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In this issue, we are starting a new feature written by various students from other countries. This week's "AS IT LOOKS FROM ABROAD" is written by John Chellew of Chile.

Most of the democratic ideas about society in the United States are similar to those that circulate in Chile, which accounts for the harmonious relations between both countries, and explains the traditional friendship which has existed throughout their history.

The knowledge that the United States is striving for the preservation of democracy, peace, progress and inter-American friendship, makes the Chileans feel much respect and admiration towards the American people.

Besides this agreement in ideas, it is very important to emphasize the close relationship existing between the economies of Chile and the United States. It is known that Chile is essentially a mining country, especially in the field of copper, and the progress of this industry is due in a great deal to the investment of American capital. As an illustration, it will point out that the Anaconda Mining Company works the biggest open pit copper mine in the world, besides other rich deposits that had been discovered recently, which will start production in the near future. As a result of this extensive mining operation, 30% of the national budget comes from copper; in addition, the industry has over sixty thousand people working in the different mines in the country. All this has contributed to progress and a better standard of living among Chilean people.

However, I must point out that, although we Chileans understand the benefits we get from American capital, we also expect Americans to notice the benefits the United States obtains from Chilean raw materials, such as copper.

The highly favorable opinions towards the United States and its people, which during the last few years I obtained through books and personal conversation with Americans in Chile, have remained the same since my arrival to this country.

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NOTICE

There will be another student body assembly on Thursday, January 10.

Financial problems will constitute the main order of business. Let's everyone give this serious thought over the holidays and then send this important meeting and express your ideas to the assembly.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER
by J. O. G.

The question: What improvements, if financially or otherwise possible, would you most like to see made here at MSM?

Allen Rowe: De-emphasis of memorization and more concentration on reasoning in the courses taught here. Of course, there are some things which must be memorized and after one leaves school, more memorized facts will be required, but more often than not, these will be developed through constant usage.

Newton Rose: I would like to see an extension of the library hours to at least eleven o'clock during the week. On weekends, the hours available for research and study should be greatly expanded.

Ken Evans: The improvement that would do the school the most good would be the erection of an adequate research center to compete with the other engineering schools because research is the backbone of a thorough engineering education.

John Hager: A revision in the curricula would result in better qualified engineers. Especially in mineral dressing, more emphasis on organic and colloidal chemistry and less on elements of mining and applied electricity would seem to be better. Also, it has been pointed out to me through conversation with former Mines' students that the mathematics department is very inadequate. Calculus is of insufficient content to allow transferring to any other engineering college; it is not up to par with their equivalent courses.

Walter Morton: A television set in the lounge of the dormitory would be an improvement in the morale of the students here. Many students, in their spare time, do not know now exactly what they want to do and end up down town drinking. A television set would save the students' time and money.

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Jim Donovan blocks Gene Lanier's shot as Al Trimble and Roger Markle wait for the rebound. The Squirts went on to defeat the Rhos 33-21.

Coach Olsen to Attend Football Coaches Meeting

January 9, 10, and 11, Coach Olsen will attend the 34th Annual Meeting of the American Football Coaches Association in St. Louis, Missouri. Top coaches and sport directors from all over the nation will be present.

The purpose of this convention is to add to the knowledge of the game. Each day programs will be presented and movies will be shown of the great games of the past season.

Different ideas will be brought out in the bull sessions which will take place on the outside. Rules, training, and equipment are presented by the various sport companies.

A luncheon is given and a famous person is usually a guest speaker. Last year Danny Thomas spoke to the group.

Jim Sisley moves to evade Dick Osterman's check as Pat Butler, Jim Wallace and Nordwick watch the game in main floor lounge.
THE KID IN THE CORRIDOR

Do you realize how fortunate you are to be living in the dorm? Probably not! Dorm life is full of little advantages which no other student has the opportunity to have available.

First of all, where else could you build lockers in your room and rent them out for cold storage? You must admit that this additional income comes in very handy to buy heavy clothes and extra blankets. Next is the advantage of eating in the dorm. True, some of the items on the menu are not quite what you like, but have you tried using the food for other purposes? The other day the Kid saw one of the students trying desperately to move his car on the ice. Finally, the student ran into the dorm and returned to work on his tires. You guessed it, he tied a couple of slabs of roast beef to the tires and zoomed right off of the ice. Incidentally, the Kid has heard that the students without cars can likewise profit by making a small application to the bottoms of the shoes.

The good must be taken with the bad and we have one sad feature of dorm life. Shortly we will all be traveling home where we will not have these advantages. We will have to shed our extra clothes so we can sleep in heated rooms and we will find that the food is good for only one thing — eating. The Kid realizes that no one wants to give up these advantages just for a short trip home, but the Kid urges you to keep your chin up and have a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

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On Thursday morning, Nov. 7, the MSM debate team led by Prof. Albertson, departed for Pullman, Washington and the Columbia Valley Debate Tournament. Highlights of the trip included a struggle to find adequate accommodations due to the limited budget under which the debaters operate. As is typical of debate trips, road conditions were terrible and chains were required on the passes.

However, still game and in good voice, they arrived in Pullman for two days of debate on the question, "Should the United States Discontinue Direct Economic Foreign Aid". A lot of valuable information was gained for forthcoming debates with other schools in Montana by these competing teams.

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LOW CALORIE REDUCING DIET FOR BIOLOGISTS

Monday:
Breakfast - Weak tea
Lunch - 1 Bouillion cube in ½ cup diluted water
Dinner - 2 Jellyfish skins

Tuesday:
Breakfast - Scraped crumbs from burned toast
Lunch - 1 Doughnut hole (without sugar)
Dinner - 1 Pigeon thigh

Wednesday:
Breakfast - Boiled-out stains from tablecloth
Lunch - ½ dozen poppy seeds
Dinner - Bee's knees and mosquito knuckles saturated with vinegar

Thursday:
Breakfast - Shredded egg shell skins
Lunch - Navel from navel orange
Dinner - 2 eyes from Irish potato (diced)

Friday:
Breakfast - 2 Lobster antennae
Lunch - 1 Guppy fin
Dinner - Jellyfish vertebrae

Saturday:
Breakfast - 4 chopped banana seeds
Lunch - Broiled butterfly liver
Dinner - Fillet of soft shell crab claw

Sunday:
Breakfast - Pickled hummingbird tongue
Lunch - Prime rib of tadpole
Dinner - Aroma of empty custard pie plate

NOTE: All meals to be eaten under microscope to avoid extra portions.

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While traveling down Park Street from the famous Montana School of Mines, to our right we see that now famous hill, Timber Butte. This hill is almost entirely composed of that rare and valuable ore, quartz monzonite. While climbing up to this famous geologic hill, we look back with sad eyes for we are leaving the beautiful little tourist town of Butte behind. There it lies nestled in the mountains that we found it and just as it will undoubtedly be for years. We climb steadily until we reach the base of that insurmountable peak, Timber Butte. What great adventures lie ahead there we can only guess. I look around at my partners and see that their breath has quickened and their eyes are narrowed - they too, are thinking of the dangers lurking ahead of them, no man will volunteer to turn back. For all love excitement or they wouldn't be there.

Then comes the world from our party chief, our captain, "Let's go, fellows", he said in a husky voice. We all hunched our shoulders and took at a leisurely run for we knew we would have to conserve our strength for that few final miles. I looked around me. I knew we wouldn't make it; some of us would have to sacrifice the ultimate for the mission. I was hoping that wouldn't be the kid behind me, for he had a lovely young wife and a cute little kid who were anxious to see him again. I felt maybe I should promise him that I would take care of his wife if anything happened to him, but now my pace quickened and I had no time for conversation. All minds were on the job ahead.

Then we heard the voice of leader high-pitched with excitement - he had found a trace that valuable ore, quartz monzonite. What a great geologist! Many others had sought, but he was the only one to find, for he had learned the seven aids in the search for truth while traveling through the Orient on a dangerous mission. I knew now that the mission would be success. We would go home wealthy and with prestige. But my mind was not on the wealth, it was on that kid's wife. He had to go. The words of the famous geologist tore my mind from such material things as he outlined the rest of the journey into the great beyond. Suddenly, I realized that these treasures that we had found were nothing compared to the great unexplored mineral wealths that were lying by Whitehall, just waiting for our experienced metallurgists to discover. So we sent a runner down to the ACM telling them to send some persons down to exploit the great bed of quartz monzonite we had discovered by our brilliant observations. I was sure ACM would be happy to hear the news because it had been rumored that they were going broke; they were supposed to be on their last mountain range.

We dashed back down the mountain oblivious to the dangerous terrain, for already our keen geologic minds were looking ahead to the great adventure we would find in the last frontier, Whitehall.

With sheer determination, we somehow got over all the dangers between Timber Butte and Whitehall without a single beer-stop. There we were, miles from civilization, men without women, but we didn't care for our lives were dedicated to Geology. Except for mine, I still thought about that kid's wife once in a while. We were walking light-footed through the wilds, ever looking for useful signs, when that master geologist, Mr. Ho spotted it. There uncovered by D-8 erosion, was a beautiful example of an asymmetrical syncline. What a beauty! We had discovered what many other geologists had risked their lives looking for. It was pointed out to us that the syncline was continued over across the valley. At this point, one of the less educated troops asked Mr. Ho if this was just guess work. What happened after that was one of the goriest samples of orientation ever heard. Starting from basic principles, Mr. Ho proceeded to explain that geology is not guess work, it is educated guess work. (There is a difference?) One half hour later, we left that cold isolated point with much of the sense of victory gone out of us, for we had left two of our best men behind. Victims of freezing while listening to Mr. Ho's spiel. What a way to die. But the guy who had the wife was still alive. Oh, well.

While on our way home to our loved ones, we spotted a fault but were too tired and cold to take advantage of it. Some day, we shall return.

An Observant Student

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

All Veterans must sign for their December training allotment on or before December 28th.

If you are leaving Butte this week, you’ll have to sign before you leave.

Many men have not signed, as we go to press, and they’re going to be awful broke Santa’s come Jan. 20th.
"Vas Ist ...?"

(a) Worm wearing an angora sweater.
(b) Slice raisin bread as seen by a man with spots before his eyes.
(c) Ant on shower-room floor as seen by Dagmar.
(d) Mummy with a tummy.
(e) Stool for milking giraffes.
(f) Bug walking on a waffle.
(g) Mended doughnut or - a plate of spaghetti served by a neat waiter.
(h) Signature of an illiterate with good penmanship.
(i) Cowardly fly making a landing.
(j) Volcano with a filter tip.
Faculty News:

Professor John Doe left campus on Dec. 15 to visit relatives in Mississippi. He was
forced a week early due to the adverse travel conditions in Mississippi. Said Professor
Doe, "If the backwaters of the lowlands continue to recede at their present rate, John-
Doe's travel will be brought to a virtual standstill by January 1st, 1957."

Whilst in Mississippi, Professor Doe hopes to make a thorough study of the Cenozoic
stratigraphy of the ancient burial grounds of "Crappy Mud Flats", Miss. The ages of the sedi-
mentary beds of this area are readily identified by the characteristic fossils imbedded in the
premiened beds. Briefly, the fossil-age correlation is thus:

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<th>PERIOD</th>
<th>OUTSTANDING FOSSIL</th>
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<td>Paleocene</td>
<td>explorers, (phyllum), (exploroadus)</td>
<td>(usually found in a prone position associated with pith helmets.)</td>
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<td>pirates, phylum (?),</td>
<td>(unorthodox positions, in contact with wooden legs and beautiful high-breasted maidens.)</td>
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<td>slave-traders, phylum (?),</td>
<td>(striking southward and dipping downward accompanied by John Boats cluttered with chains, clubs, whips and steel-toed shoes.)</td>
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<td>rum-runners, Phylum, Hickodus</td>
<td>(recumbent position and usually saturated.)</td>
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<td>revenoors</td>
<td>(in ambulatory position with various and sundry hound dogs, shotguns, warrants and black hats.)</td>
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<td>K. K. K. (Klu Klux Klan), Phylum (Burn-that-candle-exodus)</td>
<td>(upright aggressive position in a conglomerate of skulls, cross bones burning crosses, torches and bloody hob-nailed boots. NOTE: - the skulls were previously thought to be geodes by the local geologist. This theory, however, was later disproved by a Butte stope miner.)</td>
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<td>geologist, Phylum, Rockadus</td>
<td>(slightly odiferous in a matrix of geology picks, orange bottomed canoes, goatees, toilet paper and bare feet. Seldom associated with normal life types.)</td>
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With the above information, Professor Doe says he will be able to make a complete, con-
clusive report of the area to be geologized. However, he regrets to report that due to trans-
portation difficulties he will not be able to bring back more than 9 cubic yards of fossil
samples for the student geologist to examine.

Bootlegger: a small flat botomed boat inovated by slave traders later developed, improved and
now greater utilized by bootleggers: Is now the primary mode of transportation of present
Mississippi.
MY NAME

Since I came to this country, the spelling of my name, AU-NGOC-HO, which looks like a chemical formula (Au=gold, Ho=Holmium, Ngoc=unknown element, of course!), adopted various forms. Here are some samples:

Au Ho (by the acting president)
Au gnoc Ho (by a prof. of geology)
Au ngoc Hoe (by another prof. of geology)
Au ngoe Ho (by a book firm in New York)
Au nog Ho (by the Butte postoffice)
Ag Nogc Ho (by a close friend of mine - he pronounced it somewhat like "egg nog")
Au-Agunc-Ho (by a friend of mine in the USAF)
Hi Ho (by a great number of friends)

In spite of these fancy spellings, I believe you cannot find any name other than mine which, being the shortest in the world (Ho), yet impossible in English (see samples above), when Americanized will introduce a song!

Hi Ho

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YOUR PROBLEMS

Dear Hardrock,

Could you please give me some information on the whereabouts of the Petroleum Building? I am a freshman enrolled in a class that meets there, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:00 o'clock. As yet, I haven't been able to attend a class and I am afraid of getting behind in some of the work.

Dum Bo

Dear Dum,

If you are the MSM student that is a swamper at the U & I from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., you may find that this is the source of your trouble. I advise that you drop this class immediately so that it doesn't interfere with the more important and finer things of life.

Dear Hardrock,

Ever since I have attended MSM, I have been having hallucinations. A luscious brunette haunts my dreams every night. I can't understand this because I have never had such hallucinations before. But this isn't my problem. My problem is this - the flying saucers that bring her to me make so much noise that I have trouble studying.

Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered

Dear BBB,

Would you happen to be a sophomore and taking Dr. Nile's Physics course?

Dear Hardrock,

I have been engaged for nine years and my girl is beginning to wonder when I am going to marry her. Could you give me some suggestions on how to stall her off for a little while longer?

AJS

Dear AJS,

You know more about stalling her off than I would.

Dear Hardrock,

I am a fairly average boy, but I have a terrific problem. Girls by the hundreds are constantly bothering me. They call me on the phone, give me presents, and throw themselves in front of my Rolls Royce. Could you please help me?

Van De Bilt

Dear Van,

This is a problem??

P.S. How many miles to the gallon do you get from your Rolls Royce?

Dear Rock,

My girl has a corn and she can't dance. What shall I do?

Miserable

Dear Miserable,

Pour fuming nitric acid on her corn. This will remove the corn and she will suddenly be a frantic dancer.

REMEMBER: MSM students, if you have any problems that are bothering you and need my professional advice, put them in the Hardrock box in Main Hall so that they will appear in the next issue of the AMPLIFIER.
What is worse than being a bachelor? Being a bachelor's son!

One night said he,
Love, moon, said she;
Dew on the ground, said he
But me! said she.

Hotel Manager: "Did you find any of our towels in that man's suitcase?"
Detective: "No, but I found a chambermaid in his grip."

GM Student: "What would I have to give you for just one kiss?"
Girl Date: "Chloroform"

Sportman was leaving on a business trip and called back as he was leaving, "Goodby all, don't forget to take little Donalds classes off when he isn't looking at anything."

The student's wife trailed him to his favorite tavern. Standing at the bar next to him she ordered a slug of bourbon. Tasting it, she made a wry face. Contempt covered her every feature. "How can you drink that awful stuff?"
"See, honey," he said gleefully. "And all these years you thought I was having a good time."

Manager: "I'm sorry, but I can't issue a marriage license until you have properly filled out your form."

A circle has no corners
An oval has no corners
But not so many no corners as a circle has.

Nurse: "Let's get married or something."
Dentist: "Let's get married or nothing."

Definition:
Good Nurse: Can make the bed without disturbing the patient.
Bad Nurse: Doesn't make beds.

Bargain is a good buy.
Goodbye is a farewell.
Farewell is to part.
Part is to leave.
Girlfriend left without saying goodbye.
He was no bargain anyway.

"Are you still engaged to that girl with the wooden leg?"
"No, I got mad at her and broke it off."

They told him it couldn't be done. With a smile he went right to it. He tackled the thing that couldn't be done. And found that he couldn't do it.

General Student: "I got a splinter in my finger."
Engineer Student: "Been scratching your head."

Famous last words from "Rabbit Gulch".
"Guess what, dear, I sold the baby buggy."

The man didn't say a word when they ran over his cat with a steam roller. He just stood there with a long puss.

A skinny little old man took his wife to the seashore for the day. All she did was sit on the sand and admire the men who had beautiful figures and muscles, and particularly the lifeguard who walked back and forth all the time.

The little old guy took it as long as he could and then told her, "Don't be so impressed. After all, our next door neighbor has a three-car garage but all he keeps in it is a bicycle."

Speaking of spaghetti, I saw where one of those buxom Italian screen stars said all she had she got by eating spaghetti. What I want to know is how she got it to go where it went.

Dentist: "I'm sorry, miss, but I'm out of gas."
Coed (leaping from chair): "Ye gods! Do dentists use that line, too."

One sheep met another and said, "Baaaa."
The second replied, "Moo, Moo."
"What in heck is wrong with you," asked the first sheep, "have you lost your marbles?"
"Indeed no," haughtily replied the second sheep, "It just so happens that I'm majoring in foreign languages."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
If at first you don't succeed ---- forget her.
A Christmas Wish for You

- from the staff:

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