Pryor Wins Oratorical Contest

Two Frosh and Soph Share Honors

The annual School of Mines oratorical contest was held in the chemistry lecture room on Tuesday, April 26, with a good sized crowd present. A number of students who had expressed interest in the contest dropped out when the event drew near leaving just three who appeared with orations. These were Philip Pryor, freshman, whose subject was “The Spirit of Vandalism,” Fred E. Johnson, Sophomore, with “Education, the Only Preventive of War,” and Joseph Newton, freshman, with “The Menace of Science.” The judges were Miss Lilian Kerrigan, co-chair of public speaking at the Butte High School, Rev. C. G. Cole, pastor of the Mountain View Methodist church, and Earle N. Gensburger, a leading Butte attorney. President G. W. Craven, presided.

All three of the orations represented considerable work and thought. The fire of Pryor’s delivery made him the choice of the judges for first place. When the votes were checked it was found that Johnson and Newton were tied as far as the first two methods of determining place were concerned and it was only when the last method was used that Johnson received the edge to give him second. Gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded respectively to the three men in accordance to the places they won. These medals have been awarded annually by the department of English. This year they were provided from a fund donated to maintain forensics at the School of Mines by the Butte Chamber of Commerce.

As a result of this contest, Philip Pryor became the entry of the School of Mines in the Montana intercollegiate contest which was held in Billings on May 6, under the auspices of Billings Polytechnic Institute. He was accompanied to Billings by Prof. Walter T. Scott, who gave him his coaching. The contestants were Joseph Monaghan from Mount St. Charles; Ralph Edgington, Montana State University, Hjalmar Landoe, Montana State College; Donald Trebar, Intermountain Union College, and Alfred Barts of Billings Polytechnic Institute in addition to the Ore Digger. Montana State Normal College, the other member of the Association, did not send a representative.

Monaghan, Edgington, and Landoe respectively, were awarded the first three places. Experienced coaches of oratory pronounced Monaghan’s effort, “World Education for Peace,” the finest given in a Montana contest in years and an unusually fine performance for a college man anywhere. The other men were much more evenly matched and decision among them was difficult. All except Pryor were experienced speakers with many appearances on the platform to their credit. He delivered his oration in good style and showed plenty of promise of developing into a winner later.

At the annual business meeting of the Montana Intercollegiate Oratorical Association, Dillon was selected as the place where the 1929 contest will be held. Prof. R. E. Albright of Montana State Normal College was selected as president for next year. Father Emmett L. Riley of Mount St. Charles as vice-president, and Prof. Walter T. Scott of the School of Mines as secretary-treasurer, a position he has held the past six years.

THE JUNIOR PROM

The junior prom is the social affair of the year that all the school and the alumni have been looking for. It is the climax of the school’s activities for the year as well as the final means the junior class takes of honoring the graduating class.

This year’s prom is expected to be the largest held in years and everything possible is being done by the Mines to assure everyone of a wonderful time. The date has been set for Friday, June 3rd. at the Columbia Gardens Pavilion with the Loomis fifteen piece orchestra and entertainment rendering the music.

Invitations for the promenade have been sent out to the alumni and friends of the school. All other arrangements have also been completed.

Come on boys; bring your girls.

Let’s go—!!

Miners Win One First at Dillon

NEW IMPROVEMENTS AT MINES

Considerable interest is being shown over the various improvements which are being started about the school. Everyone wants to know how the place will look next Fall. Well, for one thing, the swimming pool will be ready next September. Every effort is being made to have the water heater and circulation pump in operation. This will enable handball players to take showers immediately after the games.

Among the outside improvements which will undoubtedly be finished this summer are the retaining wall along the front of the buildings, a sidewalk over the retaining wall, and some curbing. Inside improvements will include new tables for the physics laboratory, additional heating facilities in the library, considerable interior painting, installation of a low water alarm and temperature recording gauge, improved ventilation for the chemistry laboratory rooms, and additional blackboards for the metallurgical buildings.

The mill building will hardly be recognizable if Mr. Haley’s program of new equipment goes through. The mill building has some very fine equipment at present, but rapid strides in milling processes have been made in the last few years and the intention is to bring the equipment up to date.

SIGMA RHO

Delta Chapter of Sigma Rho, the first chapter of a national college fraternity to be associated with the School of Mines, was installed on May 10, sixteen students being initiated as charter members. The installation and initiation ceremonies were held at the Silver Bow Club, followed by a banquet in the main dining hall of the Club. Local members of other chapters of the fraternity who had charge of the ceremonies were R. J. Studer (Beta) and H.

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Half Mile Won by Wells

A track meet was held between the Montana State School of Mines and the State Normal College at Dillon on May 20 and 21. The Normal men piled up 85 points against the Miners’ 22. This inequality of points may partly be due to the fact that the Normals had one man, Taylor, who alone made 28 points.

Among our own men only one took first place; Wells nosing out his opponents on the half mile. Possibly Mayo would have won the quarter mile but for the starter’s gun going off prematurely, which gave the Normal man the inside of the track, a pretty good advantage.

At 10 o’clock on Saturday morning a cross country race was held. The distance of two and a half miles was covered by a Normal lad in sixteen minutes and fifty-six seconds. Boyce of the Mines team made 5th place in seventeen minutes and thirty-eight seconds. Other Mines men who placed in this event were: Wells 6th, Healy 8th, and Mayo 10th.

The weather during the meet was to the great disadvantage to the men, the cross country run being through mud and snow-covered fields.

MINES STUDENT GOES TO WEST POINT

Louis Russell Wirak, a Sophomore at the School of Mines, has received this year’s appointment to West Point from Senator Wheeler. Wirak, who is a nephew of Joseph Russell, of the Silver Bow Refining Co., will leave for the Military Academy on the Hudson about June 25.

In 1925 Wirak graduated from the Lincoln High School, in Los Angeles, and entered the School of Mines the fall of the same year. At the “Mines” he has been a consistently good student, and has taken an active part, as well, in school activities, being a member of the track team for two years, a member of the Anderson Carlisle Technical Society, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Dancing Club for the current year.
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HOW TO GET ALONG
The following article published in one of last summer’s issues of the “Anode” is given here with the object of urging the students in their relations among themselves as well as with members of the faculty. There is a lot of “meat” in the following and it will be of great benefit to many to read it over a second time and then paste them on the dresser mirror where they can be read every day. Here goes:

“A certain wise man has prepared two rules to Get Along With ‘People’ which he declares are the fundamentals, the first steps in the art of attracting worthy, helpful friends. We gladly broadcast them:

1. Keep skin chains on your tongue; always say less than you think.
2. Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your worries and disappointments under a pleasant smile. Laugh at good stories and learn to tell them.
3. Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss, but don’t argue. Immerse the mind of superior minds to disagree and yet be friendly.
4. ‘Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves, and refuse to talk of another’s vices. Discourage gossip. Make it a rule to say nothing of another unless it is something good.’

We have it that one C. A. Lindbergh, who will go down in history as one of the outstanding figures of the age for his wonderful exploit a short while ago, was anything but a good scholar. True, he worked his way through college, graduating as a mechanical engineer at the University of Wisconsin. But his grades, as one of his class-mates expressed it, “were simply awful.” Another classmate says, “I never worked with a smarter man, yet he continually got failing marks.” Now the University of Wisconsin has a pretty good rating for schools, and yet, here is a man who has practically every quality which is found in men who achieve and he is “not so good” as a student. What is wrong? Is it that the Lindberghs do not fit in with the modern schools, or is it that they, the schools, are not flexible enough to cover diverse minds and temperaments. Perhaps there is too much standardization. It is a well known rule that you can standardize machinery but not men, even in the army.

Educators will here find a subject which is worthy of their utmost consideration. It will bear deep thought. Possibly, every student who is lax in his written work is not of the type to which the young aviator belongs; yet it is not at all improbable that among those students who continually get low marks for that they, the schools, are not flexible enough to cover diverse minds and temperaments. Perhaps there is too much standardization. It is a well known rule that you can standardize machinery but not men, even in the army.

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We appreciate the efforts of the Junior class toward making our departure a pleasant one by the prom, on which they are spending much time and money. We hope that in the future, the idea of a Junior-Junior dinner, which failed this year, can be carried out. A dinner such as this puts the two classes on a more cooperative basis, as they should be in a school of this size.

We pride ourselves that the work on the hill, on M day was carried out the best of any time since our sojourn at the school. We must admit however, that it took the sophomores, or rather half of them to subdue the other half of their class who went contrary to Senior orders at the dance the night of M day.

SENIOR NOTES
The Senior miners spent a week underground in the Badger State Mine of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. doing their field work in mining geology. Prof. Perry accompanied us and is helping in the construction of models and the writing of the report. We sure picked a tough area to start on.

Mayo was the only Senior to make the trip to Dillon with the track and cross-country teams.

JUNIOR NOTES
JUNIORS MAKE TRIP
The Junior class in the metallurgy of copper, comprising both the mining and the metallurgical students of the class of ’28, spent three full days at the Washoe Reduction Works at Anaconda for the purpose of becoming familiar with the metallurgical devices used at that plant. Professor A. R. Roach, acting professor of metallurgy, sponsored the trip. He budgeted the time so that the first two days were spent in a detailed inspection of the plant in general. The third day was given over to the students to gather material for the special reports.

The seven reports assigned for the last day were: Concentration, roasting, smelting at the reverberatory furnaces, converting and casting, recovery of by-products, retreatment, dust treatment and sampling. Two men were assigned to each topic.

The expedition proved to be a very interesting experience and the fellows acquired in the class was brought out by the numerous intelligent questions that were asked of Professor Roach. Certain operations that were hard to picture in class were satisfactorily cleared up on the trip.
SOPH NOTES

Now that the school year is practically over, the Soph class can look back at a season of successful school activity. From the Flag Rush last fall to the Soph Hop this spring the class has achieved success in whatever it has attempted. In addition to this it may be noted that Sophomores have maintained a high standard of scholarship, with the result that the class roll has shown very little decrease. We hope that next year, as Juniors, we may be equally successful.

According to advance reports there will be quite a few changes in the class membership next fall, as some members are planning to transfer to other colleges, and a number of men who have been working during the past year plan to return to school. Lopez, according to the dope at hand, is planning to return to Columbia; Kirchen is going to Wisconsin; Dorsh is leaving for Alaska; and Wirak is entering the United States Military Academy. "Red" O'Toole and Frank Moran, former members of the class of '28, indicate that they intend to return to school as Juniors next fall.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Readers and Others, we take great pleasure in introducing to you "Gift" McCarthy, hitherto unrecognized, but bone-the-less efficient, recently discovered as the modern re-incarnation of Don Juan. Now, ladies, don't rush, only a few at a time!

Authentic word picture of the recent Blarney-Peanuts battle: Kids Blaney and Peanuts shake hands, retiring to their respective corners, where they fiercely glare at each other for the few moments until the bell rings.

Round 1.

Both combatants leap savagely to the center of the ring. Kid Blarney bravely stops a lunging blow with his few, thus hurting Kid Peanuts' fist. Kid Blaney, not having his guard up, saves his teeth by taking a blow on the eye—Blarney puts Peanuts on the back. Blarney puts out his Bonach and lets Kid Peanuts hit it. Bell saves Peanuts from retaliation in the form of a blow to the skirt.

Rounds 2, 3, 4, etc.

Similar to the above—Kid Peanuts concedes Blarney a draw.

As the current session of the Board of Directors of the Atlas Mining Co. draws to a close, the books reveal one of the most active business periods in its history. Several gold mines have been investigated, some of them purchased. Investigations have been made of projects for centralizing the Company's mining operations, for sinking new shafts, and extending the Company's local holdings. Two new types of ore cars are being tested, as well as mucking machines, line oilers, and steel chute gates. Altogether, we should say that if the operations of the Atlas Co. are not the most successful on record during the next year it won't be because of lack of interest displayed by the Board.

Just as we go to press, news comes that Byron Wells, '29, was high point man for the Mines in the track meet at Dillon. Good going!

The Soph class has decided to preserve a record of the 1926 Maiden Rock Surveying trip by adding pictures taken by the '26 crew to the snapshot collection in the School Library.

A self-made man is like a home-made dress, serviceable, but lacks style.—Lariat.

FROSH NOTES

The Freshmen who made the trip to Dillon with the track team are: Hard, Marron, Blixt and Demney.

Bett, Foster and Newton have been granted the right to wear the official School of Mines pins which are awarded for participation in varsity debates. Pryor, who represented the school in the State Oratorical Contest, is also entitled to one.

Herbert Hard is the only member of the Freshman Class that has been nominated for an office in the A. S. M. for the coming year. Let us all support our own candidate because this seems to be the only chance that we have of assuring next year's Sophomore class some representation.

Professor Adami has been giving the Freshmen class in surveying a number of farewell tests. The next gathering of this group will be the summer surveying trip, if all goes well.

THE JUNIOR GEOLOGY TRIP

The field trip in junior geology is set for the first week after school. The students taking this trip are those taking the mining course. Professor Eugene S. Perry is in charge of the trip.

The country to be studied lies mostly east of Butte, where a variety of geology is to be found. The party will take three weeks to complete the required work. Among the place of interest to be observed is the Yellowstone Park, Alder Gulch, Boulder batholith, and other points of geological interest.

Queer, isn't it? People with wooden heads are the most careless with fire.—Forest Service Bulletin.

Motto for Exam Week: Hope for the best; look for the worst; and TAKE WHAT COMES.
SIGMA RHO

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P. Sherman (Beta), of Butte, R. S. Oliver (Alpha), of Anaconda, and R. A. Cornell (Alpha), of Dillon. The charter of Delta chapter was granted to the Samplers' Club of the School of Mines, which petitioned Sigma Rho this spring.

Sigma Rho is a fraternity of the mining profession, only men who are candidates for degrees in mining, metallurgy, and geology being admitted to active membership. Freshmen are not eligible to join. The fraternity was founded with, and has maintained high standards for professional achievement, moral conduct, and scholastic excellence. It was founded nearly forty years ago at the Michigan College of Mines, Houghton, and has taken in subsequently the chapters, Beta, at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Gamma, at the University of Kentucky, Lexington; and Delta, at the Montana State School of Mines. The present membership is near six hundred, and members are to be found in nearly every part of the world where mining exists. Local members from eastern chapters are H. P. Sherman, H. J. Rahilly, George D. Wright, George D. Curtis, W. M. Ramsay and E. R. Borchart.

The active charter membership of Delta chapter is as follows: Clarence R. Cota, of Anaconda; Henry H. Nightingale, of Butte; Fred E. Johnson, of Spokane; Norman Thompson, of Butte; Jacob Brunner, of Ovando; Charles C. Goddard, Jr., of Butte; Albion Johnson, of Great Falls; Don J. Mitchell, of Los Angeles; Glen Siger, of Anaconda; John Groh, of Clarkston, Wash.; Byron S. Wells, of Scottsville, N. Y.; Joseph T. Roy, of Anaconda; Robert E. Perry, of Phillipsburg; John McCarthy, of Walkerville; Harry J. Hinrichsen, of Butte; and John W. Warren, of Butte.

Associate members are as follows: George W. Craven, Walter T. Scott, Walker B. Carroll, E. Ralph Bowerson, A. E. Adami, and A. E. Koening.

MILL WORK

A liberal sample of gold ore was sent to the school some time ago by Geo. W. Conway, owner of the Little Joint Mine, located near Hassell, Broadwater County, Montana, to provide material for the mill test work undertaken by the senior class.

The ore from which this ore came is one of the oldest in the state, having been located in the 70's. It produced quite a bit of the yellow metal during the 80's by arastra milling; a water wheel furnishing the power. Later on a battery of stamps succeeded the arastra, being operated by the old water wheel. The recovery by stamp milling and amalgamation is so good in this case that it seems to be advisable to replace the stamps with more modern machinery.

THE M

High above Butte
A mountain rears,
And on its face an "M"
Stands forth in bold design.

Hikers climb up
Thru summer months,
And every foot a rock.
Rolls down from off the "M".

Rains of fall, storms
Of Winter leave
Their mark. The letter grays;
Spring finds its whiteness gone.

Students take note,
And from the "Mines,
A height high in code,
Climb up to paint the "M".

Brightened once more,
The letter gleams,
A high in air,
State symbol, firm and great.

—The Bear Grass Kid.

HANDBALL

A tournament in handball singles was held during the past two months at the school handball courts. Walter Murphy came out on top. Most games were fast and furious as the conditions of the courts will testify, the west court having blood spattered on its walls six feet from the floor.

Don Noel, who won the singles last year, and only recently returned from his year's course at Columbia University, (Engineering—not handball), kept score for the last game of the series, in which Hinrichsen placed second in the tournament and Hall third.

There has been some talk, especially in the east, to place handball on par with tennis, etc., in collegiate sports. Undoubtedly the Mines could put up some mighty good players in matches with the State College or University.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

A chess tournament was to be held early last month, but owing to the fact that several of the players could not arrange to play their games, the tournament had to be called off.

Those who intended to participate in the tournament were: Wirak, Gerschuvsky, Mayo, Weverstall, Nightingale, Groom, Hard, Matter and Prof. Scott.

How about starting the tourney a little earlier in the season next year? There would then be an opportunity for students to utilize their spare (?) time.

-Newly-married Co-Ed (to Butcher):
"I want a piece of meat without any gristle, bone, or fat."

Butcher: "Lady, you don't want meat. What you want is an egg."

This month's candidate for the "More Rock" Club is the Mines man who works three to five shifts a week, steps his girl on the remaining nights, and then walls about being broke.

MANY FEATURES IN YEAR BOOK

The "M" of the Montana State School of Mines for the year 1927 was distributed to a number of readers last week. The year book, a product of the junior class, is a complete collection of the activities of the school for the past year. The juniors were complimented in securing Miss Gwen Culbertson as editor in chief for the "M."

The annual is bound in brown leatherette which is embossed in a very attractive manner. That the contents of the book are cleverly arranged is brought out by the fact that the seniors have received many compliments from the readers of their publication.

The juniors wish to take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation to those who contributed to the success of the annual either by advertising or donating material to it. We also wish to thank the seniors and the lower class men for their co-operation.

Salesman: "Lady, can I sell you a vacuum cleaner?"

Lady: "No thanks, we have no vacuum to clean."—Vim.
The traditional M day of the school was held on May 4th. The turnout for the work was better than usual and but few of the students "turned minor infractions however, such as up missing." There were a number of lish, French, Spanish, Algebra and was held on May 4th. The turnout and but few of the students "turned years. The course at the Mines in-
inor infractions however, such as eludes instruction in History, Eng-
lish, French, Spanish, Algebra and other subjects. President Craven's talk was listened to with deep inter-
rested and he was accorded a rising vote of thanks.

ALUMNI MEETING
On the night of May 31st, the date at which this paper is going to press, there will be a meeting of the alumni of the School of Mines. There have been promised some interesting trans-
actions and considerations; just what they are, we can only surmise, talk has it that a number of things re-
warding the Alma Mater will be brought on the carpet. It looks as though the meeting will be one of the largest ever held.

NEW A. S. S. M. CONSTITUTION SHELVED
The A. S. S. M. Constitution which had been slated for revision, in still intact. Whether it is lack of inter-
ests or, water, lime, etc., would hard-

A. S. S. M. ELECTION HELD
Warren Elected
An election of officers for next year's management of the A. S. S. M. was held on May 31. There being only one candidate for each of the offices of president, secretary-treas-
urer, and student manager, ballots no vote held on these offices. Mar-
cus McCanna, Sophomore, and John Warren, Junior, ran for the office of vice-president with the latter winning out in a very close contest.

This election puts the administra-
tion of the A. S. S. M. next year pretty much in the hands of the Juniors. Hinrichsen is new president, Cold, the new student-manager, and Hard, sec-

The student suicide wave has not yet reached these parts. Is it that everyone has good marks or is it that there is no one with a good mark so that the less fortunate ones have any-
thing to feel downcast about.

Men who appreciate values in
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Kirchbaum clothes combine smart style with virgin all-wool fabrics and unusual moderate price—in-
vestigate these values—you'll like em. New Spring Styles now shown.

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We have secured the agency for Whitman's Candy.

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FACULTY NEWS

Now that June is here, members of the faculty are getting ready for vacation. Some will visit relatives in the East while others will enjoy themselves here at Butte. Professor Bowser is going to the University of Missouri to receive his degree as Educational Engineer as well as to take advanced work in physics and mathematics.

Professor Walter D. Scott will spend the Summer as an instructor at the Miles City Normal School. He will return to the School of Mines in the Fall.

Various Field Trips will keep Professors Adami and Perry busy. Prof. Adami will have charge of the mine survey class during June and the plane survey class during August. Prof. Perry will conduct the Junior class on their field geology trip.

It has been announced that Professors A. Maslow, instructor of mathematics, W. B. Carroll, instructor of mineralogy and secretary to the Bureau of Mines, and G. A. Roush, acting professor of metallurgy, will not be members of the faculty next year. They have as yet not announced their plans. It is not known at present who will take their places.

Prof. Curtis Wilson, assistant professor of metallurgy, has still one more year to spend at Goettingen, Germany, where he is taking advanced work in metallurgy.

Weyerstall to Edit Paper

Staff Selection Next Year.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held early in May, the matter of selecting a staff for the "Acropolitan" for next year was taken up. Mr. Cota, who was in line for editorship, showed a school spirit rarely equaled. Being the only candidate for the office of Student Manager for next year, he refused the honor of being the next editor of the school paper, claiming that one job would be enough for any man and when one job is handled right it is time to consider taking on more work.

Realizing that it would be futile to ask Mr. Cota to reconsider the matter any further, the committee selected Mr. Weyerstall as next year's editor. Mr. Weyerstall has held positions on the "Acropolitan" staff for two years, being the circulation manager this year. Mr. F. Johnson was selected as assistant editor, inasmuch as he has shown rare literary ability. During the past year Mr. Johnson was the reporter for the Sophomore class as well as a liberal special contributor.