**Fischer Heads Magma Staff**

The Magma staff held their first meeting of the year Friday, February 15. At this meeting positions on the staff were filled. Editors: L. Fischer, associate editor; H. Bennett; art editor; J. Sigurdson; class editor; J. Cromwick; faculty editor, P. Utter; campus editor, V. Ferris, assistant; M. Boren; secretary, T. Reynolds; and R. Laughlin; activities editor, H. Thompson. Assistant activities editors, J. Chor and M. Munoz; business manager, E. Shumaker; photographers, J. Applegate and E. Shumaker.

The staff meeting in the very near future.

**The Show Goes On**

"The Girls in 509" is a comedy for Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and any other group for any who wants to laugh. When a new fashionable hotel in New York is being remodeled, a pair of her- mit ladies, Nandi Maddock and Gail Jones, are discovered in one of the back suites. They have been there ever since November 1912 when a negro woman, played by Lois Duren, who was the impression he is working for the Montana School of Mines Honor Roll with "straight A" averages. Winners in this year's contest will be announced. The judges will be judges of the judges.

**Anderson-Carlisle Society Begins Planning for E-Day**

Anderson-Carlisle has begun the preparations for Engineering Day (E-Day), April 2 and 3. At present the plans include a presentation of a first and second prize of $20.00 and $10.00 respectively, for the best displays presented. These displays must represent student work available on the campus and will be judged by an AIM committee.

**Grown a Beard! By Dick Vincelote**

The Student Council is sponsoring a beard-growing contest which is open to all male students in the Montana School of Mines. The contest will begin Monday, March 5, and will end on M-Day, May 4. Those wishing to enter the contest for the best all-around beard, the longest beard, the most "way-out" (unique) beard, and the "scruffiest" beard will be awarded prizes.

**IC Plans Dance**

In a meeting held on February 23, the International Club decided to have their annual dance on March 18. The dance will be a formal and dates are required. Those attending will enjoy the music from one of the best bands in town.

**Spring Has Sprung Sigma Rho Gets Jackets**

As you may have noticed by now, the members in the Sigma Rho Fraternity have acquired new jackets. The members had a pick of three types. First, a short type which is all black with red Sigma Rho letters, and another short type which is black except for the sleeves which are white. And, as there is also the longer type which is all black with red letters.
INTERVIEWS FOR MARCH, 1960

March 10—Shell Oil Company, interviewer; E. A. Davenport and A. K. Farragut.
March 9—Continental Oil Company, interviewer; L. B. Myers, representative.
March 8—Cal Oil Products Company, interviewer; W. C. Smith.
March 3—Texaco, Inc., interviewer; Mr. Seamans, representative.
March 1—United States Bureau of Mines, Salt Lake City, interviewer; Prof. Harnish, in charge of interview in Petroleum Building, Room 206.
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Interest in Mines Sports is Lacking in Butte

It has been very gratifying to many of the Mines students supporting the school's athletic team. The student body has showed it that they have an interest in the school teams and I can only hope that this interest will carry over into the track and baseball season.

The players have expressed their gratitude in a n-i-n-e well-chosen words—"If sure feels good to have someone behind you."

If the city of Butte would only wake up and take some interest.

Petroleum By-Products in Everyday Life

The discovery of new apparatus and the expanding knowledge of converting petroleum into petrochemical products is bringing into many of the necessities which are essential to our everyday life in modern society.

Let us cite some of the products made from the basic petrochemicals: adhesives, ethylene, propylene, butylenes, and terpenes. Ethylene is converted into permanent antifreeze, medicinal alcohol, drugs, oils, and other plastics. Propylene is converted into one of the important components of lacquers, synthetic rubbers, and artificial leather. Butylenes is the basis for synthetic rubber and nylon. Naphthenes is an important ingredient of lacquers, paints, and insulating materials.

Millions of dollars every year are spent for methods of improving these products and in the development of new products from petrochemicals.

Students Should Submit SSCQT Applications

Applications for the April 28, 1960, Advanced Placement Exam is Total Qualification Test are now available at the School of Mines and in the local boards throughout the country.

Eligible students who intend to take this test should apply at once to the nearest Selective Service Local board for an application and directions as to how to proceed.

Following in the instructions in the bulletin, the student shall fill out his application and mail it immediately to the nearest Selective Service Office. This envelope is to be properly addressed and mailed at the nearest Selective Service Office.

Applications for the April 8 test must be postmarked no later than midnight, April 7, 1960.

According to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test to the Selective Service System, it will be greatly to the student's advantage to request the application at once. The results will be reported to the student's Selective Service Local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student.

Theta Tau Hold Social

On Friday, February 20, the members of Theta Tau enjoyed a social which was held at the Scandia Hall. The members turned out in full force and, along with their guests, had a most enjoyable evening.

"... and so," said the young man. "That's the truth. She had an affair. She wouldn't marry me." "Well, how were you received?" said his drinking partner at the bar, "the engagement was off. She wouldn't marry me."

"That was the trouble—I didn't tell her about your reputation," replied his drinking companion.

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Mines-Powell Game Cancelled

The School of Mines basketball game with Northwest Community College, which was to have been played last Saturday night was cancelled and will not be made up this year. Next year the Wyoming school will play two games here instead of one to make up the contest.

The Orediggers have now completed the season. The final game, which was to have been played against the Gillette College, was cancelled and will not be made up.

Eastern Rally By Orediggers

Eastern Montana Yellowjackets charge two quick baskets by Chuck 3rd and 5th for a total of 90 points. nival of sports which will con-
be added up, the Independents now lead placing basketball teams 1st, SChaffer adding 18. son and Selvig each counted 14 ity, weather permitting, as a sport

Bulldogs Down Orediggers

The Bulldogs from Western Montana started slow and cold, then caught fire in the last five minutes and went on to defeat the Montana School of Mines Oredigers 81-62 last Wednesday night in Missoula.

The Orediggers jumped out to an early lead, hitting consistently from the field, and took a sur-
prising 40-33 half time lead over the league-leading Bulldogs. The
two second half saw the Bulldogs catch the Orediggers and stay just a few points ahead until the final five minutes. Then the Bulldogs scored an almost every shot and pulled away from the Orediggers and went on to an 11-11 victory.

March Set for Spring Sports

Baseball and track prospects will report for their initial pre-season calisthenics practice session at 8:00 p.m. (or immediately after first-half) Monday, March 7, in the gymnasium. A large turnout is ex-
pected by coaches Siminchek from both lettermen and prospective

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Must You Take a Refresher Course In English?

By W. C. Laity

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may do well to read or re-read the Catalog description of English:

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The group favoring a legal voting age of eighteen points out that a person could get drafted at eighteen and be responsible for defending the country with his life. Others say, if a person were old enough to vote, he should be old enough to serve in the military. Those opposed to lowering the legal voting age claim that although the draft age was eighteen, most people, except in times of national emergency, drafted until they had finished their formal education. They also argued that although many persons were capable of voting at eighteen, the majority of eighteen-year-olds were not emotionally stable at this age and were, therefore, not capable of voting.

Most of you reading this article first, and to eliminate the irrelevancy of comments or opinions regarding what the opinions regarding this contro- versy are, I am going to force my own prejudiced opinion on you. My opinion is that we are under twenty-one and I have always considered myself capable of voting at eighteen. It is only logical that a young eighteen-year-old should be able to vote before some of the old, wise men in our society. Furthermore, it is my contention that the majority of young people today have had a better and a more extensive education than people of the previous generation.

I am asking your- self what does witty writer, capable of almost anything, plan to do about this very complicated situation? At the present time I have not arrived at a solution, and don't hold your breath until I do. This problem is much deeper and a great deal more complex than I have described it to be and I am not sure that I am any closer to being solved, I will fight on, until a solution is found. Butte, May 16, 1959.

"You've got a pretty place, Frank," said the departing guest.

"Oh," explained Frank, "it's bet- ter than it used to be. I hope they'll have grown to a good size before you come again."

Vote?

I am sure that most of you re- member the controversy that rage d over the question of what the legal voting age should be. It was even as far as to become a leading issue in the presidential election.

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