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MAGMA GOES TO PRESS



MSM Observes Library Week

where will take part in a program which in itself exemplifies our freedom. This particular program is National Library Week, as designated by the National Book Committee, and the freedom is the freedom to read what we please.

April 12-18 has been set aside this year as the second National Library Week. This program is aimed at emphasizing the rewards of reading for fun, knowledge, and advancement. Once again it will be a community effort on the part of individual cities, towns and villages throughout the United States where citizens of all occupations unite, in a campaign to encourage reading-in homes, schools, churches, businesses and civic centers.

The School of Mines Library joins with the other institutions in the nation to make this program a success. Unique posters displaying the National Library Week theme, "Wake Up and Read", will be posted throughout the school, and a special display of backs will and a special display of books will be featured in the library.

The National Book Committee urges everyone to take part in the program and visit a library or bookseller soon. For knowledge is power . . . and our country needs the brain-power of a better-read, better-informed America.

No Boxtops **Are Necessary**

Ten \$500 scholarships will be available to freshmen entering the Montana School of Mines for the 1959-1960 school year. Those receiving the award must take their degrees at the Montana School of Mines in some field of the mineral industries. In order to receive the scholarship the students must meet the conditions specified and must have a high scholastic standing. These scholarships are payable in equal sums at the end of each semester and are available through benefactors of the Montana School of Mines.

School of Mines Club Chartered

A Circle K Club of the Montana School of Mines was chartered Friday night by the two Butte Ki-wanis clubs in colorful and impressive ceremonies.

Here to present the charter was Kiwanis District Governor R. M. Lockwood of Bozeman.

Welcoming the new organization to the campus of the Montana School of Mines was Dr. E. G. Koch, president of the famed institution.

A dinner at Lloyd's marked the ceremonies. A representative group from the Butte Kiwanis Club, the South Butte Kiwanis Club — the sponsoring organizations — as well as other Kiwanis clubs from throughout the district-took part in the presentation of the charter.

Previously a charter had been granted to a group at Carroll Col-

lege in Helena.

The charter was accepted on behalf of the local organization by Circle Club President Kenneth Fitzpatrick. Other officers participating in the ceremonies were George Bronson, vice president; Leroy Latimer, secretary, and Don Giacomina, treasurer.

Other charter members of the club are John Jacksha, Francis Lucon, Robert Newman, Jay Thompson, Larry Judd, Francis Larvie, James O'Brien, Marvis Hash, William Burke, George Bailey, Doug-las Boehme, Roger Doherty and

School of Mines Office.

the Kiwanis family, Gov. Lockthe Kiwanis family, Gov. Hauck, Don McCaig and Oliver wood emphasi

gan, "We Build." Installing the Circle K officers

was Jim Glover. The presentation of the membership cards was made by Dr. Rob-

ert M. Heckman. Others taking part in the ceremonies were Harold Greiner, president of the Butte Kiwanis Club; Oliver Steele, president of the South Butte Kiwanis Club, and Dr.

Ken McLeod, faculty adviser. Members of the joint Kiwanis committee included Jerry Harrington, Thornton Newlove, John

Clyde E. Weed Slated to Be **Commencement Speaker at Mines**

Clyde E. Weed, chairman of the board of directors of The Anaconda Company, will deliver the commencement address at Montana School of Mines on the evening of

Announcement that the distinguished mining expert and industrial executive has accepted an invitation to address the 1959 graduating class of the Montana institution was made by Dr. E. G. Koch, president of the school, at a meeting of the State Board of Education in Helena Tuesday.

The title of Mr. Weed's address, which will be of considerable interest to the young engineering graduates and their guests, will be announced later. He is to be awarded the honorary degree of doctor of engineering.

Mr. Weed's career has been marked by many notable achievements and honors in the mining world and his address here is expected to be of importance to the entire non-ferrous metal mining industry.

He is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Michigan College of Mining and Technology.

Following his college days, Mr. Weed was a miner for the Calumet and Hecla Co., in Houghton, Mich., in 1911 and 1912. The next year he became mine superintendent of the Victoria Copper Mining Co. of Michigan and then worked for other mining concerns in northern Michigan before joining Inspiration Consolidated Copper Company, an affiliate of Anaconda, in 1921 He started as foreman of the Live Oak division at Miami, Ariz., and rose to assistant manager of that company from 1924 to 1929.

He next was with Cananea Consolidated Copper Company of Mexico, an Anaconda subsidiary, as general manager from 1930 to 1935 when he was elected president of Cananea. He also continued to serve as general manager until 1938 when he was appointed general manager of mines for The

Anaconda Company.

In 1942 Mr. Weed was named vice president of The Anaconda Company in charge of mining op-erations and in 1952 he became vice president in charge of opera-In welcoming the Montana ed to the presidency of the com-School of Mines Circle K Club to pany.

Steele.

The first Circle K Club was formed in 1936 in Washington state. Since then Circle K clubs have been organized on most of the collegiate campuses of the United States.

DST at MSM

An eight-hour drill stem chart interpretation and evaluation school will be presented by the department of petroleum engineering in two four-hour afternoon sessions April 22 and 23.

Conducting the school will be C. C. Olsen, formation testing engineer of the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company.

There will be no charge and a special invitation has been issued to operators in the Kevin-Sunburst, Cut Bank, and Pondera field areas. Further details may be obtained by contacting Prof. G. Stolz, department of petroleum engineering.

One of the greatest honors accorded to Mr. Weed was the winning of the William Laurence Saunders medal of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers in 1951. The citation accompanying this award praised Mr. Weed for "having brought to the metal mining industry a new concept of technological and operating efficiency, thus saving for the industry and for the world badly needed valuable resources . . . " The medal is one of the highest honors conferred by the AIME in recognition of distinguished achievement in min-

The Republic of Chile bestowed upon him in 1957 the Order of Merit General Bernardo O'Higgins in the rank of knight commander, which is the highest honor Chile confers upon a foreigner.

He received an honorary degree of doctor of engineering from his alma mater in 1946, received the Michigan State University Centennial Award in 1955, and the award for distinguished service presented by the Michigan State University Alumni Club of Washington, D.C., in 1957.

Mr. Weed has been a frequent visitor in Butte and played a prominent part in planning and developing major post-war mining projects here and in other areas where Anaconda operates. The townsite of the company's mining venture at Yerington, Nev., is named Weed Heights in his honor.

Mr. Weed is an officer and director of numerous Anaconda subsidiaries and a director of other concerns.

Team Captains Picked

Don Mahagin and Mel Bennett were picked by the 1958-59 basket-ball team as the co-captains for the past season. Mahagin is a junior at the Mines, and this was his third year on the varsity basketball team. Bennett is a sophomore, and this was his second year on the varsity. Both players were the high scorers for the team and the team leaders throughout the sea-



GENE TRIMBLE

Sunday, April 5, was a day of major importance on the MSM campus as the Magma went to press. Staff members, Gene Trimble and James McLaughlin, and faculty advisors, Mrs. McBride and Miss Satter, escorted the precious document to Bozeman.

In Bozeman, a conference was held with Mr. Harry Duntsch, manager of Artcraft Printers, who is collaborating on the project with Ashton Engravers of Butte. Although Mr. Duntsch made no commitment, he did say that the annual will probably be out about the third week of May.

The yearbook will have a hard semi-padded cover in green and gold. The various school functions have been divided into sections with unique and imaginative division sheets photographed by Walt Enderlin. There will be about as many pages in this year's Magma as there were in last year's, but many new features are to be included in the new yearbook which should make it a decided improvement over those of previous years.

The composition of the yearbook was guided by senior editor, Gene Trimble, and associate editor, Claude Pickard, who spent a great deal of time planning and designing. James McLaughlin is business manager, and assisted by ad salesmen, Dick Herndon and Jack Bennett. Mel Bennett, sports editor, and Dick Coppage, assistant sports editor, are responsible for the especially well-done sports section. Suzanne Dunlap is art editor. Sandra Maddock is activities editor assisted by Jacquie Trythall.



Aurelio Madrazo speaking before the graduate seminar concerning the fact that the men in the oil industry are constantly striving to improve the production methods and techniques in order to produce the maximum amount of oil at the least possible cost.

Coming Events APRIL-

16-Anderson-Carlisle meeting, room 10 Pet. Bldg., 7:30 p.m.

17-Coed Mixer, Coffee Shop, 9:00 p.m.

21-A.I.M.E. Pet. section, Physics Lecture room, Pet. Bldg.

26-Baseball double-header at Dillon.

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EDITORIAL

The staff and faculty advisors of the Amplifier would like to take this opportunity to say thanks and congratulations for the fine reception accorded our April Fool issue.

Thanks to those that played the part of scapegoat for our frivolity. Not one complaint was turned into the staff or the faculty advisors. This proves that the people of M.S.M. are broadminded and

Congratulations to the student body and faculty for helping us to prove that good clean fun is possible and that it is appreciated

We also proved the power of suggestion. Mrs. Nile has informed us that the sale of cashew nuts has increased 63.5 per cent.

As business manager of the school yearbook and newspaper, l believe I came in contact with a representative cross-section of Butte merchants while selling advertising space in the school's publications. When asked to buy space in our publications the answers received most often were as follows: How much business do I get from the School of Mines? Things are too tough this year; I can't afford it. Yes,

In answer to the first reply of "How much business do I get from the School of Mines" I don't believe the merchant is looking at the full scope of the picture. Maybe our students don't go in and buy anything from him, but maybe our janitors do, or maybe some of our administrative help do business with the establishment, and there is also our faculty and many other indirect sources such as jobbers and contractors and their employees who receive funds directly from the School of Mines. So to this merchant I ask him to answer his own

question. It would be impossible to give a fair and objective answer.

The second reply "Things are too tough this year; I can't afford it" makes the situation sound as though charity were being extended in buying an add in our publications. I'll admit things are tough in some places, but the School of Mines has not let the people down financially. Money devoted to education has been steadily increasing in the past few years. The students of M.S.M. have voted to erect a new Student Union building on campus at a cost of \$250,000. This will be paid for by the students with a building fee of \$5.00 per semester. This also adds more money to the economy of Butte.

I also asked this merchant to look at the indirect sources of in-

come made possible by the Montana School of Mines.

The last group that said "Yes, I will" are our boosters. You have seen their adds in our paper and you will see others in our yearbook. These people realize the full economic picture that the Montana School of Mines plays in the economy of Butte. Some of these people may never realize any direct profit from the students at the school, but yet they have faith in the school and what it stands for. Some profits cannot be measured directly in dollars and cents. Progress is one that falls in this category. The main drive behind progress is education. The people who boost the schools of learning know that they are really boosting progress.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"Who said he won't change a grade? - I got him to raise this paper from a"ZERO' to an 'F'."

Now What's What

During the past few weeks observers have noticed an unusual phenomenon on MSM campus. Conjectures as to its identity ran rampant. Most of its movements were so rapid that they were a blur. Could it be a flying saucer (it is the flying saucer season), a road runner, or Superman? Occasionally the object came to rest, at which time it sighted through a large, black box, set off a blinding flash of light, scanned an apparently interminable list of hiero glyphics, and blasted off again. Sometimes it could be heard to mutter, "I gotta hurry; Mean-Gene is after me; I gotta hurry!"

Then by a stroke of luck, Mean-Gene was sent out of town; the whirling object came to rest and was identified as the Magma photographer. "At last," he chortled, "I'm all caught up. What a break! What a break!"

Gene Trimble, "Mean-Gene" as he is affectionately called by the Magma staff, has been exerting a Herculean effort to get the yearbook assembled and to the printer to meet the deadline-sixty days before the date of delivery. As editor, he has had the responsibility of organizing, making assignments to the staff members, checking to see that the duties were performed, and generally supervising the entire project.

The 1959 Magma shows originality and imagination in composition and exemplifies the long hours spent by the staff in careful planning and hard work.

Theta Tau Fraternity Jig and Rumble

A dance was held by Theta Tau Fraternity at the Boulevard Fire Hall on April 3. The music was supplied by Harvey Hanna from his excellent hi-fi collection. Bill Painter supplied the entertainment for the evening with his interpretation of some of the latest dance

Plans are under way for a party that is to be held out of doors as soon as weather permits.

Gordon Ziesing, head of the committee on professional development, said his committee has contacted some excellent speakers for some future dates. As soon as arrangements have been made the schedule will be posted. The talks are sure to be of great interest to all engineering students, and all who are interested are urged to

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Record Review

by Lee Johns Our sincere thanks to the editors of the Amplifier for this space for a column devoted to the music world. We'll try to keep you in-

formed on local and national music happenings.

On the local scene, jazz-buffs should watch this column for news of the jam sessions scheduled on Sunday afternoons at the Ranchhouse. The word is anyone who can swing a little is welcome to sit in.

On the national scene, things are looking up. With the excellent music coming from the "Peter Gunn" TV series, all major recording companies are taking a careful look at their policies and several are climbing on the bandwagon for a return to good jazz and swinging instrumentals. Les Brown's "Boola", Hank Mancini's "Peter Gunn", and Cris Barber's "Petite Fleur" have helped the swing back to music and away from "twangy" guitars. Incidentally, Mancini's "Peter Gunn" album across the nation, is followed by Frank Sinatra's "Come Dance With

Recommended Spins: Reg Owen, a former Ted Heath arranger, has a new swinging album titled "Manhattan Spiritual", that we think you'll like. Three new vocal albums we recommend are the Mary Kaye Trio's "Jackpot", Keely Smith's "Swingin' Pretty", and Keely and hubby Louis Prima's "Hey Boy-Hey Girl". A new voice to watch "New in Town", should carry the lad a long way. Single-wise, "Sassy" Sarah Vaughan's reading of an oldie, "Careless", should be a welcome treat to her many fans. This is the "old" Sassy so many of us loved. Ralph Marterie's waxing of the theme from "Compulsion" should rate pretty high and is worthy of repeated spins.

Title of the Month: "I Want a Boy With a Hi Fi Supersonic Stereophonic Bloop - Bleep". What next? East Lynn?

A copywriter being interviewed for a job in an advertising agency is asked if he has worked on cigarette accounts.

"Oh, yes."

"On king-size cigarettes?" "Yes!"

"King-size filters?" "Yes."

"King-size cork-tip filters?"

"King-size cork-tip filters in a flip-top box?" "Yes."

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Debate News

At the Carrol College intercollegiate debate tournament starting April 10, Ed Lahey of MSU won first place in oratory competition. James Provost of Carrol won second and Marie Scott of Western won third place.

In interpretive reading, Cordelia Brown of MSU won first place, second place honors went to Tom Kane of MSU, and third place was won by Marie Scott of Extemporaneous speaking was won by Larry Pettit of MSU. Debate was won by Pettit and Ed Lahey of MSU. Those representing the School of Mines were Bill Burke, John Good, Hamid Raza, Dick Roberts, James O'Brien, team captain Dick Vincellette, and faculty adviser Mr. Albertson.

In Defense . . .

Dr. File-I didn't see it, but as far as I'm concerned the SUB's

Pill Box-I got my Bubble 8 back and have been eating mean pills all week end and now I'm making out the tests.

Rock Rylie — None you could print except it's a winner!

McAshcan-I didn't know that there was anything about me. I thought you were referring to Mc-

Gasmussen-I got a big kick out

Mr. Lately - Anyone who implies I'd buy a Chevrolet rather than a FORD—well, oh my . . .

Mrs. File—I learned a lot about myself I didn't know before. I thought it was quite amusing. There have been quite a few comments about my cigarettes and ca-

DAFFNITIONS

LINER-What girls darken their eyelids with (or a passenger shop). COVER-to keep under.

COPYWRITER - Professional

BY-LINE—A wolf's last words. STAT - Conjunction for "it's that" (or Bostonian "start"). COPY-To sneak the other guy's hard work.

PROOF-Necessary for backing up statements.

STEREO—Hip name for cattle. LAYOUT—To pay for the other guy's lunch.

TYPESET- Fixed specification for boy or girl.

SIG-Cigarette abbreviated. LOGO-(pronounced low-go). CONTACTS-New fangled eyepieces (or who to see for sneakpreview passes).

NEGATIVES- More than one "no."

DEADLINE-Editor's deletion. RELEASE-To sign up for another year on the apartment.

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INTRAMURAL TEAMS BATTLE FOR TITLE

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Western Montana and Rocky

Mountain, which finished one-two

in the Montana College Conference

basketball race, each placed two players on the all-star team.

The team, as selected by coach-

es and athletic directors, was an-

nounced Friday by Oscar Bjorgum,

Eastern Montana placed the fifth

Western of Dillon is represented

by Gary Cooper and George Nelson. Rocky of Billings placed Bill

Washington and Tom Quilling on the team. Eastern of Billings is

represented by Gene Espeland. Cooper is a 6-3, 205-pound sen-

ior from Thompson Falls. Nelson,

5-9 and 180, is a junior from Liv-

ingston. Washington is 6-3, weighs

190 and is a junior from Chicago.

Quilling, from Sidney, is a 5-10, 165-pound sophomore. The 6-2 Es-

peland weighs 190 and is a senior

Members of the second team are Tracey Walsh of Carroll of Hel-ena, from Anaconda; Mel Bennett

of Montana Mines, from Deer Lodge; Con Murphy of Northern Montana of Havre, from Great Falls; Ken Haines of Northern, from Sunburst, and Ken Jenkins of

Honorable mention went to John Dracon and Dick Lamb of Eastern, Conley MacDonald of Northern,

Bill Thompson and Jack Weaver of

Mines, John Kingston, Carroll, Bill

Jackson of Western and Dan Burns

Western, from Belgrade.

Billings, league secretary.

man on the squad.

from Westby.

of Rocky.

Some Bawl, Others Volley

The intramural volleyball teams are battling fast and furious for first place in the standings. The season is drawing to a close with only a few games remaining. Four teams are still very much in con-tention for first place honors. Rho I is leading the standings with a record of five wins and no losses, followed by Tau I with four wins and no losses, Third Floor with five wins and one loss, and the Faculty with three wins and one loss. The games have been very close with many overtimes being played.

Participants in badminton, handball, and table tennis are asked to complete their games so the schedule can be finished. Individuals are asked to contact their opponents and arrange their own time for play-offs. The schedules are posted on the bulletin board in the gym.

IT COULDN'T BE DONE "Somebody said that it couldn't be done-

But he, with a grin, replied He'd never be the one to say it couldn't be done

Leastways, not 'til he'd tried. So he buckled right in, with a

trace of a grin; By golly, he went right to it. He tackled the thing that couldn't

be done! And he couldn't do it."

Trudy: "Do you think that absence makes the heart grow fond-

Judy: "Definitely! Every time that Jack goes out of town, I like Bob better."

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Baseball, Track **Teams Work Out**

The Orediggers' baseball and track teams have turned out for training for the forthcoming season. The outlook for the baseball season is very good with several returning lettermen. The Miners showed very well in conference competition last year and should do even better this season. Workouts are being conducted on Leonard field during the nice days and in the gym during bad weather. The Orediggers have twenty-three men out for baseball this year, including eight lettermen. The lettermen are Dan Trbovich, Anaconda, a sophomore; Dick Donovan, Anaconda, a junior; John Ceserani, Butte, a sophomore; Dick Crnich, Butte, also a sophomore; Don Mahagin, Butte, a junior; Ken Erickson, Grand Rapids, Mich., a sopho-

Other baseball candidates are George Bronson, Butte, a freshman; Cam Brown, Vida, a freshman; Tim Driscoll, Butte, a freshman; Darwin Ekstrom, Anaconda, a freshman; Henry Greenberg, Manitoba, freshman; Mike Hines, Vallejo, Calif., a freshman; Ed Kennison, Dillon, a freshman; Gay Kravik, Havre, a sophomore; Ray Martinich, Butte, a freshman; Jay McCarthy and Bob McCarthy, both of Butte, freshmen; Tom Perrick, Butte, a sophomore; John Schulhauser, Sask., a freshman; Ed Schumaker, Jay Thompson and Bill Tiddy, both of Butte, freshmen.

The picture in track and field is not quite as bright as in baseball. There are no returning lettermen from last year. There are eight candidates for this season's track team. They are Jerry Blake, Henderson, Nev.; Dick Coppage, Redding, Calif.; Harold Hopewell Havre; Sig Johnson, Anaconda; Dan Rovig, Kalispell; Dave Rife, Miles City and Pete Sakellaris and Jim Vercella, both of Butte. Blake is a freshman, Coppage a senior, Rovig and Sakellaris are juniors and all the other candidates are

The Miners will play their first baseball game with Western Montana College of Education at Dillon on April 26. On May 3 they will take part in a 4-team tourney at Helena, and on May 10 in a 4 team tourney at Anaconda. On May 15 they will be host to a spring carnival here which will include baseball and golf. On May 25 the track squad will travel to Rexburg, Idaho, and on May 9 will compete at Montana State College

Bowling Team Third

The School of Mines bowling team made a good showing in competition with other schools of the University, Montana State College, School of Mines, Northern, Carroll, and Great Falls College of Education. The meet was held in Bozeman. Montana State University took first in the over-all standings, Montana State College second, and Montana Mines third.

Over-all Stallulligs	ALL DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON
School	Total Pins
Montana University	5119
Montana State College	5072
Montana Mines	4802
Northern Montana	4796
Carroll College	4617
Great Falls	4484
	STATE THE PARTY OF

Bob Laughlin placed seventh in the singles events, Tom Perrick eighth, and Ekstrom twelfth. The team from the Mines was chosen from those having the highest standings in the intramural bowling. Bob Laughlin won the competition with an average of 180 pins per game.

SOD SAD-SACK

The book salesman stopped at the home of the Arkansas farmer to offer his books on scientific agculture.

"Why son," said the farmer, "I ain't farmin' half as good right now as I know how. And besides, what can those book-writin' perfessers tell a fellow like me who's already wore out three good farms?"

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Sign on a Maxwell: Don't laugh, you'll be old some day, too.

If it's bad, remember it could be worse: If it's good, remember it could be better.

Most accidents happen in the home. Play safe — don't go home!

I am an alcoholic: In case of emergency, please buy me a beer.

Behind every successful man stands a woman . . . telling him that he's wrong!

While in this office, speak in a low soothing tone and do not disagree with me in any manner.

Cheer Up - No man is completely worthless. He can always serve as a bad example.

Sign in a cafe: Our bank will not sell soup and we won't cash checks.

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Know Butte . . . SOME EARLY HISTORY

The Committee of Safety in Butte City was organized in the summer of 1882, when the frequency of midnight burglars and assaults of footpads indicated the camp was infested by a band of desperate robbers

The first public school was started in the latter part of 1886; the first choral society in May of 1885.

The Stockgrowers Association was organized in June, 1885, in the Mining City.

St. James Hospital was founded in 1881 and opened by the Sisters of Charity of Fort Leavenworth in October of that year. The original building and fixtures cost \$15,000 and 45 patients were cared for in 1881 and 1882.

St. Patrick Church was opened in 1866; the Episcopal Church in October, 1875. The Presbyterian Church followed in 1878.

The Silver Bow Water company was incorporated in 1881, the source of supply being Bull's Run in Brown's gulch.

Donnell, Clark and Larabie of Deer Lodge established a branch of their banking house in Butte in 1877, under the management of W. A. Clark. They erected a building at the southwest corner of Main and Broadway.

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The Lab Story

According to an approved University type definition, a lab is an hour or more session in a course where the student has an oppor-tunity to apply practically, the theory which he learned and discussed in the regular class meeting. The students have some more colorful and descriptive definitions with which they refer to these glorious sessions of delightful fellowship and exchange of ideas.

Lab exists for many reasons and some day we are sure that the ad-ministration will let us know why. To bring you a layman's explanation in the meantime, we have made a review of several of the more popular labs and feel that



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2. LABS TEACH TOLERANCE

Labs are usually arranged so that two or more students work in a group while attempting to perform the experiment. By some odd quirk of fate, the people who are thrown into these groups usually mix as well as oil and water. Out of a group of three students, combinations such as an Einstein, a Truman, and a Harpo Marx are often found. Needless to say, relations are often strained within such a group.

Nevertheless, the thought of getting an F on a lab report rather than an A is enough to make the worst group of misfits get together and tolerate each other for a few

hours a week.
3. LABS TEACH THE VALUE OF

ADVANCE PREPARATION Dry labbing enters the life of student early in his freshman year. In fact usually in his first lab the student next to him. (who is repeating the course) furtively slips out a small sheet of paper and begins to copy figures onto his data sheet. Now our fresh

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young students, just out of high school and the Boy Scouts, have a code of honor which places such through freshman Chemistry, can't activities as dry labbing in the same category as sex and drink-

> However, when the lab is returned the next week and our young student finds he got a 40 while the wicked dry-labber got a 100, the Boy Scout laws start looking a little shabby. By the time mid-term grades come out, he has decided against joining AA and has made friends with his neighbor, for purely business reasons.

Now that our young student has realized the importance of "advance preparation," he usually starts trying to build up a small filing system of his own. These sytems in the past have been known to become so extensive as to require the services of several filing clerks to keep them up to date. However, the ordinary student rarely shoots for such a high goal and is usually satisfied with two or three filing cabinets full.
4. LABS PREPARE STUDENTS

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