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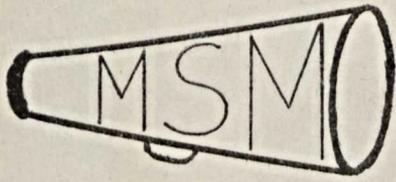
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PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Amplify: To enlarge; to increase in scope, significance, statement, or treatment; to expand; to make fuller in statement; to elaborate; to augment.

A flash of skates, a swift movement of the stick, a sudden cheer from the fans, "Dinty" has scored again. Thus we introduce to you John Sherrold Moore, secretary of the Student Council.

According to Webster the forgoing is a concise definition of the word amplify. However in choosing this word for the name of our paper an expansion of this definition seems to be in order.

Better known as "Dinty" Moore around the campus, Sherrold is a quiet, unassuming senior Petroleum major. His first two years of college were spent at Colorado School of Mines where he was also a star hockey player. In 1952 he transferred to MSM as a junior in petroleum.

Our fundamental purpose is to cover all activities on the campus, whether large or small. We want to bring to the students the lighter side of school, as well as boost morale and relationships between the faculty and the student body.

His hockey playing at MSM has been outstanding in the fact that he was Captain and high scorer in an undefeated season in 1952-53. Last year he also served as Captain, as well as coach, for an outstanding team that knew few defeats. To top this, he played football this fall and was named to the all conference team for his outstanding work from the guard slot.

Thus, it is, that after much deliberation, and long hours of discussion, we feel that the title, Amplifier, is expressive of the policy that should be followed by the school paper.

Dint is 25 and hails from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He lists his only other activities as being a member of Sigma Rho fraternity. He spends his summers working in the oil-fields as well as much time with the gal to whom he is engaged.

We feel that it is fitting to enlarge the paper as we go along. However, enlarging it is not enough. We must also increase the paper in scope, amount of coverage, and in prestige. It is our hope that in this way we may indirectly do our school a service-- for a thinking and well-informed student body can increase its stature and enhance its growth.

After graduation in '56, Sherrold plans to work for Stanolind Oil Co. some place in Canada. We wish all the luck and success in the world to a swell guy and great athlete.

We hope that the faculty and the student body will agree with us on our decision and will work with us to make our objective a success in the very near future. We are sure that we will get this cooperation from all persons on the campus. Therefore we have big plans for the future.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO EVERYONE

THE KID IN THE KORRIDOR

Well here is another issue of the school paper, and from now on the Kid will have lots to say about doings on the campus. He can't say much out loud for a couple of days though, cause during that thriller of a game with Eastern last Tuesday night he yelled so loud he almost lost his voice. Then to top that off he did lose his voice during the Carroll game Friday night. The Kid was real sorry to miss the first few games, but he had to work weekends. The Kid was kind of apprehensive about going to the Eastern game cause he was afraid lots of the professors would be there and one of them might embarrass him by telling him how dumb he was in front of all his friends. Somebody told him though, that hardly ever, more than four or five members of the Faculty or Administration ever go to a School ball game, so he didn't have to worry.

After looking over his report card for the first semester, and trying to register for the second semester, the Kid really feels sad. To get between 12 and 15 hours, the Kid has to take a lot of those elective courses. At first the Kid was worried that he would run out of electives the way he was going, but he is relieved to have flunked so many of them that he can start taking some of them over again.

The Kid feels kinda sad about all the swell fellows that are here no longer after the finals. The Kid figures that he's got a way to stick around for a while and maybe even pass a course or two. The Kid is going to try to get in to all the extra-curricular courses that his professors participate in, in hopes that they will give him a break. Oh, well, probably nothing will ever help the Kid to pass a course.

MRS. TAIT HOST TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mrs. Gertrude Tait, housemother of the Residence Hall, entertained Mrs. John Gillie, Mrs. DeGay Stivers, and Mrs. J.R. Van Pelt, who visited the Residence Hall last January 25th, during the dinner hour. It will be interesting to many students to learn that the original Charlie Russell painting in the Residence Hall lounge was donated by the late husband of Mrs. Gillie.

MINES DROP THREE GAMES

Montana School of Mines Orediggers lost three conference basketball games during the past two weeks, one to Western, one to Eastern, and one to Carroll. The game with Eastern was marked with loud disagreement over the referee's decisions. Losing by seven points, The Orediggers were ahead at times during the game, giving the Eastern squad a real run the whole game.

Another heart breaker was the loss to Carroll, Friday night. After leading for much of the game our boys couldn't stop the Saints in the last few minutes and dropped the game by two points.

GET A JOB

Seniors, here is the big chance you've been waiting for. Representatives from the Oliver Mining Company will be on the campus Tuesday to interview all graduating Mining, Metallurgical, and Geological engineers for possible employment.

Also, juniors, in these fields, seeking summer employment will be interviewed. For further information see Dean Adami.

SCOOP

The 1954 Magma, according to latest rumors, is due to hit the campus within the next week. Watch the bulletin board for final notice.

FLUNKERS FROLIC

After four months of gruelling work (to put it mildly), the first semester was seen limping out as the students of MSM celebrated their victories (and failures) at the traditional "Flunkers Frolic" on February 3rd. Honored guests were many, but their names will not be listed because of the modesty of the students affected.

Howard Lawson walked away with the prize for the most unique men's hat creation, which resembled a bedraggled white man's hat decorated with Indian feathers taken from a scared chicken. A pink hat, stolen from one of the Medieval castles of the Middle Ages, was worn by Rea Connors and copped the prize for the women's event.

Soft music provided by the Townsman Four and the "punch" provided by the Sophomore class completed the delightful evening.

TRAVELLING AGAIN

Hitting the road of travel this past week, as well as this week, are Dr. Van Pelt, on his way to Chicago; Mr. Harnish, who is in Chicago and will return Tuesday; and Lt. Kosnik on a brief jaunt to Portland followed by a swift flight to Montgomery, Ala.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Professor: A fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer.

Student: No wonder so many of us are always flunking our exams.

PIN A ROSE ON US

Celebrities in our midst are Dick and Ed Westerman. A photograph of our popular twins was published in the January 'Mining Engineer' in recognition of their being the first set of twins to become student associate members of the AIME.

GLEE CLUB TO SING

The Glee Club will make a concert trip to Philipsburg on Feb. 22 to present a program for the public school. Traveling with them will be Shirley Hageman and Glada Ann Nicholls who will appear as guest performers.

SENIOR TEA

The Annual Senior Tea, for all senior Butte high school girls, was held Friday afternoon under the sponsorship of the Co-Ed Club. A large number of girls was present to enjoy the afternoon which included eats, entertainment, and a guided tour of the campus with the Copper Guards.

We hope to see many of these charming girls in our midst next year to add to the campus scenery.

FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED

Ten members of the staff and faculty were named this year in the volume of American Men of Science. They included Dr. Van Pelt, Dean Adami, Dr. Koch, Prof. March, Dr. Blake, Dr. Nile, Dr. McLeod, Dr. McMannis, Prof. Mead, and Prof. Robertson who is on leave of absence doing graduate work.

FIELD STATION OPENS

The Billings Petroleum Field Station, a unit of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, will be formally opened on Monday, Feb. 14th, Dr. Van Pelt, Director of the Bureau has announced.

This building will house and handle all parts of the Bureau pertaining to petroleum.

Mr. Charles W. Achauer will be Geologist-in-charge and Mr. Gus Lassle is his assistant.

HELLO AND GOOD-BYE

The first semester is over and the second has begun. Some lost grade points and a few gained some. Therefore it seems appropriate to wish a few ex-fellow students a fond farewell and to wish them luck and success. Also we would like to greet those students who have returned to dear old MSM after a year or two of absence from the campus.

SPACE FILLERS

The driller was complaining about his wages:

After you figure food, clothes, and rent I have only \$60 left for the necessities of life, and half the time they ain't hardly fit to drink. (Petroleum Engineer)

What are the symptoms when you have dropsy and heart trouble?

You drop into a tavern and haven't the heart to leave it

A stenographer defines a wolf as a modern dry cleaner. He workes fast and leaves no ring.

I wish I were a kangaroo,
Despite his funny stances;
I'd have a place to put the junk
That my date drags to dances.

"Going around with women a lot keeps you young."

"How come?"

"I started going around with them four years ago when I was a freshman, and I'm still a freshman."

ENJOY MUSIC? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

You have heard about the Tom Davis Memorial which the Butte Rotary Club is presenting to the School of Mines. This consists of a high fidelity phono system which will be available for your personal enjoyment. The hi-fi system will be located in the Museum Hall and the library of musical records will be kept in the School library where records can be charged out like books.

But the question is, what records should be bought? The Rotary Club wants you to have access to good music of all kinds, but of course they do not want to pay for records of only temporary popular interest. The School needs your help in selecting records that you would like to have on tap. What will it be?--

- LIGHT OPERA? (South Pacific, Oklahoma! Gilbert & Sullivan, etc)
- GRAND OPERA? (What's your favorite?)
- SYMPHONIES? (Anything goes--from Hayden to Gershwin)
- CHORAL MUSIC? (The Glee Club has already picked a few, but don't hesitate to request others)
- INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC? (Maybe you have a favorite piano or violin concerto, or would like some lighter instrumental pieces)
- JAZZ?
- OLD FAVORITE SONGS?
- OTHERS:

The Rotary Club is putting up enough money for 30 to 40 records right now, so you can see that they can't buy everything at one time. However, there is a chance that they will make a substantial annual donation for more records. So don't be bashful--fill out the slip below and make your wishes known. Leave it with Mrs. Nile at the bookstore, but do it soon!

RECORD RECOMMENDATIONS

MUSIC I'D LIKE FOR THE TOM DAVIS COLLECTION

Name of Record

Record Identification (Manufacturer, catalog number, etc. Include if convenient.)
