Students express opinions on Student Council convocations

In a recent opinion poll conducted by the Amplifier staff, students were asked the following question: Do you think the ASMT Student Council convocations are effective or useless? What might be done to improve them?

Of the thirty-eight students responding, twelve felt the convocations were effective and required no changes, eleven felt the meetings were ineffective and required considerable change and improvement, and fifteen felt they were generally good but could be modified in some ways to increase their effectiveness.

Those who felt the convocations were effective stressed the point that student issues and the workings of the Student Council were held in a manner that made it possible for the students to voice their opinions and express their concerns. Those who felt the meetings were ineffective stressed the point that the Student Council was doing a poor job of meeting the needs of the students and that the meetings were not held in a manner that allowed students to participate fully.

In conclusion, it is clear that there is a need for the Student Council to improve the effectiveness of its convocations. Students must be given the opportunity to voice their opinions and have a say in the decisions that affect them. The Student Council must also work to improve the organization of the meetings and make sure that they are held in a manner that is accessible to all students.
School building quality is declining

by STEVE BAUER

Can we receive a superior education in inferior buildings? Apparently the state legislators think we can because this is the condition we are studying under.

Well, what about Montana Tech? Engineer- ing Hall and Main Hall are both old and are showing the strain of use. Yet these two buildings carry the bulk of the student load under very crowded conditions. The Metallurgy Building is not much better, needing more room to be modeled. However, remodeling is not going to provide new space to alleviate overcrowding.

If the time of turns, new buildings are being approved for Montana Tech, will it be much of an improvement over what we have? This may seem like an inappropriate question, for if we are to get a new building, we are made to believe it will be. But on the basis of other school building programs in the state, we should wonder what kind of building we will get.

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Superior instruction in a "general education" as a sound foundation for future specialization at Montana College may be the answer of the Division and Sciences. The fact that the Board of Regents has no logical way of handling the improvements which have taken place in the Division of Engineering in programs like Physics and Chemistry, we receive a superior education. Thus, the only way to increase the facilities is to add more course offerings, which would be supported by both the student and the taxpayer.

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Lately it has become obvious that the conditions we are studying under are, and apparent basis to reject Tech's new degrees. Their excess, that we would like to point out, is in the very high enrollments in humanities in order to project our accreditation, appears to be nothing more than a fertile pretext to disguise other reasons for the rejection of the Board of Regents.

The order to add more course offerings was completely unreasonable.

First, they based their excuse on a 1964 report made by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. This report, contrary to what the Board of Regents would have us believe, did not need more humanities courses; the main criticism was that the existing humanities classes were not being taught, and that the faculty loads in the humanities were so low that the courses were not being covered.

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Secondly, they have failed to consider other options. If there is a lack of courses, the Board of Regents must make a concerted effort to improve the humanities department in accordance with available funds. This has not been the case since the Board of Regents took over the administration of Montana Tech on the basis of a report three years old without first looking at the possibility of expanding the courses already in existence. In addition, to increase the number of humanities courses more teachers will be needed, which means that the cost will increase. Whether or not the necessary funds will be allocated to hire these new teachers still remains to be seen.

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April Student Council meetings

On Wednesday evening, April 5, the student council held a meeting in the SUB. All officers were present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

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How can you tell grass from dirt?

or, another research snow job

A research project has recently been completed at Montana Tech that is certain to have far-reaching effects in the world of science. Working with no funds and no support, a Tech student, nevertheless, has made a significant discovery.

This student, who wishes to remain anonymous until his report is written, states that he is proud to have made a research contribution more significant than many sponsored by the government that has cost millions of dollars.

His purpose was to discover some way of distinguishing grassy areas from barren, dirt-covered areas in a field. After much investigation, he arrived at the following test. After a snowfall, watch the field as the snow melts. The snow will rapidly disappear over the barren ground. When no more melting can be observed for a few hours, the remaining snow lies on a grassy area.

This test, he assures us, will work every time. The only problem is finding snow in August. However, this student has made a research contribution significant than many sponsored by the government that has cost millions of dollars.

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Research has shown that the snow-covered areas in this photo are indeed grass-covered under the snow.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

Trythall pauses in the gym to watch a basketball skirmish.

Virginia McNells and Jerry Trythall

Pictured in this issue's spotlight are Virginia McNells and Jerry Trythall.

Virginia, a freshman at Montana Tech, plans to major in math and chemistry. She will attend Montana Tech next year and then transfer to Bowman for her junior and senior years.

Virginia is active in all sports and during the summer months she can be seen playing softball with the Women's Lucky Lasher Softball Team. She can also be seen playing on the Playmobile for Butte City Recreation Department. Her dislikes are many but she especially dislikes chemistry tests. During her free time, Virginia can be found raising the boys' dorm.

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During his free time, Jerry can be found playing sports and working for the Anaconda Company.

Circle K elects new officers

by Joe Wallace

Tech's Circle K Club held elections for officers for the coming year on April 26. Elected were Mike Chapman, president; Joe Wallace, Jr., vice-president; Jerry Harrington, secretary; and Fred Hoffmann, treasurer. Also elected were Dave Kneebone and Bob Marvin to the position of board members. The other board members will be elected in the fall.

Next year, the club plans to expand the College Day's program to include more out-of-town students, and arrange accommodations for them here in Butte. Winning a prize in the homecoming parade is another Circle K goal.

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Women's badminton singles, doubles take shape
Women's badminton singles and doubles have started and are now underway. The singles first round matches started May 1, with Leahon Harrison, Darlene Wheeler, Beverly LeProuse, Helen Loggins, and Virginia McNellis moving out in front position. Other participating players in the singles are Mary Kingstrom, Judy Meade, Rosemary Boyle, Margie Crowley, Rosmarie Gray, Carleen Bosham, Charli Thornton, Pat Hayes, Karen Kelly and Virginia McNellis. The badminton doubles will start shortly before the singles are finished.

The teams will play two out of three games to 15 points. Those registered teams in the doubles are Harrison-Wheeler; Kel- ley-Mee; Boyle-Crowther; Thornton-Loggins; Bluma-McNellis; Russ-Robins; and LeProuse-Gray. Results of the single and double playoffs will be published in the next issue.

Intramural softball, golf progress halted Softball
Intramural softball, because of bad weather conditions, has been temporarily suspended in its progress. Coach Lester hopes to begin play as soon as possible. All those interested in playing should turn in their team names as soon as possible.

Golf
Varsity golf, with its three planned golf meets in Billings and Havre, is slow getting started. The first golf meet was held at the Billings Country Club, was called off because of rain. The second golf meet was scheduled for the Lake Hills Country Club but was called off.

Coach Lester hopes to be able to make up these meets and participate in the third planned meet in Havre.

Volleyball season ends; handicap nears end Volleyball
Intramural volleyball finished its season Wednesday, April 20, with Tapakkegabrew taking the timelight for the first place position. The final game was played in the gym with the Faculty playing the Tapakkegabrew team for the first place position in the tournament. With the best two out of three games, Tapakkegabrew grabbed two straight victories with scores of 15-6 and 15-8. Even though the scores were wide the two games proved to be the best played of the season. Engineers II and the Obitsutes finish third and fourth place positions.

Tech takes third place in meet Montana Tech took third place in the track meet, Saturday, May 6, at Dillon. Tech rolled up 125 points to be defeated only by Western and Eastern Montana College. Western took first place with 164.5 points while Eastern rolled up 94. Placing below Tech were Northern Montana College with 61 points, Rocky Mountain College with 73 points, and Carroll College with 39 points.

The host Bulldogs took firsts in nine of the sixteen events and anchored a pair of meet records on Wayne McEwen's 513" shot put and Jack Fillie's 443" triple jump.

Handball
Intramural handball is now nearing its final stage with this week with the team of Robinson-McLaughlin playing the Angrove-Sutey, Benny-Ande game. In the runner-up bracket that lead to the finals, the team of Bartelhoff-McNellis were defeated by Schelma-Bennet, Vavrosky-Kavan defeated Ryan-O'Neil, Robinson-McLaughlin defeated Mattoch-McNellis, and the team of Angrove-Sutey defeated O'Farrell-McVey.

How about it students, let's have some ideas What items do you consider newsworthy that should appear in the Amplifier? What should be done to encourage students to submit news contributions or opinions? These are factors that must be correctly determined to give you a better student paper. If you think the paper needs improvement, express your ideas on what might be done and submit them (typed and double-spaced) to the editor, room 117 of Main Hall before May 19.

The Orediggers dropped a game to Western, Tuesday afternoon, May 9, by a score of 6-5.

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