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REMEMBER - KEEP SMILING....
BOBBY WELCOMED AT TECH---

(Ed. note: The carrier pigeon delivering this news item sorely wrenched a wing over Minot, North Dakota and had to walk the rest of the way.

The Editorial and article are from "The Daily Mining Gazette", Houghton, Michigan, dated Dec. 1, 1956)

EDITORIAL

WELCOME, DR. VAN PELT

While your arrival was inconspicuous for the lack of fanfare as you motored into town yesterday to take up your residence with Mrs. Van Pelt in Michigan Tech's presidential home, we want you to know that the entire Copper Country cordially welcomes you, and ere you are here long they will prove the sincerity of this statement. We well know it is not an easy task for one to uproot himself and move his family, bag and baggage, but we likewise hasten to assure you there is no spot on the glove that surpasses the Copper Country for genuine hospitality.

While yours is a big task, you have such a thorough academic background coupled with practical experience your success as Michigan Tech's sixth president is certain. Few if any of your predecessors who have held the coveted position as president of your Alma Mater have come so well qualified or as highly recommended. Your past activities in the various fields of engineering, with emphasis on research, makes your coming to Tech most timely.

Being selected as you were unanimously by Tech's Board of Control, all of whom were cognizant of the magnitude of the task it was to find the right man to succeed Dr. Dillman, one who would carry on the program in education and research which he had so ably fostered, is indeed a personal tribute to your scientific and technical leadership, Dr. Van Pelt.

While you are quoted as saying you accept this responsibility as a personal challenge, none of us who have been privileged to know you or know of your many accomplishments in the dual field of education and research have any qualms about your ability to bring added fame to Michigan Tech as well as add laurels to your already long list of personal accomplishments.

You can't miss - Your academic background plus your varied experience in the fields of industry, as well as your recent tenure as president of the Montana School of Mines, supported by a conscientious Board of Control and a large body of most loyal alumni predestines your stay here as president of Michigan Tech to be a most successfull one.

The Montana School of Mines' loss is Michigan Tech's gain. May your stay with us, Dr. and Mrs. Van Pelt, as well as that of your sons and daughter, be a most happy and fruitful one - and we say to you, Dr. Van Pelt, not only "Welcome," but "Welcome Back!" to your Alma Mater - a salutation we could not use with any of your predecessors.

DR. VAN PELT OUTLINES VIEWS TO TECH FACULTY

Dr. J. R. Van Pelt, who took over the presidency of Michigan Tech yesterday, addressed the faculty of the college at a general faculty meeting last evening.

In his remarks, Dr. Van Pelt revealed his philosophy of education and expressed his hopes for the accomplishment of the college in the years to come.

Stressing the need for farsightedness in undergraduate education in science and engineering, Dr. Van Pelt stated that the content matter of education should be geared to 1960, 1970 and 1980. Teachers must anticipate, he said, new developments in technology as indicated by present trends. As an example, he outlined how automation is affecting practically every field of engineering including the basic concepts.

Dr. Van Pelt also stressed the need for a broad humanistic-social base in technological education so that the engineer and scientist are not stymied when they reach the end of their technological rope in their professional development.

STRESSES COMMUNICATIONS

Stressing the value of continued development in Michigan Tech's graduate program, Dr. Van Pelt emphasized "communications" as part of the graduate curriculum. He emphasized that both the spoken language and mathematics, the language of science should be given prominence in any graduate program.

Dr. Van Pelt also asked the Michigan Tech faculty to continue its self-improvement through such creative activities as research, industrial consultation, and constant inquiry into better and new methods of teaching. Such activities, he said, would provide a college atmosphere in which both the student and the faculty member will be constantly aware of both technological and human needs.

Finally, Dr. Van Pelt emphasized the role which Michigan Tech could play in adult education and extension activities of value
the people and industries of Michigan.

Dr. Van Pelt, a Tech graduate, succeeded Grover C. Dillman, who retired last week.

MAGMA IN STORMY WATERS

Elsewhere in this issue of the Amplifier read of the difficulties encountered by the staff of last years Magma. The situation has certainly not improved this year, and an immense financial difficulty has arisen. Before proceeding with the compiling of the Magma for '57 our Editors saw it fit to report to the ASSM their findings on the probable cost of the Magma, and as a result all work has been called off pending a decision from the Student Body.

The facts of the situation are:

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To offset this deficit, advertisements to the value of $1800 must be sold. However, commission (10%) is paid to the sellers of advertisements and so a round figure of $2,000 worth of ads is reasonable.

Last year $940 worth of ads were sold, less than 50% of the value needed to be sold this year.

It is for the above reasons your editors feel that the publishing of an Annual for '57 is all high impossible.

Editor of 1957 Magma.

DISCORDS BY DORMAN

Engineering Day and the Blast are over; we can once more settle down to a normal life, accused only by the traditional pop quizzes and trilly inquisitions.

It is estimated that the total attendance at Engineering Day was about 800. Perhaps if the event would have been held on another day or during a different time of the year the attendance would have been better. Everyone who did attend, however, seemed to be highly pleased and impressed with the production. I think all of the students, as well as the faculty, are to be commended for their efforts in making our first such program in many years a success.

Concerning the blast - this event seemed to properly live up to its name; there certainly were some fair blasts during the course of the evening. The general consensus is that this year's blast was "pretty derned good". I understand that, as watered down as the skits and jokes were, several of the more tender hearts in the audience were horribly shocked. Personally, I enjoyed the show immensely; though, perhaps I don't possess the proper morals to be a good judge. Something evidently is wrong with my sense of decency, for I also enjoyed reading A Farewell to Arms, Tess of the D'Urbervilles, and Brave New World.

Getting back to more serious problems, the student body is faced with an increasingly serious financial problem. The costs of the various student activities have been continually increasing in the past years in proportion to our rising national cost of living. Income with which our functions are financed, however, has remained fairly constant, the only variable being an increase or decrease in the number of registrants each semester. At the beginning of this semester, when the ASSM funds were allocated, the Student Council was forced to cut every appropriation asked by the various school organizations. During that meeting, a student suggested that perhaps the semester activity fee should be increased from $12.50 to $15.00. Gordon Parker, our Magma editor for this year, has been informed that the cost of printing the 1956-57 Magma will be $500 greater than that of last year (It should be pointed out that the Magma is paid for by a separate $5.00 fee, apart from the student activity fee).

A change in the activity fee would require a 2/3 majority vote by the entire student body, as such a change would require an amendment to our ASSM constitution. The change would next have to be approved by the State Board of Education. I wish to state at the outset that, as president of the student body, I remain strictly neutral in such matters. A regular business meeting of the Associated Students will be held in December, at which time this issue concerning student funds will be raised. I hope many suggestions and viewpoints will be presented at that time.

K. R. Korman, Pres.
ASSM

NEW AMPLIFIER SERVICE

Any personal ads, communications, or what have you, from students and faculty will be published in a special column henceforth. Just drop them in the box in the Main Hall.
First let me say a few words in answer to the "whom it may concern" letter submitted by Mr. Lahey disputing a certain question asked here previously. Let me clarify one thing stated by the "tuition payer." The question as printed in the Amplifier contained the words "prestige of an engineering school" not "engineering students" as stated in his published letter.

Nothing "implied" that M.S.M. is "exclusively" an engineering school. M.S.M., however, is recognized as an engineering school; many here and many alumni hope it remains so. Engineering students only were asked the question. They uphold the world-wide prestige of this school, certainly not the general students, and therefore they are the concerned parties.

The question did have weak wording; however, as pointed out by an "E. G. K." in his published remarks. The fact that Mr. Lahey's letter was signed seems to be the only significant thing about it; this writer welcomes all signed criticisms.

Concerning the remarks of another writer referring to the "commenting, liberal" faculty member's comments: This writer agrees with 100 percent, but why no signature? It seems like the pot calling the kettle black.

A faculty member has asked this writer to write an article on the "good chow at the dorm." One person's opinion of the "good chow" is not enough, therefore, the question for this issue is:

As a transfer student, how do you compare the food and facilities at this dormitory with the last school you attended?

Dick Roberts, U. of Washington:
The facilities were more modern and rooms were cheerfull at the University. The food is about the same with the exception of cold chow here.

Len Cogen, New Mexico Mines:
The food and facilities seem better here.

Jerry Yoon, Wisconsin State:
The food in this dorm is much poorer and there should be a steam table. The food is always cold and the milk sometimes sour.

Scott Mahon, U. of Indiana:
I find more staples here with less variety. At the University there was too much variety and not enough meat and potatoes. We have a better building here but there is less cooperation among the residents.

Charlie Faxon, U. of Florida:
The facilities are all right here but the stuff is too greasy and the variety in food is

Friend: "So your son's in college. How's he making it?"
Contractor: "I'm making it. He's spending it."

Two opposing political candidates were arguing.
"There are hundreds of ways to make money," one declared, "but only one honest way."
"And what's that?" the other candidate asked.
"Ah-ha," the first answered, "I thought you wouldn't know."

A customs' officer asked this routine question of a feminine traveler: "Anything to declare, madam?"
"No, not a thing."
"Then am I to understand, makam, that the fur tail hanging down from under your coat is your own?"

Three men waiting for a train, decided they had time for a few drinks. Finally, two of them leaped up and ran, just in time to catch the train. The third one fell down, laughing.
"What's so funny about missing a train?" asked a passing cop.
"Those two guys," said the tipsy man, "came down to see me off."

After a convention, a salesman walked up to the office of a local hotel to sign the register. As he raised the pen, a bedbug crawled slowly across the book.

The salesman gazed at the insect for a moment, then remarked wearily to the clerk, "I've been in lots of hotels in my time and I've seen some mighty smart bedbugs. But this is the first time one ever came down to see what room I was getting."

Policeman to man who had just collided with a woman driver: "I'd settle if I were you sir! After all, it's just your work against literally thousands of hers!"

Sailor, walking into recruiting office: "Gimme that old sales talk again. I'm getting kind of discouraged."
YOUR HELPFUL HINTS COLUMN

It has come to the attention of the Amplifier staff that, recently, students here, as well as at other colleges, are not corresponding with their dear ones back home. We at the staff feel that correspondence is necessary, as well as a permanent part of one's extra-curricular activities. After many weeks of toiling research, we have arrived at what we feel will serve as an all-purpose letter home. All you must do is make several carbon copies of the letter, and when you feel it is time to write home, simply check the appropriate box, put the letter in an envelope, and mail it.

Current date: (Calendar-type, not female type)

Dear

1. I am
   □ fine
   □ so-so
   □ in pretty bad shape
   □ miserable

2. Financially, however,
   □ I am broke
   □ I am broke again
   □ I am still broke
   □ Please send money immediately

3. My love life
   □ is progressing nicely
   □ is horrible
   □ has me facing a possible sentence of 99 years

4. Most of my extra-curricular activities are
   □ expensive
   □ relaxing
   □ illegal
   □ drunks

5. My fraternity recently
   □ threw a party
   □ threw me out
   □ participated in a "panty" raid

6. My professors all
   □ like me
   □ hate me
   □ are afraid of me
   □ don't know I'm alive
   □ put me to sleep

7. When I come home, you'll be surprised to see that
   □ I have a whisker now
   □ I can go to the bathroom by myself now
   □ cute little grandson you've inherited

8. Last week I became
   □ a member of I'Pelta Thigh
   □ an athletic hero
   □ a father

9. Today, for the first time since school started
   □ I am passing in all my subjects
   □ I am stone-sober
   □ I attended a class

10. If you want to send something, please send
    □ my winter clothes
    □ my fountain pen
    □ the girl next door with her autograph of Elvis Presley. (This I have to see)

11. Last week my roommate
    □ helped me with my homework
    □ made me take a bath
    □ caught me stealing his money

12. I have purchased, in your name, at a very reasonable price
    □ a 1957 Cadillac
    □ a term paper
    □ three professors

13. I got a letter from Suzie, you know the gal down the street, so if you see her, please tell her I said
    □ thanks for writing
    □ she's invited to our prom next month
    □ to wait one more month, and if she still thinks so, to see a doctor.

14. I am somewhat of a campus hero since I
    □ won a waltzing contest
    □ started making booze from tonic in chemistry lab.
    □ passed Dr. Niles' Physics course

15. I was supplementing my allowance by working night-shift on weekends but finally had to quit because
    □ I was too tired in class
    □ I was neglecting my studies
    □ somebody stole my laggin'

16. I have been getting straight 'A's' in chemistry since I decided to
    □ do some extra studying
    □ try blackmail
    □ wear plaid neckties to lab.

17. I have been coaching a co-ed in one of her courses. She is now obviously
    □ improved in her classwork
    □ passing all her tests
    □ in her third month
Well, that's all for now. Please take heed that with this letter I send
\begin{itemize}
\item all my love
\item regards to everyone
\item six unpaid bills which I want you to pay
\end{itemize}
Your loving son,
Elmer J. Fuddfield

SIGMA RHO NEWS

This week's news is mainly dominated by social activities performed by the Fraternity. We decided to throw a Rose Garden party for the whole school after the Mines – Carroll football game. The party turned out a success, and from all reports, everybody enjoyed themselves, especially some of the freshmen members of the football team. With such a large percentage of the School attending this party, Sigma Rho decided that another Rose Garden party won't hurt anybody, apart from the more mentioned football players! So Sunday night, December 2nd, another party was held. Not much can be said about it, apart from the fact we must have another one soon! Our thanks go to the Student Nurses for their part in making these parties a success, without women, men are lost. We hope that you enjoyed yourselves, and will come to our next party.

Jim Leary and Al Rule were initiated as Sigma Rho pledges at an informal ceremony on November 28.

MINES DEFEATED BY GREAT FALLS IN OPENER

Lack of experience and height told the story of the Mines's defeat to the Malmsom Air Force Base of Great Falls by a score of 67 to 11 in the opening game of the season played on the home court last Friday.

The Mines fast broke their way into an early lead which they held for the first half of the first period. This was due mainly to the fine floor game and scoring of guards Bob Griffin and Jim Moran.

With nine minutes remaining, Great Falls spotted the score at 11 - 11 and went on to take the lead from the definitely tiring Miners with two quick baskets. Controlling the backboards coupled with a fine floor game, they went on to rack up a comfortable 32 to 19 half time lead.

Returning from the dressing room, Great Falls continued where they had left off as they piled up nine points before the Mines were able to put on a scoring spree but were never able to overcome Great Falls's advantage with the final outcome resulting in a 56 to 52 score.

However, it was apparent from the Miners first outing that they are capable of fielding a winning team with a little experience and height and depth.

High scorers for the game were Griffin with 17 points and Moran with ten points.

The Mines is slated to again meet the airmen in a return contest at Great Falls.

EDITORIAL

Due to the splendid cooperation of many people on this campus, the Amplifier now has an office. This is a great step forward and should result in a closer knit, harder working and more enthusiastic staff - what I mean is the paper should improve.

Articles do not have to be brought to the office, simply drop them in the locked box in the Main Hall and we'll pick them up. We still need more articles, any shape or style, so let's have some free-lance writing by the students who are not on the staff. There surely must be some news worth reporting from the 3800 level, the favorite beverage parlor, on the 3rd deck after 2:00 A.M.

There may be some people who aren't aware of the fact that the Amplifier now has a photographer - he's Mr. Dave Johnson. Though this issue is void of camerawork we promise that next issue will sport some great picture features -- look out Life!

Following is a list of interviews scheduled for the month of December:

December 7 - Ingersoll-Rand Company, New York, N. Y. - Miners, metallurgists, and petroleum engineers.

December 12 - Ohio Oil Company, Casper, Wyoming - June graduates, sophomores and juniors.

ANDERSON-CARLISLE SOCIETY
Student Chapter A.I.M.E.

Mr. Ed Shea, Chief Geologist of the Anaconda Company and an Alumni of the school will speak on the "Berkeley Open Pit" at the next meeting of the Society to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, 1956 in the Petroleum Bldg. The meeting will open at 7:30. Refreshments will be served. All members of the Society are urged to attend. All students are invited to hear this talk which is sure to be of great interest.