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MEET YOUR FACULTY

by Bill Lees

Dr. Sheng Tai Shih is in the metallurgy department of the MSM faculty. Dr. Shih came to Montana Mines last fall from the Missouri School of Mines where he was teaching and doing research.

Dr. Shih received his B.S. in 1945 at National University at Wuchang, China. He then left the United States and Missouri Mines, where he taught for 4 years. In 1951 that institution granted his M.S. He then proceeded to Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, under a research fellowship but he returned in 1952 to work on his doctorate. After receiving his doctor's degree in 1954, Dr. Shih did special Titanium research for the air force. Several of the officials at Missouri Mines are Montana Mines' graduates and this influenced Dr. Shih's decision to come to Butte.

During the Japanese occupation of China, it was difficult for anyone to obtain an education. Shih said that they were forced to move their university location many times. Often, all they had available for study was their text books. The classes were similar to those taught in American colleges since many of the texts were of United States origin. Also, some classes were taught in English due to the great number of dialects spoken.

Dr. Shih's main concern is metallurgical research but he expresses an appreciation of classical music and photography. He is a member of the American Society of Metals and Sigma Xi, national honorary fraternity for the promotion of science. He is co-author of two technical papers: 'Cathodic Potential on Titanium in Acidic and Alkaline Solutions', and 'Cathodic Potential of Titanium-Hydro Fluoric Acid'. A third paper will be published this spring.

GRADUATING SENIORS

by R. Westerman

Russell Dugdale, a burly metallurgy major, was born in Great Falls, Montana, in 1928. He completed first grade in Great Falls, then moved to Battle, where he completed his grade school and high school education.

In the fall of 1946, he enlisted in the infantry where he served his hitch as an M.P. He received his discharge in March, 1948, and started at the School of Mines that fall. After 1 1/2 yr. he went from school, to return in 1952. He worked the school year 1954-1955, so returned to school in the fall of 1955 as a senior. On September 21, 1955, he married Joan Hamry, a Butte girl.

Russ has an impressive record of practical experience in the Anaconda Company as a miner, sampler, and smelter worker; he has also worked for the Victor Chemical Company. At the present time, he works for the Anaconda Company as an oiler on weekends and he also works part-time as a draftsman for Sullivan Valve and Engineering.

Russ is an accomplished horseman and hunter; he spends a good deal of time in the woods hunting big game or prospecting with his Geiger counter. He also likes to fly, and has his private license.

His future plans include work in a foreign country, preferably Africa. However, he is seriously considering Cerro de Pasco in Peru, as he feels opportunity exists in South America for the young engineer.

DEBATE

The School of Mines debate teams will entertain Bozeman in an intercollegiate debate match Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 P.M. in Main Hall. This year's debate question is, "Should the non-agricultural industries of the United States guarantee their employees an annual wage." Everyone is invited and it is guaranteed that these debates will not be boring. The Mines are defending state debate champions for the last two years, so break away from the books for an hour and come out and support them.

ANDERSON-CARLISLE

J. Walter Scott, assistant superintendent of development of Western Electric's Hawthorne Works near Chicago, was the speaker at a regular meeting of the Anderson-Carlisle Society last Wednesday. His topic was, "Some of the Problems and Difficulties Confronting the Metallurgical Engineer."

Godfrey Howard, society president, presided; Ed Westerman, program chairman, presented the speaker.
STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
by Ed Westerman

The Student Council voted an appropriation for the hockey team to cover the expense of medical insurance. The insurance expense was the last order in the way of an active Mines hockey team; can now go ahead and have outside games. The first games of the season will be held in the Civic Center on Sunday, January 15, at 2:00 P.M., and Monday, January 16, at 8:00 P.M. The Mines team will play the Butte Copperleafs, who have agreed to the admission of Mines students with Student Activity Cards. The games should be very interesting; they always are when you're watching your own teams play.

We're going to revive traditions and have a bidding-contest this year. We don't have any dates yet, but we'll find something to give away. The AFROTC objects to fuzzy cadets, Air Force regulations will permit a mustache. So, allow the ROTC cadets to participate in the Moustache judging, we will also give prizes for outstanding mustaches.

The Copper Guards were given hearty Council approval on their plan to sponsor dances after home basketball games. According to rumor, the dances will be held in the Museum Hall to hi-fi accompaniment.

To everybody who enjoys the lunch room facilities in the Main Building: let's make a concerted effort to keep the place clean. Bring pop bottles out to the rack; throw refuse in the garbage can. Little effort on everybody's part will make a lot of difference. We may even make it sanitary enough so that people can eat there.

KIDDER KORNER
by Markham

Hello kiddies! Here's your old Uncle Waldo back at his big desk to answer all the questions you dear little boys and girls send in to him! There were so many interesting letters this month that I just couldn't answer all of them. The ones I chose to answer seemed to be questions that might be bothering all you kiddies.

Letter 1.
Dear Uncle Waldo,
My Mummy has a strange man in her bedroom every day. She says that he is repairing the furniture and won't let me watch him. I like furniture repairing. I have tried to ask Daddy about it but he is always sleeping with his bottle on the sofa except when he is hitting me with the bottle. What I want to know, Uncle Waldo, why is there a different man every day?

Bobby, Age 5

Answer 1.
Dear Bobby,
Your old Uncle Waldo is so happy that a fine little boy like you is interested in anything as fine as furniture repairing. It is fine boys like you that come from fine homes like you do that make fine young men. Good luck in your furniture repairing career!

Uncle Waldo

Letter 2.
Dear Uncle Waldo,
I kant spel ver good but I have truble and want u to help me. Ever since I have bin in school I have had truble ridin my scooter. The uther kids laf at me and say I am dum. How can I pruv I'm as smart as they r.

Henry, Age 24

Answer 2.
Dear Henry,
Little boys and girls nowadays are too quick to laugh at other kiddies who are not as quick to learn as they are. I can see from your letter that you are a fine boy and I'm sure that in a year or so you will have no trouble riding your scooter. The main thing is to stand on one foot and kick with the other.

Uncle Waldo
THE INQUIRING REPORTER
by Art Weizer

This week the material in this column was submitted by a loyal fan and energetic reporter.

"Out upon his own to poll the students about this pertinent question: "Are Geologists odd?"

Editor:

"There is absolutely no truth to the statement - all geologists are odd. Just because I prefer my knitting to ...

Senior:

"Well, Bub, as I see it, there are only two kinds of rock. One is considered valuable and may be found all over the earth. The other is quite worthless and may frequently be found in the food."

Sophomore:

"We are now studying a newly discovered ore body which has been acclaimed by renown scientists everywhere, known as KIMOVAS NOVAKIA."

Freshman:

"I will major in Geology, if I ever get that far. This isn't my own choice for an accident put me here. After finishing high school, Dad gave me a placement test. He led me into the back room where he had placed on the table: an ore sample, a fifth of whisky, and a copy of Playboy. In my rush for this latest issue, I tripped and overturned the table, the whiskey spilled on me, and the ore sample fell right into my hand. Dad quickly rushed me to Butte."

I have heard them refer to their brother fraternity on the campus as something unprintable by any self-respecting magazine. Their names and stories are, from my viewpoint, quite without foundation.

I have heard them complain of the pathetic, useless student council and without hesitation they blame Sigma Rho whose members make up the majority of the council.

I have seen sporting activities marred by the vicious tempers of people of this fraternity. Sir, it is my sincere desire to see this fraternity make an earnest effort to vindicate itself by making efforts to show a magnanimous spirit.

Editor's note: AMPLIFIER does not necessarily hold the opinion of the above freshman student. All letters to editor will be appreciated.

ROOM 114

Coed apologies and thanks go to Ben Huber and his friend George?? Apologies for interrupting your date and thanks for starting our stalled automobile. But don't you think that out of all the men on the campus, we could have found some gallant, chivalrous souls without dates?!?!

A beard to a man is symbolic. Since time immemorial, facial foliage has symbolized virility and strength. Man's beard is a carry-over from cave man days, but as recently as the last generation, when it was the trademark of the Head of the House, the man of wrath who rules with an iron hand. This is deeply ingrained in man and he's reminded of it every time he sees a picture of his father, grandfather, or nearly any one of his forebears.

-McCalls-

Is this what the beard growing contest is going to prove?

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1st Coed: "It says in Finch that in 1850 Great Britain had a 60-hour working week."

2nd Coed: "Gee, that sounds like the School of Mines."
The Coeds presented a Christmas program at the December meeting of the Student Wives.

The program consisted of the following:ental numbers, "White Christmas" and "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town", Darien Carkeet; a singing, "Inasmuch", Glada Ann Nichols; a humorous, "Music Hath Charm", Lula Whelan; and in conclusion, there was a 1a. singing led by Glada Ann.

Refreshments were served to the coeds on 'eat and run' basis, as there were no tickets next day, but the fruit cake was saved.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING
by Jon Langfeldt

John's Cafe:
Waitress: "What do you want?"
Parker: "Two hot dogs."
Waitress: "What do you want on them?"
Parker: "Well, dogs usually have hair on them."

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After the hockey game:
Referee: "We'll have to pass out brass knuckles with the programs."

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See, Paul and Trev: "Happy Serbian New Years!"

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Poetry Corner:

The snow was coming down at a most rapid rate. The sun refused to shine, and I might add, all day, the day was very dreary and filled with gloom, except in the flats where the Copperleaves nearly met their doom.

The hockey game at the Civic Center was almost thorough, when in the waning moments some fellow's temper blew.

The fight immediately started with participation from each side.

The Mines were fighting mad as these guys had burnt their pride.

The Mines were outnumbered two to one, but Diekman took on four, and then things were turned up. Diekman raced across the floor.
This article is an unbiased survey of the attitude of great men towards the AFROTC's of beard growing by the cadets. These gentlemen are leaders in their respective fields. The question was asked, "Do you believe the students enrolled in AFROTC should be allowed to grow beards for "M" Day?"

We were the answers:

Grace: Yes, I think the opposite sex should be allowed to grow beards. We of fair sex can't, you know.

M. Terry Lee: They grow mustaches, don't they?

Rhos Romulos: (President of the Phillipines) General U. S. Grant had a beard. Of course he didn't fly airplanes, but I recall a plain Lieutenant who used to be here in the Phillipines who didn't fly airplanes and he was in the Air Force.

Ray: Let's get the facts. Maybe the cadets don't want their beards shown up.

Ter Steadfast: (Mayor of Boozers, Tenn.) We never shave when the federal boys are around inspecting for our stills.

Annie: You are goddam right they need.

Student poll was taken on being allowed to grow beards.

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No longer in school

An unbiased poll has been taken and results presented to you the public. AFROTC department is also to be thanked for their support of the declining morale of the students in this school.

**SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS HEAR TALK BY MINES PROFESSOR**

Senior Girl Scout Troop 23 heard Dr. B. W. Brown of Montana School of Mines faculty speak on topographic mapping at the regular meeting held Thursday evening at the YMCA.

Dr. Brown began by defining the word "map" as a picture with controls over space arrangements and drawn to scale. The map scale and methods of its use were explained.

Dr. Brown added that topographic maps of a given area may be obtained from the U. S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey Division, or from some blueprint offices.