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Fischer Heads Magma Staff

The Magma staff held their first meeting of the year Friday, February 12. At this meeting positions on the staff were assigned: editor, L. Fischer; associate editor, J. Bennett; art editor, J. Sigurdson; class editor, J. Cromrich; faculty editor, P. Utter; campus editor, Y. Ferris; assistant, M. Becker; sports editors, H. Higinbotham and R. Laughlin; activities editor, H. Thompson; assistant activities editors, J. Chor and M. Munoz; business staff, J. Ruffatto and J. Vercella; photographers, J. Applegate and E. Shumaker. There will be another Magma staff meeting in the very near future.

The Show Goes On

"The Girls in 509" is a comedy for Republicans, Democrats, Independents—in fact, for any voter who wants to laugh. When a not-now fashionable hotel in New York is being remodeled, a pair of hermit ladies, Sandi Maddock and Gail Jones, are discovered in one of the back suites. They have been there ever since that black night in November 1932 when Herbert Hoover lost the election. Deliberately cutting themselves off from the outside world, they vowed to remain secluded until That Man is out of the White House and a Republican is elected.

Led by Bob Varker, a professor of journalism from a small Midwestern college, who is under the impression he is working for the New York Times, the press descends upon the two ladies. Close on the heels of the press is the National Chairman of the Republican Party, who is played by Al Rule. Another visitor is Al Mondlak, the National Chairman of the Democratic Party. As members of one of the country's oldest and once richest families, the two ladies defy both politicians and are faced with eviction and disgrace. They retain their independence and privacy, however, when unheard-of wealth pours down upon them, and they move in the glittering, bejeweled triumph of the past, to a new hermitage in the Waldorf-Astoria.

The cast, suited each individually for his character, is as follows: Mimsy, Gail Jones; Aunt Hettie, Sandra Lee Maddock; Old Jim, Dave Caldwell; Ryan, Dave Robertson; Pusey, Bob Varker; Miss (Continued on page 4)

STUDENTS!

This is the last call for students to have their picture taken for the MAGMA. Any student who has not had his picture taken earlier this year, may do so by signing up at the bookstore. Pictures will be taken at Williams Camera Studio this Saturday afternoon, March 5, from 1:00 to 5:00.

Coming Events

MARCH—

- 3—Meeting, Montana Section AIME, Physics Lecture Room, 8:00 p.m.
- 5—Sigma Rho Dinner Dance, Country Club, 7:30 p.m.
- 7—Faculty Women's Club party for Student Wives and Coeds, Library-Museum Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 8—Geology Seminar, Main Hall, 7:00 p.m., Speaker, Mr. Donald Roberts, "Ewing and Donn Theory of the Ice Ages."
- 9—Meeting, Student Wives, Coed Room, Main Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 17—Student Wives, Bridge, Coed Room, Main Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- 18—International Club Dance, Library-Museum Hall, 9:00 p.m.

2.25 and Up



Dick Vincelette and Doug Wadman are last semester's pledges to the Mines 300 club. Both have a long-standing acquaintance with the honor roll.

Anderson-Carlisle Society Begins Planning for E-Day

Anderson-Carlisle has begun the preparatory plans for Engineering Day (E-Day), April 2 and 3.

At present the plans include the presentation of a first and second prize of \$30.00 and \$15.00 respectively, for the best displays presented. These displays must represent student work with equipment available on the campus and will be judged by an AIME committee.

Contrary to previous years, the entire student body will be divided by the E-Day planning committee into groups to represent the various departments. To date, the departmental division has not been accomplished; but each department has been given a chairman as follows:

Geology, Paul Schultz; physics, Al Herring; mining, Ray Utter; petroleum, Marvin Smith; metallurgy, Jim Donovan;

Mineral dressing, George Grandy; chemistry, Bob Johnson; mechanics, Pete Gross.

The Anderson-Carlisle Society would like to urge all students to participate actively in the E-Day program and begin display work as soon as their department is announced.

Grow a Beard!

By Dick Vincelette

The Student Council is sponsoring a beard-growing contest which is open to all male students at the Montana School of Mines. The contest will begin Monday, March 7, and will end on M-Day, May 4.

Prizes will be awarded for the best all-around beard, the longest beard, the most "Way-out" (unique) beard, and the "scrougiest" beard.

First prize, awarded for the best all-around beard, will consist of a new electric razor and accessories. Other prizes to be awarded will include safety razors, various shaving lotions, and other items.

Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. All participants in the beard-growing contest who wish to be eligible for a prize must register. No one will be judged who is not registered.
2. Registration will begin Monday, March 7.
3. Contestants will register with Mrs. Nile in the bookstore.
4. All contestants must be clean shaven when they register.
5. Contestants are free to register any time on or after March 5 until the contest ends. (Remember, however, that you must be clean-shaven when register.)
6. Contest winners will be picked by a panel of judges during the Kangaroo Court held during "M" Day. (The judges will be selected and announced in the near future.)
7. It is not necessary to specify which prize you wish to be eligible for, as this will be decided by the judging panel.

Thirty-Five on Honor Roll

Two seniors, Richard Vincelette and Douglas Wadman, head the Montana School of Mines Honor Roll with "straight A" averages. Placing third in index points is James Conway, a freshman, son of long-time School of Mines employee, Thomas Conway.

In order to be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must carry 12 credit hours and have an index of at least 2.25.

Engineering students whose indexes are the highest on the honor rolls this year will be awarded advanced scholarships at Montana School of Mines for the year 1960-1961.

The following is the honor roll in its entirety, together with average of classes represented:

| Name | Home | Class | Credit | Index |
|--|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Vincelette, Richard R., Billings, Montana | _____ | Sr. | 23 | 3.00 |
| Wadman, Douglas H., Cut Bank, Montana | _____ | Sr. | 23 | 3.00 |
| Conway, James T., Butte, Montana | _____ | Fr. | 19 | 2.89 |
| Boettcher, Arthur L., Great Falls, Montana | _____ | Jr. | 18 | 2.78 |
| Dram, Robert E., Butte, Montana | _____ | Fr. | 17 | 2.76 |
| Managin, Donald E., Butte, Montana | _____ | Jr. | 17 | 2.76 |
| Bull, Robert E., Long Beach, California | _____ | Fr. | 18 | 2.72 |
| Buyeu, Perry W., Wolf Point, Montana | _____ | Jr. | 18 | 2.72 |
| Davis, Edward G., Butte, Montana | _____ | Fr. | 18 | 2.72 |
| Speelman, Edwin L., Kalispell, Montana | _____ | Jr. | 18 | 2.72 |
| Mannix, Sandra Lee, Butte, Montana | _____ | Gen'l. | 17 | 2.71 |
| Cognian, William A., Manhattan, Montana | _____ | Fr. | 20 | 2.70 |
| Mock, Robert G., Butte, Montana | _____ | Sr. | 23 | 2.65 |
| Gillette, Christopher B., Rocky River, Ohio | _____ | Fr. | 17 | 2.65 |
| Thompson, Henry E., Toga, North Dakota | _____ | Soph. | 17 | 2.65 |
| Fischer, Llewelyn, Butte, Montana | _____ | Gen'l. | 16 | 2.63 |
| Varker, Robert C., Butte, Montana | _____ | Gen'l. | 16 | 2.63 |
| Herring, Alan P., McMinnville, Oregon | _____ | Soph. | 22 | 2.59 |
| Naza, Syed H., Pakistan | _____ | Sr. | 17 | 2.59 |
| Smith, Marvin Lloyd, Great Falls, Montana | _____ | Sr. | 23 | 2.48 |
| Greely, Leonard S., Great Falls, Montana | _____ | Sr. | 15 | 2.47 |
| Quinci, Francis J., Butte, Montana | _____ | Fr. | 15 | 2.47 |
| Bearaslee, Elvin H., Anaconda, Montana | _____ | Fr. | 18 | 2.44 |
| Kirchner, James C., Fountain City, Wisconsin | _____ | Sr. | 18 | 2.44 |
| Holmg, John W., Butte, Montana | _____ | Gen'l. | 20 | 2.40 |
| Utter, Robert R., Eureka, Montana | _____ | Sr. | 21 | 2.38 |
| Johnson, Robert E., Anaconda, Montana | _____ | Soph. | 24 | 2.38 |
| Keegan, Michael R., Spokane, Washington | _____ | Soph. | 25 | 2.36 |
| Vercella, James R., Butte, Montana | _____ | Gen'l. | 14 | 2.36 |
| Roberts, Donald E., Whitehall, Montana | _____ | Sr. | 26 | 2.35 |
| Coppo, Robert N., Butte, Montana | _____ | Gen'l. | 15 | 2.33 |
| Garey, Robert Webb, Kalispell, Montana | _____ | Soph. | 15 | 2.33 |
| Curtis, Ralieg, Butte, Montana | _____ | Gen'l. | 16 | 2.31 |
| Nichols, Namon J., Whitehall, Montana | _____ | Jr. | 21 | 2.29 |
| Bayliff, William H., Butte, Montana | _____ | Fr. | 18 | 2.28 |

Average of Classes Represented on Honor Roll

| | |
|--------------|------|
| 5 Juniors | 2.65 |
| 9 Freshman | 2.63 |
| 9 Seniors | 2.60 |
| 7 General | 2.48 |
| 5 Sophomores | 2.46 |

IC Plans Dance

In a meeting held on February 22, the International Club decided to have their annual dance on March 18. This dance will be semi-formal, and dates are required. Those attending will enjoy the music from one of the best bands in town.

Javaid Alvi, the President of the International Club, left for his home country of Pakistan on February 16. Manuel Galup, therefore, moved up from vice-president to acting president.

Werner Raab from Germany was elected vice-president to fill this vacancy.

Gaston Pasut from Chile, and Eduardo Antuna from Cuba gave speeches about their respective countries during a dinner held at the Episcopal Church on February 23.

Spring Has Sprung Sigma Rho Gets Jackets

As you might have noticed by now, the members in the Sigma Rho Fraternity have received their jackets. The members had a pick of three types. First, a short type

Rule Speaks At Seminar

The first mineral dressing seminar of the semester entitled "Determination of Electrokinetic Potential and Surface Charge for Highway Aggregates," was presented on February 17 by Mr. Albert R. Rule.

Rule, a resident of Butte, is a graduate in Mineral Dressing. He discussed the relationship between Electrokinetic Potential and the adhesion of an aggregate to an asphaltic emulsion. He explained how highway surfaces can be improved by selecting the proper aggregate - emulsion combination through Electrokinetic studies. The progress report has been submitted to the Highway Commission in Helena for comments and suggestions. Interested faculty members and students attended the well presented seminar.

which is all black with red Sigma Rho letters, and another short type which is black except for the sleeves which are white, and also there is the longer type which is all black with red letters.

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EDITORIAL

One soon learns in journalism that the sensational, the unusual, and the argumentative stories attract the most reader attention. Realizing these principles, these editorials have, in the past, purposely been written in a critical, argumentative manner. And the editorial writer has, in turn, been branded as being "one-way," always critical, and carrying a grudge against the world. Consequently, in an effort to break the stereotype and show some flexibility, this editorial will refrain from being critical—at the chance of losing the reader's interest—and will, instead, deliver a few well deserved compliments.

The first of the compliments goes to the International Club. Since its formation in 1957, this club has been the best organized and most active club on the Mines campus. This year, under the leadership of its president, Javaid Alvi, the International Club has been particularly outstanding. Their "Books for Korea" drive, which ended recently, was a great success. Their regularly scheduled meetings have been enthusiastically attended by both students and townspeople. Also, plans are now being laid for the all-school dance sponsored each spring by the club. Lastly, and perhaps most important, is the opportunity which membership in the International Club has afforded the members to improve and broaden themselves culturally.

The second bit of praise goes to the coeds. Like so many minority groups, the coeds have been the brunt of much criticism, and little praise. Overlooked have been the facts that, were it not for the coeds, this school would most likely have no dances, no plays and no E-day refreshments. The time and effort the coeds put in working in the coffee shop has been often overlooked, too. All things considered, any girl brave enough to attend the School of Mines deserves a compliment for her good judgment. "We only wish there were more of you."

PLACEMENT OFFICE'S SCHEDULE OF INTERVIEWS FOR MARCH, 1960

- March 3—Texaco, Inc., interviewer; Mr. Seamans, representative; Prof. Harnish, in charge of interview in Petroleum Building, Room 206.
Senior and graduate petroleum and geological engineers. Juniors for summer employment.
- March 7—Pan American Petroleum Corporation, interviewer; M. O. Heggund, representative; Prof. Harnish, in charge of interview in Petroleum Building, Room 206.
Junior students majoring in petroleum and mining engineering for temporary summer employment. Students are requested to complete form 694 with a 2" x 2" photograph attached, and have a transcript of their grades with them to present to the interviewer. Transfer students are requested to have a transcript of credits earned at other institutions as well.
- March 9—Continental Oil Company, interviewer; L. B. Myers, representative; Prof. Harnish, in charge of interview in Petroleum Building, room 206.
Seniors and graduate petroleum enegineers for positions in the Production Department. (Also, any other engineering students interested in Petroleum Production). Juniors working toward petroleum and geological engineering degrees for summer employment.
- March 10—Shell Oil Company, interviewer; E. A. Davenport and A. K. Dittmer, interviewers; Prof. Harnish, in charge of interview in Petroleum Building, room 206.
Senior and graduate students majoring in mining and geological enegineering, petroleum engineers.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"THANKS FOR HELPING US ON TH' TEST, LOUISE — WITH YOU IN THE OPPOSITE CORNER HE DIDN'T LOOK ONCE IN OUR DIRECTION."

Interest in Mines Sports Is Lacking in Butte

It has been very gratifying to see so many of the Mines students supporting the school's athletic teams. The student body has showed that it does have an interest in the school teams and I can only hope that this interest will carry over into the track and baseball season.

The players have expressed their gratitude in nine well-chosen words—"It sure feels good to have someone behind you."

If the city of Butte would only wake up and take some interest in the Mines I would be satisfied. I don't believe that the citizens of Butte dislike our school but rather they do not want to be bothered with it. I sincerely hope that the people of Butte will awake to the fact that they are living in a college town and that they have a college to be proud of and one in which they should show some interest.

Petroleum By-Products In Everyday Life

The discovery of new apparatus and the expanding knowledge of converting petroleum into petrochemical products are bringing us many of the necessities which are essential to our everyday life in modern society.

Let us cite some of the products made from the basic petrochemicals ethylene, propylene, butylene, and naphthene. Ethylene is converted into permanent antifreeze, medicinal alcohol, drugs, orlon, and other plastics. Propylene is converted into some of the important constituents of lacquers, synthetic soaps, and plastics. Butylene is the basis for synthetic rubber and nylon tires. Naphthene is an important ingredient of dacron, resins, and insulating materials.

Millions of dollars every year are being spent for methods of improving these products and in the development of new products from petrochemicals.

Students Should Submit SSCQT Applications

Applications for the April 28, 1960 administration of the College Qualification Test are now available at Selective Service System local boards throughout the country.

Eligible students who intend to take this test should apply at once to the nearest Selective Service local board for an application and a bulletin of information.

Following instructions in the bulletin, the student should fill out his application and mail it immediately in the envelope provided to Selective Service Examining Section, Educational Testing Service, P. O. Box 586, Princeton, New Jersey. Applications for the April 28 test must be postmarked no later than midnight, April 7, 1960.

According to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test for the Selective Service System, it will be greatly to the student's advantage to file his application at once. The results will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student.

Mine Rescue Begins

Courses in Mine Rescue Training and First Aid Training began at Montana School of Mines Monday, February 29.

The training in mine rescue, required of all seniors, is being conducted at the Travona Mine Rescue Station, Butte. All course work is in the afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00.

Students in petroleum and mining engineering receive this training from February 29 through March 4 and students in metallurgical, mineral dressing and geological engineering will receive the same work from March 7 through March 11.

All sophomore engineering students are required to take first-aid training which is given in the college's gymnasium. Students with last names from A through K are taking the course between February 29 and March 4, and the remainder will begin on March 7 and end March 11.

Representatives of the United States Bureau of Mines, Salt Lake City, are conducting both courses.

North East Quarter

By Jack Thomas

Welcome to the North East Quarter. To introduce myself is unnecessary, for you who know me probably wish that you didn't and those of you who don't well . . . you are not missing much. This is not intended to sound like a lecture on the first day of school, but I would like to give you an idea of the purpose behind this column. We of the staff thought that the readers of the Amplifier would like to read something informal and a little less restrained than our formal articles. Therefore, the North East Quarter, we hope, is the answer. Also, let's be honest, I like the byline.

Lately, in fact for about three weeks, much has been said loudly, and some not so loudly, about the Dean's Committee For Discipline. It seems as though many of the students feel that they, as individuals, have a right to question or at least be informed as to the proceedings of the committee. To say that the student has a right to hear "what is going on" is one thing, but to say that the student has a right to see into the personal life, and sometimes the mistakes of another, is something else. To have one of these conditions and not the other in reference to such a committee is virtually impossible. Therefore, for anyone to publicize such information is highly objectionable. It is just none of our business.

I believe the reason for the complaints is one of lack of trust in the faculty by the students. Justified or unjustified, the lack of trust remains and something should be done about it. Many (including myself), feel that the situation could be somewhat or partially remedied by placing a student on the committee to lend a more balanced representation between faculty and student body, and to be a step toward better relations between the two.

Theta Taus Hold Social

On Friday, February 20, the members of the Theta Tau Fraternity enjoyed a social which was held at the Scandia Hall. The members turned out in full force and, along with their guests, had a mose enjoyable evening.

" . . . and so," said the young man at the bar, "the engagement was off. She wouldn't marry me."

"I'll bet she would have married you if you had told her about your rich uncle," replied his drinking companion.

"That was the trouble—I did. Now she's my aunt."

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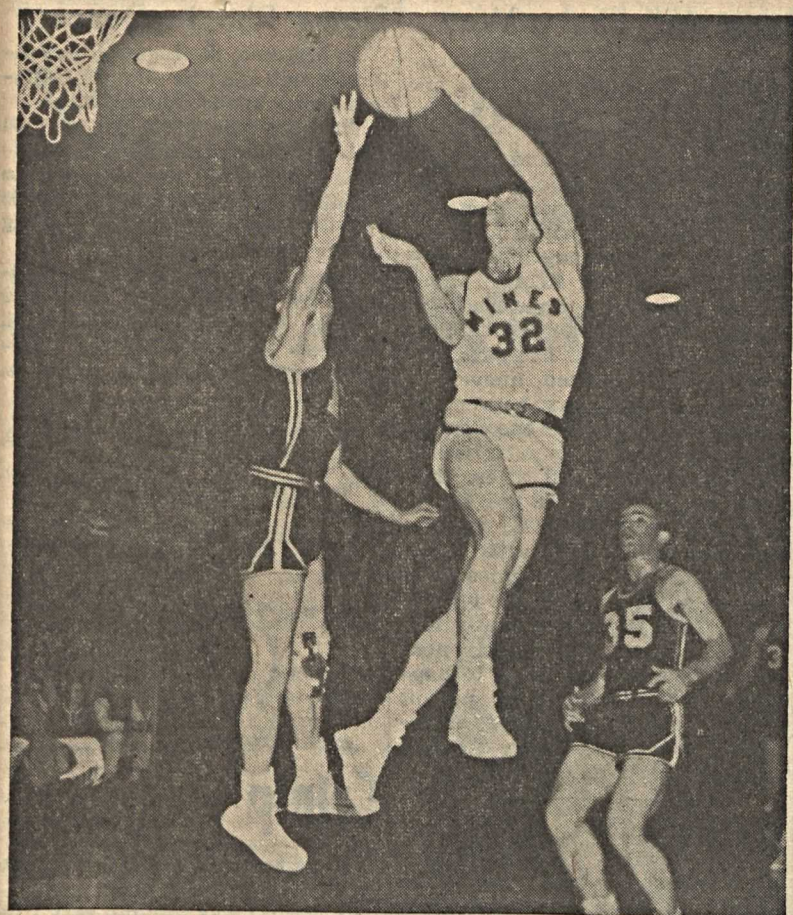
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THOMPSON SCORES AGAINST NORTHERN—Bill Thompson, versatile Oredigger guard, goes high to score despite the futile efforts of Northern defenders. Northern went on to win the game 72-65.

Goofs Defeat Seniors; Rule Basketball

The Goofs won the Intramural Basketball league with a 46-42 victory over the Seniors last Friday night in the School of Mines Gym. The Seniors dominated the first half of play leading at half by a score of 27-22. Then in the second half the Goofs got hot and cut the lead of the the Seniors, then in the final minutes overtook them to win the Championship and keep their undefeated season.

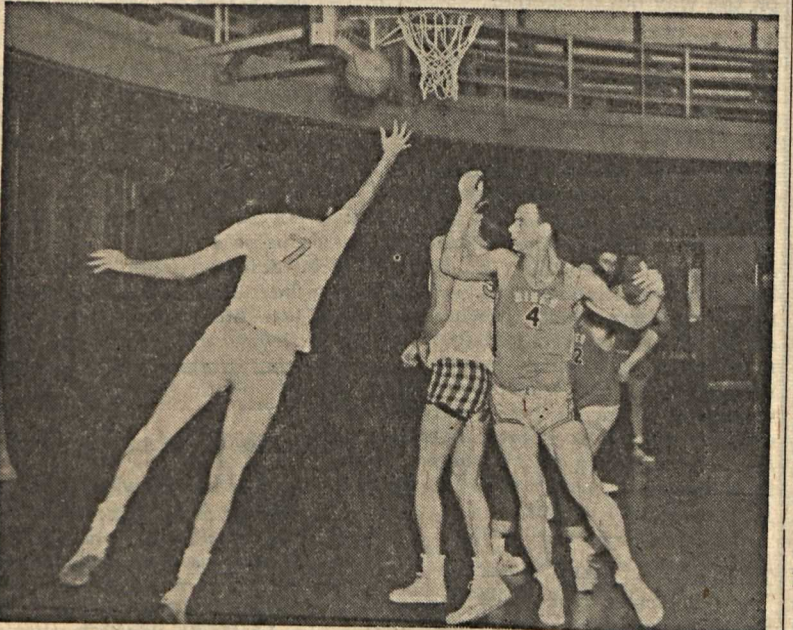
Leading the Goofs to victory was Bob Laughlin who scored 16 points followed by Mike Keegan who scored 8. Jim Donovan paced the losers with 14 points, Kelley Hemmert adding 11.

Tau 1 Second

Tau 1 defeated the Seniors to win second in the basketball league. They defeated the Seniors 22-19, in a game that was won at the free throw line. Cam Brown paced the winners' attack with 7 points. For the losers John Bjeletich and Kelley Hemmert each scored 6.

Independents Lead

In the Intramural scoring race in which scores of all events will be added up, the Independents now lead placing basketball teams 1st, 3rd and 6th to score a total of 96 points. Theta Tau is second, placing teams 22nd, 4th and 5th for a total of 90 points.



EXCITEMENT DURING CHAMPIONSHIP GAME—Here is a sample of the excitement that occurred during the Intramural Championship game between the Goofs and the Seniors. The game was won by the Goofs 46-42.

Mines-Powell Game Cancelled

The School of Mines basketball game with Northwest Community College, which was to have been played last Saturday night was cancelled and will not be made up this year. Next year the Wyoming school will play two games here instead of one to make up the contest.

The Orediggers have now completed their season, as this was the last scheduled game.

Eastern Rallies By Orediggers

Eastern Montana Yellowjackets rallied in the last minute of play, on two quick baskets by Chuck Heriem, to give them a 62-59 victory over the School of Mines Orediggers on Saturday, February 20, in the School of Mines gymnasium.

The Yellowjackets went into an early lead and mid-way in the first half were leading by as much as 12 points. Then the Orediggers started hitting with about five minutes to go until halftime. They narrowed the gap, and by half-time the Orediggers held a slim lead of 30-29.

The second half was played on even terms, and with four minutes to go the Orediggers held a four point lead, only to see it dissolved by three quick baskets by the Yellowjackets. This was enough to defeat the Orediggers in one of their best efforts of the season.

Leading the Oredigger attack were Don Mahagin with 14, Webb Garey 13, Bob Hauck 12, and Harlan Higinbotham 12. The rebounding of Don Mahagin and Webb Garey spearheaded the Oredigger attack.

The high scorer for the Eastern aggregation, and for the game, was Chuck Heriem with 24 points, with Schaffer adding 18.

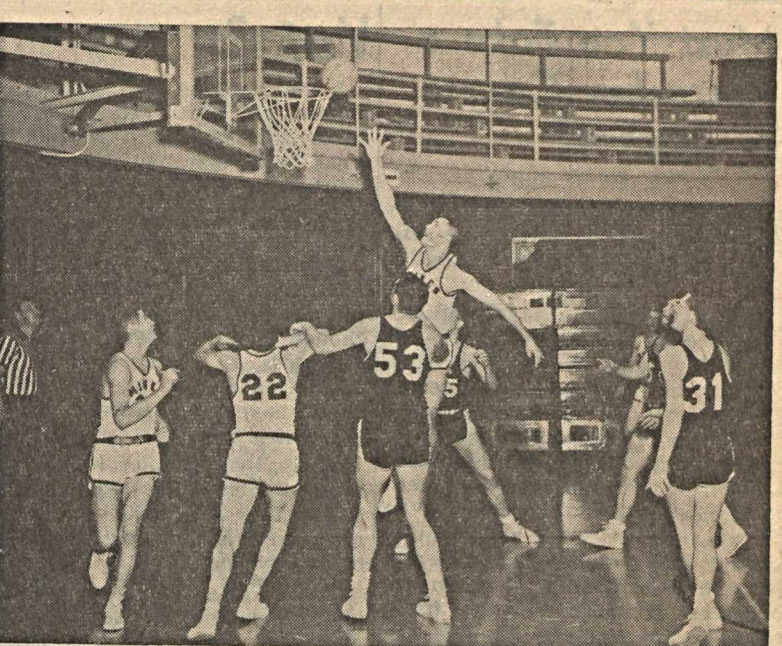
Orediggers Defeated In Final Contest

Northern Montana Lights piled up a 41-26 half-time advantage and then staved off a second half rally by the Montana School of Mines to gain a 72-65 decision over the Orediggers in the School of Mines Gym last Saturday night. This game closed the conference season for the Orediggers who ended up in the conference cellar with an 0-10 record.

The Lights were red hot in the first half and built up a stable 15 point half-time lead. The "not to be denied" Orediggers came fighting back in the second half, but the lead built up by the Lights was too much of a deficit.

Tom Warwick, of the visitors, was high scorer for the game with 19 points. Harlan Higinbotham was high scorer for the losers with 16 points, 15 scored in the second half, Webb Garey added 13 and Bob Hauck 10.

On his trip to the city, the old hillbilly was fascinated by elevators. As he stood in front of one, an old lady, bent and shriveled, entered, a light flashed and in an instant she was gone. Moments later the door opened and out stepped an attractive young woman. Walking away sadly the hillbilly muttered, "I shoulda brung Maggie along."



GAREY ADDS TWO AGAINST EASTERN—Webb Garey goes high in the air to score against Eastern. Garey scored 13 points but the Eastern aggregation won the game 62-59. Pictured here also is Bob Hauck breaking under the basket and Don Mahagin awaiting the rebound.

Bulldogs Down Orediggers

The Bulldogs from Western Montana started slow and cold, then caught fire in the last five minutes and went on to defeat the Montana School of Mines Orediggers 81-62 last Wednesday night in Dillon.

The Orediggers jumped out to an early lead hitting consistently from the field, and took a surprising 40-33 half time lead over the league-leading Bulldogs. The second half saw the Bulldogs catch the Orediggers and stay just a few points ahead until the final five minutes. Then the Bulldogs scored on almost every shot as they pulled away from the Orediggers and went on to a 81-62 victory.

Hauck High Scorer

Bob Hauck, who joined the Orediggers after the semester, was high scorer for the Orediggers and for the game with 27 points. Nelson and Selvig each counted 14 for the Bulldogs.

March Set for Spring Sports

Baseball and track prospects will report for their initial pre-season calisthenics practice session at 4:00 p.m. (or immediately after first-aid) Monday, March 7, in the gymnasium. A large turnout is expected by coach Simonich from both lettermen and prospective lettermen. Expected back to duplicate or improve their baseball prowess shown last year are Dan Trbovich, capable shortstop; James Donovan, experienced second baseman; Darwin Ekstrom and Bob Laughlin, right-handed hurlers; Dick Crnich, strong-armed outfielder; Gay Kravik and Don Mahagin, first basemen; and others.

Besides baseball and track, tennis competitors will be bolstered by the able assistance of our singles champion from last year, Manuel Munoz. Golf is also a possibility, weather permitting, as a sport of competition in the spring carnival of sports which will conclude the sports season for this school year.

Bowling Team Is Renovated

The initial 44 bowlers who started the fall semester of school have been cut to 33 by way of probation, withdrawal, or other reasons. Additional bowlers who have recently enrolled in school, if any, are urged to contact coach Simonich or Bob Laughlin as soon as possible to determine the best possible team to enter in the Montana College Conference Bowling Championships to be held in Bozeman some time in April or May.

Results of the Mines efforts in the first air-mail bowling tournament are eagerly anticipated, but as of yet no word has been received by coach Simonich as to that result. Barring any unforeseen changes, those expected to represent the Mines in Bozeman will be Bob Laughlin, Don Doner, Don Lembke, Ken Erickson and Dan Trbovich.

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Must You Take a Refresher Course In English?

By W. C. Laity

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may do well to read or re-read the Catalog description of English 1c:

"For students who have statistically fulfilled the requirements of freshman English (and in some cases advanced courses in English) but whose subsequent written or oral work has degenerated in quality. At the discretion of the instructor, a student remanded to this course may be returned for refresher training to a Freshman English class and held there until his English becomes standard, but the usual procedure will be to give the student separate tutorial instruction or classwork in small groups."

Because every teacher in the Department of Humanities and Social Studies is carrying a full teaching load as well as his share of committee work and outside activities, students who are placed in English 1c this semester may have to change their schedules to fit into sections in freshman English composition that meet at either 8 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Complaints from the technical faculty are reaching my office that a sprinkling of sophomores, juniors, and seniors are doing below standard work in their English expression. For instance, some of the reports in Physical Chemistry reflect little carry-over from training in the English composition classes. Students who want to take remedial work in English composition will surely have their wishes fulfilled if they continue to display evidence of inability to communicate properly.

25 Pounds Plus

New parents among the married students at Montana School of Mines are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mahagin, whose son, Dennis Hale, arrived on February 15. Dennis weighed 8 pounds, and 1 ounce. Lori Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zane Kelly, also arrived on February 15 and weighed 4 pounds, 8 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hoy became the proud parents of a baby girl weighing 6 pounds, and 15 ounces. They named the baby Sherrill Jean. Donald Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zipperian, was born on December 6, 1959. Baby Donald weighed 7 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces.

There's a mortician in Los Angeles who advertises: "Use Our Lay-Away Plan."

Vote?

I am sure that most of you remember the controversy that raged over the question of what the legal voting age should be. It even went so far as to become a leading political issue.

The group favoring a legal voting age of eighteen stated that if a person could get drafted at eighteen he should be responsible enough to vote at eighteen. In other words, if a person were old enough to die for his country he should have some control over how it is being run.

This group further stated that many eighteen-year-olds were as mature and as capable of voting as a person over the legal voting age of twenty-one.

Those against lowering the voting age claimed that although the draft age was eighteen, most persons, except in times of national emergency, drafted until they had finished their formal education. They also argued that although many persons were very capable of voting at eighteen the great majority of eighteen-year-olds were not emotionally stable at this age and were, therefore, not capable of voting.

Most of you reading this article have already formed your own opinions regarding this controversy but nevertheless I am going to force my own very prejudiced opinion on you. My opinion is prejudiced because of the fact that I am under twenty-one and I have always considered myself very mature and capable. It is my opinion that most people are as capable of voting at eighteen as they are at twenty-one or older. It is only logical that a young eighteen-year-old should be able to vote better than some of the old, senile people in our society. Furthermore, it is my contention that the majority of young people today have had a better and a more extensive education than any other previous generation.

You are probably asking yourself what does that nutty writer, capable of almost anything, plan to do about this very complicated situation? At the present time I have not arrived at a solution, and don't hold your breath until I do. This problem is much deeper and a great deal more complex than I have described it to be and I am sure that it is still a long way from being solved. I will fight on, however, and will probably still be classified as a "young punk" who isn't even dry behind the ears yet.

"You've got a pretty place, Frank," said the departing guest. "But it looks a bit bare yet."

"Oh," explained Frank, "it's because the trees are rather young. I hope they'll have grown to a good size before you come again."

Your Future and Your English

What advice would you give a freshman concerning the study of English in an engineering curriculum? This question was asked of two hundred alumni of the classes of 1949, 1950, and 1951 of Newark College of Engineering. They answered as follows:

1. Approach English as you would any task. Work as hard at it as you need to become proficient. English is governed by rules and laws as are all technical studies. Learn to use them.

2. Utilize every opportunity to write; and in writing, practice conveying ideas clearly and concisely.

English Is Important

3. Treat English at least as importantly as any technical course and get as broad and comprehensive an English background as possible.

4. Become proficient in expressing yourself on paper. Develop the habit of writing all decisions, since industry tries to avoid verbal orders.

5. Learn the fundamentals of grammar well. Learn how to present ideas, to put important things first, and to eliminate the irrelevant.

6. Learn to write technical papers and learn to read them. Learn how to organize and present a technical report verbally through use of charts and graphs. Above all, learn how to spell! Misspelled words create the same impression as gravy stains on a necktie.

Learn How to Use English

7. Concentrate particularly in acquiring the ability to write clear, concise letters and articles. Master completely not only grammar forms but also rhetoric. Become thoroughly able to think and speak on your feet.

8. Treat English I as you would Physics I or Chemistry I. The pen displaces the slide rule as an individual advances in engineering.

9. Pay close attention to the assignments. Advancement in business (including greater remuneration) can be achieved only by people who can express their thoughts and desires in a manner that will make them be listened to by others. This can be accomplished only by speech or composition.

Criticism Is Useful

10. Use your teacher harshly as your critic. English is a subject as important as any of the rest, and you cannot afford the luxury of letting the teacher set the pace.

11. Take English, but study communication. This, more than any other quality which you may possess, will set the rate and extent of your professional advancement.

12. Learn sentence structure and write intelligently. I think that men should be made to read other men's compositions and reports to see how miserably most people write.

13. Do not consider English as a secondary subject. It can be more valuable than any technical course. More responsibilities given to a person in his job usually mean more administrative functions — resulting in less slide-rule work and greater need for effective English to communicate ideas and policy.

14. If you do not succeed in mastering Engineering, be certain to obtain a mastery of English.

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Marriage is like a railroad sign. When you see a beautiful girl you stop and look, but after you're married, you listen.

Love Will Find a Way

The saying that love will conquer even the most forbidding obstacles received confirmation from an unexpected quarter recently. Even prison walls—and floors—will yield to its impetuous pressures. Proof of this was given by two convicts of a prison in Bonn, Germany who managed to penetrate the concrete floor of their cell to the storey underneath to reach two young girls occupying the cell below them. The girls, also tired of their isolated, uneventful existence behind bars, had enthusiastically supported the enterprise by placing their mattresses in the center of the cell where they absorbed the noise of the falling chunks of concrete. The venture was successful and, after their hard labor, the two couples were granted a few hours of the bliss of love. Their joy was abruptly terminated when the guard, next day, discovered the "road to happiness". In addition to a spell of solitary confinement, the enterprising lovers will have to bear the cost of repairs.

Short Shrift for Shirts

After the no-iron shirt which found great favour not only among bachelors but also among newly-married wives not experienced in the finer points and complexities of satisfactorily ironing a man's shirt, the West German chemical industry has gone one better. It has now succeeded in developing a special type of synthetic paper to be used for manufacturing items of clothing which can be discarded after use. The Association of West German Chemical Industries has disclosed that the raw material for this purpose will not be made from cellulose as most ordinary paper but from fully synthetic fibres. It is suitable for such personal wearing apparel as shirts, blouses and collars and also for table cloths and curtains. The "paper-cloth" which can also be colored and given printed patterns, has great strength, is dirt-repellent and moisture-resistant. It seems that laundry chores, already made much easier by automatic washing machines, may now be on the way out altogether.

The Deepest Mine In The World

The deepest mine workings in the world are in South Africa. The deepest point reached is in the Hercules Section of the East Rand Proprietary Mines Ltd., at Boksburg, near Johannesburg, where mine workings just reached a depth of just over 11,000 feet, or more than two miles below the surface of the earth. Extensive development work is being carried out, for mining at greater depths, and it is the hope of this company to extract gold ore from depths of 12,000 feet and deeper!

THE SHOW GOES ON—

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Freud, Janet Richardson; Winthrop Allen, Al Rule; Summer, Bill Standard; Van Dreyer, Johannes Dreyer; Rosenthal, Ed Shumaker; Francis X. Nella, Al Rule; and Aubrey McKittrick, Alex Mondlak.

Although the cast is complete, help is still needed for the play's production. The appearance of the stage is gradually regressing to a period of the early 1930's and the cast is frantically trying to find time to learn their lines. Date of production is set for March 21 and 22.

Sigma Rho to Dance

On March 5, the Sigma Rho Fraternity will hold its Annual Initiation Dance at the Country Club. The activities will begin at 7:30 with a buffet-type dinner. Immediately following the dinner the initiation ceremony will take place and the remainder of the evening will be spent in dancing. The dance music will be provided by Ed Bowman's Band. The dance, which is semi-formal, promises to be one of the highlights of the Sigma Rho activities.

His mother led him by the hand, But now he's wed to Rose Who guides him in a different way, She leads him by the nose.



Catnip

Many are cold, but few are frozen. Physics 21 was so-o-o-o easy first semester, that 33 per cent of the students decided that they didn't need physics anyhow. Heard Around and About: "That the Mines has the 'fastest gun in the West'" (Perhaps he is a new Maverick on crutches.) "Is it true that the SUB is going to be called Koch's folly?"

A soldier was reading a letter from his wife, when suddenly a look of pain came over his face. "What's the matter?" asked his buddy. "Bad news from home?" "I'm afraid so," said the soldier. "We have a freak in the family. My wife wrote 'you won't know little Willie. He's grown another foot.'"

The way to be seen is Stand Up!
The way to be heard is Speak Up!
The way to be appreciated is Shut Up!

A lady went to a doctor to complain about her husband's delusion. "It's awful, doctor," she exclaimed. All the time he thinks he's a refrigerator." "Well," consoled the doctor, "that isn't so bad. Quite a harmless delusion I'd say." "The delusion I don't mind, but when he sleeps with his mouth open the little light keeps me awake."

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Similar prices and similar weather conditions prevailed during the winter of 1866, when there were more people in the camp. One historian wrote: "There were no buildings where the Butte Townsite is now, but near the site of Centerville there were about 40 men and five women who thought they had the biggest town in the mountains."

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