The Mining District Basketball Tournament

Large Floor Space of School of Mines
New Gymnasium Proves Ideal for Contests—Over Two Thousand Are Seated Comfortably at One Time.

"The greatest single event ever held on the Mines' campus," is the way students, faculty, and alumni characterize the Mining District Basketball Tournament for the use of the new gymnasium on February 19, 20, and 21. The tournament brought out on the Hill eleven high school quintets to compete for the honor of representing the district at the state tournament to be held at Bozeman early in March. In addition it brought the principals of the schools, many of their faculty members, and students, to Butte, while hundreds of Butte and Anaconda people who otherwise would have had no purpose in visiting the School of Mines. They were certainly three big days for the Ore Diggers, even though the tournament was not primarily a School of Mines event.

The Mining District competition this year was held under the direction of Butte Central high school. The members of their athletic board very early recognized that the new Mines gymnasium was by far the best place in Butte to hold their event. They made arrangements for the use of the gymnasium and the large crowds expected. These things were done with personal interest to the Ore Diggers, for the tournament, they proved to be a big success and proved to be the largest event ever held in Butte.

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BASKETBALL

MINES, 29—STATE NORMAL, 3

On February 12 the Mines hoopersters capped a one-sided victory from the State Normal College by holding the teachers down to one field goal and one free throw while they amassed a total of 29 points.

Due to the condition of the floor, which was very slippery, the first half was rather slow and dull. Time after time players on both teams went sprawling on the floor and in this way numerous chances to score were lost. The half ended with the score at 6 to 1 for the Mines.

Between halves the floor was mopped and when the water had dried the players were able to secure a solid surface for the large crowds expected. During the last ten minutes of the game the Mines spurted and counted 20 points, bringing their total to 29, while the Dillonites were let down with 3 points. Downing was high scorer with 14 points to his credit and Egeberg was a close second with 10 points.

MINES, 12—BOBCATS, 20

On February 16 the Mines went down to defeat at the hands of the mighty Montana State College basketball team in one of the best-played games seen here this season. The score was 20 to 12.

The game started with a rush, and after five minutes of play the Ore Diggers took the lead with 8 points. Sigler dropped the ball through the net from inside the fouls. For the remainder of the first half it was nip and tuck, with the lead see-sawing back and forth. The end of the half found the Miners on the long end of a 9-to-7 score.

A few minutes after the second half started Cottom tied the count, and then the Bobcats stepped to the front and remained there when Hartwig found his eye and connected with the basket several times to bring his team's total to 20 points, while the Miners could only add 3 points to their total. At the final gun the score was 2 to 12, giving the Aggies a hard-earned victory.

MINES, 20—K. OF C, 11

On February 9 the Mines took a fast game from the local K. of C. independent team by a score of 20 to 11. The game was featured by the fast floor work of Egeberg and Thomson and the stellar defensive play of the entire Mines squad. The first half was fairly even with the Miners always in front. "Big Bill" Spears of the Caseys

The meeting was presided over by Pre. W. B. Tanner, who introduced Mr. C. D. Woodward, chief electrical engineer of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Woodward presented a very interesting talk on the history of the Anaconda Copper Company in South America and the probable plans and undertakings of the Anaconda Copper Company.

Mr. Woodward included in his speech a description and explanation of the methods used in the mining and smelting of the ore. His descriptions of the surface diggings and metallurgical processes employed in the smelter were very good and interesting. The speaker laid particular emphasis upon the electrical plants that furnish power for the smelter and the mining operations. A description of the country traversed in a trip to the Chile Copper Company's properties and impressions of the land and the people added personal interest to the talk.
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PASSING THE BUCK

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"What do you think of this one? 'What is an eleven-letter word meaning "joint action" that doesn't mean anything to the School of Mines student body?'"

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JUNIOR NOTES

One tournament is over only to see the coming of another. The next tournament will interest Mines men more than any one else, we suppose, as only those men are to take part in it.

In all probability five teams, maybe only four, will take part in the tournament. So far only five or six have entered; they are the "Chickens" squad and the junior team. Already feeling the excitement running high over the battle between these two teams, which will be the first game played of the tournament.

In fact, this game is talked about by the whole school. There seems to be some sort of wager up which will go to the winner at the expense of the loser. Now as to what this wager is, is only a matter of guess-work; but have you ever heard the Miners give this little yell at some hilarious moment?

"We are, we are, the engineers-I"?

Of course, we don't want to do much guessing, but we bet the losers also have a good time after the game. What say?

On Wednesday, the 18th, the Junior Class held a meeting for the main purpose of electing a captain for their basketball team. "Brick" Martin was the "goat". Incidentally, plans for a junior party were discussed.

SOPHOMORE NOTES

With one-half of the school year placed in the discard and the brightest part of the year advancing into the near future, the hopes and prospects of the sophomore class are good. The members of the true sophomore class point with pride to the record achieved during the last semester, not one of the class failing in any subject.

The students who have just completed the course in topographical drawing ought to be able to work on their studies now, due to the removal of the worry and anxiety connected with the completion of their surveying calculations.

Why is it that some people show a sudden liking for dancing? The best explanation usually includes a liking for some person of the opposite sex. According to reliable information, the Winter Garden School is being patronized frequently by that Co-ed, Mr. Mayor. Who is she, Don, and what would the folks at home say?

Ardent followers of the great noon-time, after-school, and car-hop period sport of handball will be distressed and sorrowed to hear that Mr. Weyastall is taking a correspondence course in theoretical and practical handball. It is rumored that he has invested there large sums in regulation equipment. Mr. Noel and other experts are advised to watch out for their laurels.

The most promising "shiek" we have at present is Mr. Sawyer. We have been informed that Wesley has a new girl at every Mines dance.

After the great ability shown by Mayo, Quinn, Vlassos, Anderson, Wiegenstein, Thompson, and Sigler as hot-dog salesman, waiters and confectionary vendors, these men have little difficulty in securing positions as hackers or confectionary dealers.

FRESHMAN NOTES

Some of the most interesting things have been discovered lately for course and had a large silhouette of a girl's head, symbolic of the Co-Eds, in the center. This was suspended in the middle of the gym over the orchestra, which was situated in the middle of the floor, and was a blaze of bright red.

On each backboard back of the baskets was another silhouette similar to the one on the large heart. On the decorations, "St. Valentine's Day" or "Co-Eds". The silhouette appeared on both programs and invitations. On the programs it was accompanied by coppers lettering and names of each number played written under each dance.

And the music! It was wonderful—just made you want to dance all the time. Then, too, the orchestra so ranged the time so that not one dance was so timed that no one danced.

There was punch, too, red and orange, and to judge from the popularity of the punch bowl, it must have been delicious.

A good crowd was there, and if you want to draw your conclusions from their faces, would surely admit that the dance was a complete success because every one was having a good time.

Of course, you want to know the committees that made this dance such a success. Here they are:

General and Entertainment: Effie Emsinger, chairman; Catherine Arthur, Lucia Evans, Florence Gordon, and Mrs. G. W. Craven.

Refreshment: Mrs. W. T. Scott; chairman; Mrs. Roach, and Ruth Blomgren.

Music: Andree McDonald, chairman; Mrs. Blackman, Alice Angove, and Mrs. Harsen.

Dectorations: Mrs. A. E. Adanti; chairman; Delores Chidester, Ethelyn Cubbertson, Miss Russell, Mrs. Wilson, and Claudia Woodward.

Invitations: Jane Freund, chairman; Catherine Leary, and Margaret Mac- Lanahan.

Spring fever has claimed many students. A few have left, leaving us the proverb, "Experience is a great teacher if you don't spend too much time learning one lesson.'
Due to the great success of the Co-Ed dance that was held recently in the Mines new gym, the School of Mines Dancing Club and the Co-Ed Club are busily engaged in making plans for one of the biggest dances of the year. The two organizations are the social event of the season in the Mines Dancing Club and the Co-Ed dance that was held recently. The Mines students and faculty might look forward to Mines dances at regular intervals.

THE MINING DISTRICT

The competing teams came from Anaconda, Butte high, Butte Central, Butte, Dillon, Helena, Deer Lodge, Missoula, Mount St. Charles Academy, Philipsburg, and Lima. The latter team was coached by Elmer Lodge, Missoula, and the former by Clyde Almy, a Mines graduate, and for its first appearance at a tournament, the latter team was eliminated after its strong teams, fell down somewhat in close games. Crowds running from 1000 to 2000 on Saturday witnessed the evening contests. The morning and afternoon crowds were smaller, but were fully as enthusiastic in their cheering and enjoyment of the events.

The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, held in connection with the tournament, was not under the direction of the Mines, but Prof. W. T. Scott acted as one of the three judges. It was won by Frank Lyden of Central, with James Barnes of Helena second.

At the meeting of the Mining District coaches held on Saturday morning it was voted to hold the tournament in Butte in 1926 under the auspices of Butte high school. This means that next year the Mines gymnasium will again be the center of attraction for a few days for the high schools of this section. Those of the Mines faculty and students who helped Central this time hope they can handle the 1926 event even more smoothly than the 1925.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS AT BUTTE

Lester F. Bishop, '22, formerly sampler at the Emma Mine, has been promoted to safety engineer at that mine.

John J. Barry, formerly assistant of the Beltmore Mine, has been promoted to foreman of the Kalker Mine at Spring Garden, California.

Emmet Hale, '20, formerly shift boss at the Original Mine, has been promoted to acting assistant foreman at that mine.

- The Anode.

ALUMNI PAGE

This Alumni Page cannot be continued without the support of the alumni. Our notice in the last issue that alumni subscriptions were due and payable brought only a scattering response. You cannot expect the undergraduates to bear all the burden.

Please send H. H. Nightingale, Business Manager, $1.25 to pay your subscription for 1924-25. "Do it now!"

Bob Nesbitt, one of our prominent authorities on the ways of women, says that most of the girls who used to be as pure as the snow have taken the air and drifted.

PILGER HONORED BY HOOVER

In Letter to President Craven Former Student Pays Tribute to Training Received at School of Mines Which Fitted Him for Advancement in Life

Theodore Pilger, formerly of Butte, Montana State School of Mines '12, has been appointed foreign trade commissioner by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who gave him the present appointment.

Credit to President Craven. Mr. Pilger's most important task is helping to re-establish trade relations in many lines with Germany and Central Europe, based on recent credits given Germany by the allies. Then comes a study of other European countries with the idea of developing mutual business activities.

His appointment is a special tribute to the thoroughness of President Craven's courses in mechanics and machinery and to Mr. Pilger's own drive and initiative. He is one of the strongest Montana Mines boosters and uses the slogan, "Get Montana State School of Mines recognized for what it is—the greatest mining school in the world."