"I shopped for this little jewel in the Classified Adds of the MINES AMPLIFIER--"
### HONOR ROLL - SECOND SEMESTER 1955-56

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Butte is the best protected city in the United States against fire

(Especially written for Amplifier by Clayton Maxwell, Montana Standard staff, one of our competitors and also first chief of Big Butte volunteer fire department.)

There isn't another community in the United States that has more fire protection than does greater Butte.

By a peculiar set of circumstances Butte, the city and her adjacent neighborhoods have at their command thirteen (13) fire departments that can field, in event of a major emergency, no less than 21 pieces of fire fighting equipment and one rescue truck.

Born of necessity there are 12 volunteer fire departments supported in as many residential sections just outside and adjacent to the Mining City.

These volunteer fire departments carry an enrollment of some 300 fully trained men, who, without thought of remuneration of any kind other than cooperation in the prevention of fires, stand ready to go into action in the task of saving life and property.

These firemen not only train diligently and regularly, they also carry a major portion of the financial load in supporting and maintaining these departments.

True they are supported in part by tax assessments, but the income from this source is only sufficient to pay the expenses of hydrants, certain fire fighting elements such as dry powder, Co2 and similar soda and acid extinguishers.

Through benefit dances and similar affairs these volunteer firemen finance the purchase of pumper trucks, hose, nozzles and other hand tools.

Ever on the alert to improve their services to the community, these volunteer firemen seek out and when proven, adopt the latest equipment and aids developed for the suppression of fires.

Recently the volunteer fire departments, with the aid of Federal Civil Defense funds, installed a new radio network at a cost of nearly $12,000.

This network, the first of its kind west of the Mississippi river, will do much in reducing the time a fire alarm is sounded and action against flames is taken.

Firemen do not devote their entire time to the training for and fighting fires. They are responsible for other activities that go to making life in the community more pleasant.

Each of the departments sponsors and pays from its tax revenues a street lighting district. It takes a great interest in government and is ever ready to cooperate with public officials to see that the tax dollar is well spent and good public service is provided.

These firemen are not hesitant at any time to take any public official to task if, in their opinion and after a thorough investigation, they believe that the official is not performing his duty for the best interests of all the residents.

While they appeal for financial aid from time to time to carry on their self appointed tasks, the volunteer firemen, possessors of the latest and best fire fighting equipment have one urgent appeal to make:

"Prevent fire!!!"

This can be accomplished by disposing of fuels and debris.

"Don't give fire a chance to start."

Remember, while Butte has the best fire protection of any city its size and as good as some cities three to four times as big, the smoke-eaters would rather see the equipment become antiquated from non-use than to wear it out in suppressing destructive flames.

Some day when you have time to spare and wish to see some of the sights, the metropolitan department of Butte as well as the volunteer firemen invite your inspection of their fire stations—most of which serve a dual purpose—one to house and protect equipment, and the other as a community social center.

The volunteer fire departments can be located in the following districts: Walkerville, Centerville, Big Butte, Boulevard, Home Atherton, Floral Park, Race Track, East Side, Meaderville, McQueen, East Butte, and Columbia Gardens.

"Are Miners allowed in here?"
THE KID IN THE KORRIDOR

The Kid had the strangest experience the other night. He was wandering by the gym when he heard a commotion inside. The Kid is rather curious so he wandered in. He saw ten fellows dressed in bright colors running back and forth on this floor. They would throw this ball through this net, but it just wouldn't stay in because there was a hole in the bottom. Then the Kid would watch these numbers change every time the ball went through the net. When they stopped all of this foolishness, the Mines had the biggest number so every one yelled. The Kid didn't understand, so he left.

The Kid would like to warn anybody who drives the wrong way on the circle. Someone might be coming the right way and the life you save may be the KID'S.

The Kid has noticed a lot of long beards these days. The Kid figures that before he graduates, he may be able to compete. He wonders if they are going to give a prize for the grayest beard.

The Kid has to make his ten o'clock class in the morning, so he had better get to bed.

COFFEE SHOP

by Bill Brown

A big hand should be given to Hickman and Rowe for initiating the coffee shop. It all started with a dollar hot plate and an eight cup coffee pot. The student council later gave permission to use the four burner plate and a couple of the coffee pots. Most of the time you can see fresh rolls from Gamers setting on the counter in the lunch room.

The tariff is strictly contributions. No one is making money on the coffee or roll. As long as the contributions continue, there will be coffee and rolls. No money, no coffee.

It appears as though some of the students are a little lax in keeping the lunch room clean. If everyone would put their cups, pop bottles, and waste paper in the proper containers, the place would look a lot better. The student council may decide to lock the lunch room up if a little more care is not taken.

Profs. and students alike are invited to come on down for coffee and rolls.

THIS IS YOUR COFFEE SHOP, SO LET'S TAKE CARE OF IT!!!!

Glee Club

by Russ Dugdale

The Glee Club is an organization in the school that performs at various functions throughout the school year for the benefit of the students and the people in our community. Professor Ralph I. Smith is our director and he is always in there pitching to get better songs and to improve the performance of the club. Dr. K. N. McLeod is the faculty sponsor of the Glee Club and bolsters our base section.

Throughout the school year the club puts on many and varied performances. We sing at different times for the students at the Montana School of Mines, at various civic organizations in Butte, and upon occasion at locations outside of the city.

The Glee Club not only improves a person's ability to sing, but also his public speaking ability. It requires a lot of courage to sing in front of a group of people and the members of the Glee Club think that the most strenuous performances that they have put on are the ones in front of the TV camera.

There is much contention between the different factions of the club as to which section produces the best vocal gymnastics and although we humor George Cloudy (known by the girls as Prince Charming) by telling him that he is the fairest singer in the land, we do so under duress because as anyone can tell you, it is very difficult to get first tenors.

"Tennessee" Ernie Stenmark is the president of the Club. "Old Ern" was dubbed "Tennessee" because of his miraculous performance when he was trying out for the Riders of the Purple Sage by singing "Water-Coooooool Water". This song didn't fit "Old Ern" too well because it is a well known fact that "Old Ern" just hates water. To drink, that is.

And now we come to the great lovers' section of the club. Until Feb. 4, 1956, when Petre dutoit was married to Pat Long (a local beauty of great talent who trapped this African wanderer), there was great doubt as to who the greatest lover in the group was ---- now there is no doubt. What did you give Glada for Valentine's Day, Garv (otherwise known as Hot Lips Godfrey, and it isn't because he plays a trumpet)?

In the near future the club will perform for the Pioneers' Club, the Marion White Arts Club, and the ACM Club, and the hospitals at Galen and Warm Springs. The student
Nurses will accompany the Glee Club on our trips to Galen and Warm Springs. For the interest of any or all of the students who are eager beavers, the Glee Club is always open for new members. More scuttlebutt will be presented in the next issue of the "AMPLIFIER".

CONVOCATION COMMITTEE MEETS

The student convocation committee met with the public affairs committee of the faculty on February 21, 1956. The faculty committee is composed of Dr. Koch, Professor Ralph Smith, and Professor W. W. Chance. Alan McIvor—Prosh, Barry Hansen—Soph., Jerome Weber—Junior, and Russell Dugdale, Senior, are members of the student committee. The purpose of the meeting was to plan convocation programs for the rest of the semester. The problems which confront the committee are (1) limited funds, (2) selection of a type of program which will interest the student body, and (3) what manner of approach should be used to get better attendance at convocations.

Funds present a minor problem because very fine entertainment can be provided for reasonable prices and if it is decided that more expensive entertainment should be provided, it will be a matter of submitting a budget concerning the coverage of this expense at the budget meeting of the student council next fall. Also, the school has a budget for convocation purposes. The matter at hand is to try a plan which, if successful, can be used year after year and will be suitable to all people concerned.

Programs of unlimited variety are available. It is possible to engage singers, dancers, a group to put on a play, or any amount and variety of technical or non-technical speakers or movies. It is also possible to have singing or musical organizations from other colleges perform on our stage. The possibilities are unlimited if we can institute a program which will insure adequate attendance at these functions.

The students listed above have been appointed by the student council as a convocation planning committee. We solicit your comments and ideas on the type of entertainment you would like, and the time of day for the convocation. Are evening convocations suitable to everyone?

Committee member
Russ Dugdale

THE DANGERS OF NON-SMOKING
by Ed Westerman

I came upon my old friend Dent in the coffee shop the other day, and watched him as he went through the ecstatic gyrations that accompany a nicotine fit. After he had once again entered the cold world of reality, he licked his lips, fixed me with his cold eye, and said, "Got a cig?"

As he relaxed under the influence of the narcotic weed, his tongue became loosened, and he began to speak freely. "You know," he said, "I think the world is going to the dogs" I read in the paper the other day that thirty per cent of the population of the United States has become addicted to the non-smoking habit. Think of the adverse effects this will have on the future of our country if it spreads!" He shuddered, picked a tiny piece of tobacco from the tip of his tongue, and went on. "The tobacco companies, representing one half of one per cent of the corporate wealth of the United States, will gradually be bled to death by this evil. The Federal and State governments will go broke, supporting people who would normally have died from lung cancer, but who now will live to a ripe old age. I think there's a solution though --- we should start a campaign to show people how easy it is to break the habit of non-smoking. Now, I got accustomed to cigarettes by chewing tar while smoking wool wrapped in oilcloth. Once I saw how a nicotine fit brightened up a plain old bright, sunny day, and woke up in the morning with the inimitable cigarette hangover, I was cured of non-smoking. The expense? Why, it's almost nothing—it saves me the trouble of throwing my money into the garbage can. Listen—when I see all the trouble that the tobacco companies go to in making those bright, multicolored advertisements to brighten our meager little existences, it makes a catch in my throat and causes a tear to come to my eye. How can they be wrong? Why, one doctor in a hundred has proved that cigarettes can't cause cancer! Think of the vitamins and minerals that you can get if you swallow the butt, instead of throwing it away! Besides, it makes you look like a he-man..."

That did it. It suddenly dawned on me that I had let too much of the good life slide past me already. Shouting "Hallelujah, I'm saved!", I rushed over to the bookstore, and bought two packs of Winstons for the price of one.
Crystalllography - Long tabular variety - truncations of cranial pinacoid evident
Physical Properties - Adamantine luster - glossy glossary - not exceptionally hard.
Composition - Indeterminate - Definite secondary enrichment of upper story with a B.A. and M.A.
Tests - Presence may be determined by using the "Excessive Noise in Coffee shop" test.
Diagnostic Features - Recognized by stance - absence of acid burns on hands, slide rule, metric scales, etc.
Occurrence - Subterranean Main Bldg.
Use - A source of writing skill and knowledge of the humanities.
Name - CHANCE (Wm. W. variety)
The art staff of the Amplifier desires to inform the staunch character depicted in this issue that he has not been singled out because of his appearance in the classroom, mode of dress, unruly temper, or method of teaching. Rather, he has been honored, you might say, by being the first prof. to be given such notoriety - the first of a series of Portraits of the Profs. in the School.

The sole object of this proposed series is humor - not ridicule or slander. Therefore, should any of the teaching staff feel that the comments and art work fall short of humor, the art staff of the AMPLIFIER welcomes comments and/or criticisms. Good or bad - let's hear from the professors - are you willing to pose for Portraits?

(Signed) Norm
Grand Deacon
Cult of the Dash.

SIGMA RHO NEWS

The Sigma Rhos held a dinner last Sunday in the Copper Bowl of the Finlen Hotel. This was in honor of new members who had just been initiated.

Ben Huber, Archon, introduced the present officers, old members who have returned, and the new members. These are: Dick Banghart, John Cavanaugh, C. B. McNeil, Jon Langfeldt, Al Walkup, Gene Lanier, Mike Perko, Bill Sjensson, Jack Jones, Pete Sweeney, Ross Wayment, Tom Minette, Tom Martin, Lawrence Triber, and Don Hendricks. Also in attendance were Dr. and Mrs. Koch, Dr. and Mrs. Hames, Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Smith.

It was a good party with everyone enjoying himself.

PARTY SIDELIGHTS

Who was the little man in overalls, wielding a flashlight? Seemed like he was playing a game of freeze-out and blackout with those at the Prof's.' table.

The prize for the biggest drunk went unclaimed......the ladies looked lovely in their formals---one young lady found to her dismay that a formal that hangs by gravity doesn't when you try to keep pace with a cat like Dick Sigauw....
THE COPPER GUARD

In 1935, the Copper Guard, an honorary sophomore service society, was founded on this campus. After the customary probationary period of two years they were admitted to the Order of Intercollegiate Knights, a national society with twenty-nine chapters on various campuses in the Northwest.

The Copper Guard, one of the few active organizations on this campus, sponsors the picnic and dance at the beginning of the year, the annual back to school dance, and usher at all school functions.

About this time each year, to give prospective pledges a break from the dorm's food, a banquet is held in their honor at one of the downtown dining establishments. Pledges are brought into the organization in their freshman year so that they may learn the way it operates. Then at the beginning of the sophomore year they become active members, elect their officers and run the organization.

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

by Rainer Gevers

On February 8, 1956, the Senior Class gathered in Room 115 of the Main Building. The purpose of the meeting was the discussion and preparation of a petition directed to the Faculty and concerning the abolition of the Senior Trip.

Previously, a secret ballot had been taken to determine whether the majority of the members felt strongly in favor of this drastic move. The vote resulted in a 2:1 split: 21 voted to present the petition and 10 voted against it.

A petition was drawn up by Larry McCarthy and Ted Berthelote, and their version was somewhat revised as a result of discussion at the meeting. The completed petition contains the signatures of the entire class in "For" and "Against" columns, and will be presented at the next Faculty meeting. The outlook for success, however, is rather gloomy, and the general consensus of opinion is that the Faculty will throw the petition out and that we will be forced to adhere to rigid dictatorial tradition. What do you think?

WHO'S WHAT AT M.S.M.?

This issue has been blessed with the rather questionable privilege of writing a very condensed version of the life of one Gordon "Cravat" Parker.

Gordon was born on Dec. 2, 1935, in Capetown, South Africa. Mr. Parker is very specific about this date as he remembers it from his birth certificate, which he keeps to prove he was born.

After attending the U. of Capetown for 2 years he was awarded a scholarship by the Newmont Mining Corporation. Upon receipt of this scholarship Mr. Parker relinquished his reserve commission with the Mau, Mau and came to "The Itchiest Hill on Earth."

Gordon is currently supervising mining operations at the Belmont. "Outside of being hot, wet, muggy, crispy, I believe the place has promise," sayeth Mr. Parker.

"Cravat" is a "57 Heinz" sophomore and he recently accepted a position with the Chem. Dept., confusing students. However, Mr. Parker's stay here at M.S.M. has not been all bliss. Gordon says this field is greatly over-loaded at M.S.M. and is currently organizing a subversive group to strike for higher grades and shorter schedule.

On Feb. 6, 1956, he and his room mate separated. This was a great blow to Gordon but he still hopes for a reconciliation.

Mr. Parker's contribution to American folk saying is, "Copying from one person is copying, copying from 2 people is research."

P.S. Due to circumstances beyond my control (Mayhon is the jealous type) your reporter will not be able to interview a "previously mentioned" party.

LAMPS FOR LOUNGE

Our thanks to Mrs. Ann Scott (better known as "Cokeslinger Anne") for the two fine lamps she has donated for our main lounge. The lamps give the lounge a more home-like appearance.

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Son: "Pop, how much does it cost for a marriage license?"

Pop: "Two dollars down and from then on all you make."

Unknown
CONCERNING PARKING:

This does not concern the parking you do by the light of the silvery w/your date - rather the parking in the circle-drive.

A problem exists due to the narrowness of the passage around the circle, which would be alleviated if all people would slant their cars in the same direction.

Head your car in at an angle, $\phi$.

All vehicles parked around this are to be backed in at an angle, $\phi$. 
**BASKETBALL**

In the final game of the season, the Credigger basketball squad came through with a sparkling 72-65 win over Northern Montana College of Havre. Led by high-scorers Baker and Barnum with 26 and 14 points respectively, the team managed a fine conclusion to an otherwise gloomy season. Plenty of drive and spirit were shown throughout the game, particularly by Levis and Coolidge.

During a road trip taken February 12 to NL, the team lost two games. Playing Northern at Havre, they lost by a score of 50-47 although they had a 4 point advantage at halftime. Barnum and Baker were tied for point honors, each tallying 11.

In a disputed game at Helena with Carroll College, the squad was beaten 121-66. Several records were set by Carroll players, although there is a question as to the trustworthiness of the clock which was used to time this contest. Barnum with 20 points, and Campbell with 15 were high for the Mines.

**INTRAMURALS**

At the conclusion of the intramural basketball season, the Independents have a substantial advantage in the point totals for all intramural sports. The standings present are as follows:

- **Independents**: 251 points
- **Theta Taus**: 144 points
- **Sigma Rhos**: 75 points

The final standings in the basketball competition were:

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It was not a fast lecture, it was not a slow lecture, it was kind of a half-fast lecture.

**M-CLUB**

The M-Club has been holding meetings regularly all year. New members from the '55 football team were admitted as soon as their names were made known by Coach Olsen. Jackets and sweaters were procured for those members who wanted them.

Last Monday night, the M-Club threw a very successful school party at the Rose Garden. The Student Nurses from Community and St. James were invited and the attendance from St. James was good. A good time was had by all, even though a certain person from Anaconda had to be carried back to the Residence Hall.

Plans for future activities are still in the discussion stage, but something should be coming up soon.

**DEBATE**

The debate team will leave for Missoula on Wednesday, February 29th, to debate the university team. There will be two practice rounds, and there will probably be no decisions. The university will be looking for whatever information they can pick up from the Mines team, and vice versa, so the debates should be of some value for both sides.

Eastern Montana is scheduled to come to Butte on March 5th, so if anyone is interested, the team would appreciate an audience. It is always easier to debate before a crowd, particularly a friendly one.

Don't forget the debate with Carroll on TV. It will be held on March 14th, in the evening.

Once again, the invitation is extended to anyone interested in debate to come out. Either contact Professor Albertson, or any member of the debate team for information.

Drunk to bartender: "I'll have a horse's neck."

Second Drunk: "I'll have a horse's tail then, no use killing two horses."

"It won't be wrong now," said the bride as she walked down the aisle.
**JOKES FROM THE OFFICE**

A student was shaving in the open air when one of his friends came by. "Do you always shave outside?" asked the friend.

"Of course," the student replied. "Do you think that I'm fur-lined?"

Professor: Students, because of the holidays I am dismissing you ten minutes early. Please go quietly so as not to wake the other classes.

Why does a little duck walk softly? Because a little duck can't walk hardly.

If it wasn't for the memories, How happy we'd be; I'd forget you, And you'd forget me.

Seen in the "Situation Wanted" column: Secretary—wants position; no bad habits. Willing to learn.

Then there was the little boy who told his mother he didn't want to go to school because it was haunted. The teacher was always talking about the "school spirit".

The three sizes of H-bombs -- big, bigger, and where is everybody.

A charming young thing dashed into her doctor's office: "Did I leave my panties here?" she asked.

"Yes", replied the doctor, "here they are." "Thank goodness!" exclaimed the girl. I was afraid I'd left them at the dentist's!

If it's green, it may be either spring, envy, or chlorophyll.

Conceited freshman: "Aren't you glad I'm alive?"

Coed: "Glad?? I'm amazed!"

A DAYDREAMING high school pupil, while waiting for his schedule, visions what heavenly classes would be with the following faculty, from Hollywood. Among this distinguished faculty was: biology teacher, Jane Russell; girl's physical education teacher, Clark Gable; school secretary, Sheree North; geometry teacher, Jeff Chandler; band director, Tommy Dorsey; principal, Mamie Van Doren; home economics, Alan Ladd; boy's physical education teacher, Marilyn Monroe; typing teacher, Marlon Brando; librarian, Lily St. Cyr.

"Am I glad this job is done!!"


**MARCH**

WHICH WILL IT BE???

I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles - the character of an "Honest Man".

George Washington
"—But Conway!"