.

The Executive is quoted from Educator's Dispatch, January 13, 1955)

Tranquility. Again, the tests given successful executives show them to be not stony and impassive individuals, but rather persons sensitive to things out of order. When sufficiently provoked, they express annoyance, but in a controlled manner. They expect stresses and strains in their work, and they treat them as normal---to be taken in stride.

MONEY MAY NOT BE EVERYTHING, but it helps. How large a salary do you think you should expect when you start your industrial experience? Here is a table showing the number of companies offering salaries in various ranges in 1955. These salaries are for non-veteran engineers and scientists who have not previously had business or industrial experience. These figures are taken from a recent "1955 College Recruiting Survey" published by the Midwest College Placement Association.

Salary Range	B.S.	M.S.	Ph.D.
\$250 or under	1	-	-
251 -- 275	1	-	-
276 -- 300	7	-	-
301 -- 325	13	2	-
326 -- 350	43	12	3
351 -- 375	67	19	1
376 -- 400	26	34	2
401 -- 425	-	39	3
426 -- 450	1	9	7
451 -- 475	-	-	1
476 -- 500	-	-	7
501 -- 525	-	-	11
526 -- 550	-	-	21
551 -- 575	-	-	12
576 -- 600	-	-	4
601 -- 625	-	-	1
	159	115	73

Manpower experts throughout the country expected many students to leave school by February 1 in order to enlist before the deadline for G.I. educational benefits. College deans and advisers generally felt that the benefits would eventually be extended to include future enlistees, and at this writing such action seems highly probable. Only a couple of Montana School of Mines students decided to withdraw for this purpose; others who were toying with the idea are pretty sure to be thankful that they stayed since extension of the benefits is so likely.