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A.S.S.M. To Elect

Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Delegates of the A.S.S.M., will be held Wednesday, May 4, 1960. Nomination petitions were turned in to Dan Rovig, secretary, before noon on April 29, 1960.

Last year's officers were: Richard Vincelette, George Grandy, Allen Rovig, Robert Hoy, Gay Kravik, and Don Mahagin. Professor Koehler Stout was faculty advisor.

A proposed amendment to the A.S.S.M. constitution will also be voted on this election. In short, the purpose of the amendment is to give the student body a voice on faculty boards, committees, and various other groups.

MSM To Get Slice of \$40,000

The Montana School of Mines has been awarded a share of a \$40,000.00 grant, made by the Small Business Administration, E. O. Sowerwine, Jr., Montana State Planning Board director, announced recently.

The project of compiling a record-keeping handbook for small mining businesses, will be handled by Uno M. Sahinen, chief geologist, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology.

The manual will include technical directions on obtaining and utilizing such information as amounts and grades of ores mined, costs of treating and mining ores, taxes accrued and prices received from various ores.

"There is a serious need for a simple system of record keeping for small mining businesses," Sowerwine said. "Most handbooks of record keeping have been written for big businesses rather than for the small mining enterprises."

Circle K Casts Ballots

Circle K members cast their votes Monday, April 5, 1960, to determine the club officers for the 1960-61 school year. Those elected to office are as follows: President, John Ruffatto; Vice President, John Alley; Secretary, Bob Newman; and Treasurer, John Cromrich.

The new officers will not take office until next September and until then the present officers will continue in office.

M-DAY OFFERS VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES



M-Day Plans Completed

M-Day is definitely on the way and an enjoyable time is planned for all was announced by John Bjeletich, the day's Grand Marshall. A schedule for the day follows:

7:00 a.m.—The day officially begins with a blast to be set off by a group of students headed by Ray Utter.

8:00 a.m.—Working groups will assemble on the campus for general clean-up and the traditional whitewashing of the "M". The whitewashing crew will be headed by George Grandy, assisted by Elden Nicholson, and will assemble in front of Marcus Daly. The general clean-up crews will meet on and about the campus and will proceed to clean the area.

12:00—Lunch will be served by the co-eds and Copper Guards and voting will take place for next year's student council delegates and officers.

1:00 p.m.—The popular kangaroo court will be held. Planning the court and its proceedings are Don Roberts, Arthur Bigley and Richard Vincelette.

2:00 p.m.—The Copper Lounge will be dedicated and opened to the students and public. The public is invited to attend.

2:30 p.m.—Games will be started and everyone is invited to participate.

Dusk—The M will be lighted by the Copper Guards.

9:00 p.m.—A dance will be held in the Copper Lounge by the Copper Guards.

Mr. Bjeletich further stated that a police committee has been appointed to keep order in the dormitory for both the 3rd and the 4th and will consist of Harvey Hannah, Ray Kotow, Jim Mazza, and Dan Rovig. The students are asked to cooperate with the committee to prevent incidents detrimental to the occasion.

MSM Students View Fight

The N.B.A. version of the middleweight championship fight between champion Gene Fullmer and challenger Joey Giardello held in Bozeman Wednesday, April 20, saw several Mines students among the some 12,000 spectators present. Fullmer, from West Jordan, Utah, successfully defended the title he took from Carmen Basillio by battling to a draw with Giardello, from Brooklyn, New York. Pop quiz averages suffered somewhat as the students took a night away from the books to view the bloody battle. The several students and fans saw the No. 7 ranked challenger of RING magazine cut the champion severely in the hectic third round and re-open the cuts in all but the 14th and 15th rounds. The draw decision was in the minds of most a rook for the challenger who scored heavily with both hands.

If Missoula were to be the sight of the next middleweight championship fight, it is expected that an even larger attendance of Mines students would be on hand to see what the champion could do to defend the title against Basillio.

Copper Lounge Is Completed

The Copper Lounge, the new addition to the Montana School of Mines Campus, has been completed. President Koch has confirmed rumors that the new structure would be completed for M-Day festivities. Precluding the possibility of an unsatisfactory inspection, the building will be used for the M-Day dance.

The inspection date for the Copper Lounge is May 2. The inspecting party will consist of Dr. Koch, the architect, the contractors, and H. H. F. A. representative, and an engineer from the Board of Examiners' office.

Bids on furnishings will open Thursday, May 19, in Helena at the office of the State Purchasing Agent. Delivery can be expected

within thirty to sixty days after that date. According to Dr. Koch, "Adequate minimum furnishings have been requisitioned for the entire building, but this will not be complete." During the summer of 1960, landscaping and final interior decorating will take place in order to complete the structure entirely for use next fall.

The manager's apartment located within the building is now complete. Qualifications and other specifics concerning the managerial position will be announced at a later date.

After final inspection and dedication, the building will be opened to the students.

Manager Needed

By Dick Vincelette

The Student Council is taking applications now from all persons interested in applying for the position of manager of the Copper Lounge.

The new Council members, who will take office on May 4, will select the manager before the end of this year so that he may assume his responsibilities as soon as school begins next fall.

The manager of the Copper Lounge will be charged with the responsibility of keeping the Lounge activities operating in a smooth, orderly fashion. Among his duties will be such things as maintaining a calendar of events, assigning meeting rooms, coordinating activities, and maintaining order.

Reimbursement will be in the form of a rent-free apartment located in the basement of the Copper Lounge. This apartment will be fully furnished, and all utilities will be paid by the school. The apartment has an ultra-modern kitchen with built-in oven and stove, combination living and dining room, bedroom, bath, and abundant storage facilities. In addition, laundry facilities will consist of an automatic clothes washer and dryer.

Any student is eligible for the position of manager. However, it is thought that the position would be particularly ideal for a married student.

MSM Faculty Members Attend Meeting At MSC

Miss Elizabeth Satter, Mr. William Catenaro, and Dr. Adam Smith attended the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Montana Academy of Sciences at Bozeman April 22 and 23.

The group arrived in Bozeman on Friday afternoon in time to take in the afternoon meetings. That evening they attended a banquet which was held at the Student Union Building on the MSC campus. Following the banquet, a speech pertaining to the August earthquake was given by Dean C. Bradley, head of the Geology Department.

The regular meetings resumed again at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning. Of special interest to the group were the lectures given in the Physical Science section of the program. During the afternoon the group went on a field trip to the Hebgen earthquake area. Various aspects of the quake area were explained to the group while they were inspecting the faults created by the earthquake last summer.

Following the field trip, the group returned to the MSC campus and later arrived in Butte Saturday night.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Erickson are the proud parents of another boy, Kenneth Daniel, who weighs 6 lbs., 12 oz.

Utter Receives Assistantships

Ray Utter has received word that he has been awarded two assistantships, one at Mackay School of Mines, Reno, Nevada, and the other at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, South Dakota.

The assistantship at Mackay carries a stipend of \$2,520 plus paid fees and tuition. The one at South Dakota carries a stipend of \$1,500.

Utter, a senior who is majoring in mining engineering, is from Eureka, Montana, and plans to accept the assistantship from South Dakota. He plans to work toward a Masters degree in geology.

Seniors Feted By Faculty

A reception in honor of the senior students was held May 1 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Koch, from 3 to 5 o'clock, sponsored by the faculty and the Faculty Women's Club. Mrs. Clifford Laity was chairman of the committee in charge. She was assisted by Mrs. Dale Pinckney, Mrs. Koehler Stout, Mrs. Edwin Koch, Mrs. Vernon Griffiths, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. Francis Young, and Mrs. Stephen Nile. Tea was served by the present and newly elected officers: Mrs. John McCaslin, Mrs. William Vine, Mrs. Theodore Jordan, Miss Elizabeth Satter, and Mrs. Frank Crowley.

COMING EVENTS

MAY—

- 2—AIME Meeting, Physics Lecture Room, Petroleum Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 2—Faculty Women's Club Meeting, Main Hall 8 p.m.
- 3—ASSM Convocation, 11:00 a.m., Library-Museum Hall.
- 4—M-Day.
- 5—Student Wives Bridge, Coed Room, 8:00 p.m.
- 7—AAU Weightlifting (State).
- 7—Invitational Tennis and Track Meet at Western.
- 8—Baseball—Western at Mines.
- 11—Student Wives Meeting, Coed Room, Main Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 14—NAIA District Track and Tennis Meet at Western.
- 15—Four-team baseball tournament in Anaconda, Carroll, Mines, Northern and Western.

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EDITORIAL

Elections for student body offices will be held Wednesday, and although everybody has cliches concerning "Get out and vote," Theta Tau, Sigma Rho, GDI, platforms and citizenship running through their heads to the point of saturation, the elections still deserve a few fresh—it is hoped—editorial comments.

First, it is invigorating to see some independent candidates running on this year's ballot. This third element should tend to make the elections something more than just the inter-fraternity rivalry which they were last year. This is not to speak badly of the fraternities, however, because without their efforts the elections would be very dreary indeed. At the same time, it is rather ironic that on years when there are no independent candidates, the independent candidates, the independent students—who far outnumber those belonging to fraternities—are forced to vote either for candidates running on a fraternity ticket or not at all.

Who cares?" This question often arises concerning college politics. It is often followed up by a statement, such as, "After all, a student government derives its power from the school administration, not the students, and is really a pawn in the hands of the school officials." This statement, in the final analysis, is probably true. Student governments exist by consent of administrations rather than consent of the students. However, they do still exist and they do still have certain duties. In like manner, the administration exists by consent of the State Board of Education, which exists by consent of the State Legislature, which exists by consent of the citizenry, which exists by consent of God. So student governments should not despair because they have only that power which is delegated to them. The situation is universal. Nor should they despair because they are stationed at the foot of this pyramid of delegated powers. As is commonly the case, the base is the foundation, the place one must start in order to build a strong structure—be it individual character, home, school, national or world.

"Who cares?" Do you?

Should A Catholic Be President

John Dwyer—A Catholic would make as good a President, provided he was qualified, as anyone else.

Jim Mee—I don't think we should have a Catholic President because everything that goes

wrong in the country will be blamed on the Catholic Church.

John Cromrich — Governors, mayors, and Supreme Court Justices that are Catholic have never interfered with the government in any way with regard to religious matters so, therefore, a Catholic President would not interfere.

Dave Kehoe—A Catholic could be President but according to some people we would have to keep the Pope from coming over in his atomic sub and taking over our country.

Raleigh Curtis—I do not think I can give my whole opinion on this matter without going into great detail so I will decline to answer the question for the present time.

Ed Soret—If the people want him then he should be President.

John Holling — The President should be the best qualified man and should do the best things for the country and should not allow church, union or business inter-

Open Letter To Young Adults At M. S. M.

I read the article in regard to grade school treatment of students at Mines with interest. There is much to commend on the article and the viewpoint expressed. Certainly students entering college should be adults, as the majority of them are, and deserve to be treated as such. Speaking for myself, but also for the majority of teachers I believe, I prefer to assume that the students in my classes are mature men and women. Furthermore, I feel justified in assuming that they are in my class through choice, even though it may not be a subject of close personal interest. Certainly they are not forced to attend. In fact, they or their parents are paying good money so that the student may have the privilege of attending college.

There are, however, certain implications in the article that deserve comment. Specifically, it is implied that individual faculty members enjoy conducting freshman orientation classes, and that they take roll and give pop-quizzes in an effort to catch the unfortunate student off base. I will grant that the latter charge is probably true in a few limiting cases, but for the vast majority of teachers it is completely false. The pop-quizzes is a pain in the neck to the instructor and so is orientation. What is true is that careful studies over the past few years have conclusively proven that the student who cuts classes, and those who have poor study habits, are the ones who flunk. If only a few students were affected we could ignore the problem, in fact we would prefer to ignore it, letting the misfits fall by the way so that we might devote more time to the good students. Unfortunately the problem is not restricted to a few isolated students. In years past it has not been at all unusual for one-third or more of the freshman class to flunk out of school, not because they lacked basic intelligence, but because they either: (1) went 'Joe College' and cut classes on a wholesale basis, or; (2) didn't know how to study effectively.

With a program designed to help roughly one-third of each incoming class, obviously there are two-thirds who have cause to feel that they are too mature for such treatment. I can't help wondering, however, whether it is the upper two-thirds group who find cause to complain, or is it the lower one-third who would probably have flunked out if it were not for the very program that they find so distasteful.

Certainly the young people entering college are old enough to be considered adults. Unfortunately, the record indicates that an alarming percentage of them are not as mature as their age would indicate. If you wish to be treated as adults you must first demonstrate your maturity. I can assure you that the faculty would prefer to have you police yourselves.

F. N. Earll

ests to impose their views upon him.

Mrs. Utter—I do not think religion would have anything to do with running the country.

Fred McGlynn—I don't think a person's religion would make any difference as long as the man was qualified for the office.

Letters To the Editor . . .

Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate you on your tactics and ability as an editor to get information and arouse curiosity in regards to campus life, campus organizations, etc.

Any mature person should be able to accept criticism as something learned. More times than not, when someone is criticized, it is for a good reason. Every able-bodied person seems to get lax as time progresses, whether it be on appearance, friendliness, or how he goes about his job. A little kick in (you know where) by means of criticism or any other means, is what more people in this world need.

In referring to some of your past articles, maybe the criticized professors have learned something, or maybe you, editor, are in the wrong. In reference to the Copper Guards, they have been back in the shadows all year. If they have a response, maybe everyone will find out some of the constructive things they have been doing on the MSM campus.

Whatever criticism you yourself receive on these editorials, keep it up, for this campus has much room for improvement.

Sincerely,
Something Learned

Dear Sir:

It is evident from your recent editorial concerning the activities of the Copper Guards that you are very unfamiliar with the subject and grossly uninformed on most campus activities.

You are probably aware of the qualifications required for membership in the Copper Guards. We have not accepted this honor lightly and we can assure you that the Copper Guards are well aware of their obligations and responsibilities to the school and have definite plans and programs formulated to assure the student body and the faculty that such obligations will be met.

The Copper Guards have not been approached to disclose any of their plans or activities of the future. Therefore it seems presumptuous on the part of the Editor to exclaim on matters in which he is evidently in the dark. The lighting of the Christmas trees was not neglected or overlooked; it just happened that the facilities that were on hand were not fit for use and it should be evident to the Editor that at that time it was most inopportune to seek financial aid necessary to light the trees.

Despite the fact that the members of the Copper Guards are heavily burdened with engineering courses and very small in number, we have never neglected to promote and insure the success of any student activities that are traditionally within our scope. We have been complimented and are most proud of the Registration Day Dance. The Copper Guards have made an appearance and functioned in all school activities.

We regret that it displeases you, Mr. Editor, that the traditional flares are the only source of lighting we have available at the present time for the M. Perhaps you should be better informed about the project we have undertaken to install electric lighting before making such a biased statement that in this respect also, we have "acted in the negative."

For many years, this project

was undertaken by other campus organizations but because of the many problems involved, it was dropped. The cost of materials alone was estimated, in 1957, at \$1,492.14 by an engineer from the Montana Power Company. The Copper Guards have adopted this project planning and effort has been rendered by both the members and the advisor. We have secured access to some of the materials necessary for the project and our advisor has made many improvements on the original plans.

The Copper Guards have been most active in promoting the M-Day program. We can report that each member of the Copper Guards has been most enthusiastic and industrious in assuming this traditional responsibility. In order to assure a successful M-Day, the Copper Guards are extending themselves in every manner.

The Copper Guards are living up to their responsibilities and regret that the Editor did not take the time or the effort to learn the facts concerning the activities of the Copper Guards before writing such an editorial as appeared in the Amplifier of April 21. With every confidence in the student body and the faculty, we remain,

Sincerely,
Copper Guards of Montana
State School of Mines
George Vivian, Duke

Dear Editor:

It is seldom that a letter to the editor does not "slam" the paper or its editor, but this is not to complain about how the paper is being run or the editorial comment (although it seems that the editor has little faith in his convictions, as most will notice he is clean shaven, like the majority of the MSM male students).

This letter is to bring to the attention of the student body a beard-growing contest sponsored by the Student Council. This contest went into effect March 7, and was to end M-Day, as of yet only 5 contestants have registered and one is not apt to find a member of the Student Council among them, either. Why has this contest been met with such enthusiasm on the part of the students?

What kind of a contest has so few contestants that everyone entering is almost assured a prize? This student understood (probably misunderstood) that this contest was to be something in which the whole male student body could participate or pay the consequences M-Day in Kangaroo Court. If I remember correctly the suggestion was made and generally accepted that those not entering the beard-growing would buy a permit not to grow a beard. What happened to that proposal, Dear Council? Do you think that it would not have added to the participation in the M-Day activities and those of the Montana School of Mines in general? Mr. President, anyone, WHY?????

Is it the student body or the council who has the habit of doing things half-way? Council elections are fast approaching, how about leaving the big smoke screen to the down-town politicians and start building a real fire? Get a council that will DO what it says.

BAM

Hear about the beatnik girl who is engaged to be married: Instead of just getting a shower, she's taking one.

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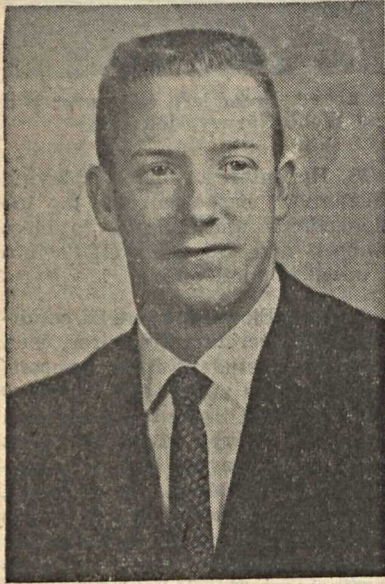
Fraternity Slate for ASSM Offices

Sigma Rho

President

Bill Thompson is a candidate for the office of President of the A.S.S.M. He is an active member of the Sigma Rho fraternity and at the present time holds the position of Archon.

Thompson hails from Everett, Washington, and is a 1956 graduate of Snohomish High School in Snohomish, Washington. He attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, for two years where he was majoring in Math-



Bill Thompson

Physics and was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

In 1958 he transferred to Montana School of Mines where he is majoring in Geological Engineering. He is a member of the varsity basketball team in which he has received All-Conference Honorable Mention for the last two seasons. Thompson is also a member of the Hall Council and Copper Guards, and a student member of A.I.M.E.

This spring Bill received the Cobb Foundation Scholarship in recognition of his service to the school and for his fine grade record since he matriculated.

Vice President



Allen D. Rovig

Allen D. Rovig, twenty-one, from Kalispell, Montana, is Sigma Rho's candidate for vice president of the A.S.S.M. He is presently secretary of the A.S.S.M.

Rovig, who is a junior majoring in Mining Engineering, has participated in several activities while attending the Mines. These activities include varsity football, Anderson-Carlisle, Copper Guard, Mineral Club, Sigma Rho Fraternity, Student Council, Residence Hall Council, and intramural sports.

Rovig graduated from Flathead County High School, Kalispell, Montana, in 1956.

Secretary-Treasurer

Sigma Rho has nominated Bob Johnson for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the A.S.S.M. Bob is a 1958 graduate of Anaconda High School in Anaconda, Montana. In high school he held the position of vice president of the student body, president of the Science Club, and secretary-treasurer of the Athletic Club.



Bob Johnson

Johnson, a metallurgy major, is now a sophomore student at the Mines and holds the position of secretary-treasurer of the class. On the recent 'Engineering Days' he was the chairman of the chemistry exhibit. Bob is presently an active student member of the A.I.M.E. and Sigma Rho.

Since enrolling at the School of Mines in the fall of 1958, he has been on the honor roll three consecutive semesters and has an over-all grade-point average of 2.51. An Advanced Scholarship was awarded to him for the 1959-1960 school year.

Delegates



Mike Keegan

Mike Keegan is Sigma Rho's candidate for delegate-at-large of the A.S.S.M. He is a sophomore student from Spokane, Washington, where he graduated from Gonzaga High School in 1958. Mike is majoring in metallurgical engineering.

Keegan's activities at the School of Mines include Copper Guards, Anderson-Carlisle Chapter of the A.I.M.E., the Sigma Rho fraternity of which he is now sergeant-at-arms, and two seasons of varsity football. Mike has been on the honor roll for three semesters and has received the Cobb Foundation Scholarship and an MSM Advanced Scholarship for his fine scholastic record.

His administrative experience includes being Secretary-Treasurer of the Residence Hall Council in which he played a part in the significant achievements accomplished by the council this past school year.

Frank Larvie is a Sigma Rho candidate for delegate-at-large to the student council. He is a native of Walkerville, and graduated from Butte Public High School in 1952. Frank entered the U.S. Navy



Frank Larvie

in 1953, and served in the submarine service until 1958. That year he entered MSM as a freshman engineering student, and is presently a sophomore. He plans on majoring in mining engineering next year. In this year's fraternity elections, he was chosen fraternity scribe. Frank is twenty-six, and would be able to provide a mature voice in the student council. All those who know him are familiar with his sincerity. He works hard at anything he attempts, and would be an excellent representative for the students at the Mines.

Theta Tau

President



Gay Kravik,

Gay Kravik, Theta Tau's candidate for president of Student Council, hails from Havre, Montana. Having graduated from Havre High School in 1957, he is presently a junior majoring in Petroleum Engineering. The past year he has been a delegate on the Student Council. His other activities include A.I.M.E., M Club, and Residence Hall Council. He has been Scribe of the Copper Guards and is presently Vice Regent of Theta Tau, Psi Chapter. He has participated in varsity football and baseball.

Vice President

Art Boettcher, a twenty-five-year-old junior, majoring in Mining Geology, is Theta Tau's candidate for Vice President. He graduated from Shelby High School and then served the next four years in the U.S. Air Force before entering the Mines. In his past years at the School of Mines, Art served as Chancellor of the Cop-

per Guards and president of the Sophomore Class. Currently he is



Art Boettcher

president of Theta Tau Fraternity and is a member of the Anderson-Carlisle Society. Art has participated in intramural sports and has placed on the honor roll.

Secretary-Treasurer

Peter Gross is Theta Tau's candidate for Secretary. Pete is a twenty-four-year-old Junior and comes from Calgary, Alberta. He graduated from Chamberlain High School in 1953, where he had served in different positions on the Student Council. After completing high school, Pete enrolled in the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art, located in Calgary, where he acquired a degree in Surveying and Drafting. While at the Insti-



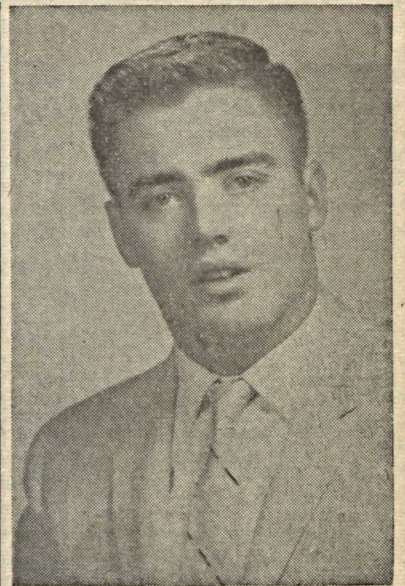
Peter Gross

tute, he held the office of secretary-treasurer of the Survey Club.

Pete completed the first two years of Engineering at Mount Royal College, Calgary. In his years at the College he was a member of the basketball and volleyball teams. Also, he served as president of the Engineer's Club. At the School of Mines, Pete was a member of the School of Mines hockey team and at present is a member of the baseball team.

Delegates

Cam Brown, a nineteen-year-old sophomore, was elected as one of Theta Tau's candidates for delegate to the Student Council. Cam was born in Billings, Montana, and graduated in '58 from Wolf Point High School, Wolf Point, Montana, where he participated in football, basketball and track. Cam plans to major in Petroleum Engineering at the present time. Since he has enrolled in the Mines, he has participated in Varsity football, basketball and baseball, and is an active member of the M Club. At the present time he is Recorder of the Copper Guards and has previously placed on the honor roll.



Cam Brown

Pete Atkinson is one of Theta Tau's candidates for delegate in the forthcoming election. Pete is a sophomore from Uranium City, Saskatchewan. He has been active in both the M Club and the Copper Guards. He is at present secretary-treasurer of the M Club, Scribe of the Copper Guards and president of the Sophomore Class. The preceding two seasons Pete played both varsity football and hockey. Pete acquired his high school education at Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta, and plans to major in Mining Engineering.



Pete Atkinson

Around the World With Den Hartog

The International Club of Montana School of Mines sponsored a speech given by Mr. Stephen Den Hartog from Concord, Massachusetts, on April 22, about his experience gained during his trip around the world.

Mr. Den Hartog visited the principal capitals of Asia and Europe including Moscow, Russia.

He also has been in the Antarctica where he worked as an assistant glaciologist at Little America.

Mr. Den Hartog showed very interesting slides of each part of the world he visited.

At the conclusion of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and the International Club served refreshments to members and guests.

Note From History

The beard appears a trivial matter to be the cause of a bloody war. Yet it is said that the shaving of the beard of Louis VII of France brought about a war with England that lasted 300 years. His wife objected to a beardless husband. The king divorced her and she became the wife of Henry II of England. The throne of France was afterwards claimed for her descendants. —From *The World Book*.

Independent Slate for ASSM Offices

President



Don Mahagin

Don Mahagin, metallurgy major with a 2.36 grade index, is the Independent candidate for Student Body President.

Besides being an outstanding student, Don has been extremely active in campus affairs. His activities include being a member of the Student Council this year as Student Manager of the Athletic Department. He is also a member of the M Club, A.I.M.E. and A.S.M.

In sports, Magahin has participated in varsity basketball for four seasons and in baseball for three. Last year his teammates voted him captain of the basketball team. For his outstanding achieve-

ments in both sports and scholarship Don was awarded the Coulter Foundation Scholarship for 1959-1960.

Don served three years in the Marine Corps before enrolling in the School of Mines. He is married and has one son.

Vice President



Don McMillan

The Independent's choice as candidate for Student Body vice president is Don McMillan, a junior metallurgy student from Butte.

Don has a quiet and reserved personality, but he has nevertheless managed to serve actively in the Copper Guards, American Society for Metals and the A.I.M.E. He has also played varsity football and basketball, and he is presently out for the baseball squad.



Three candidates running for office on the Independent slate are pictured above. From left, they are: Bill Pickard, candidate for delegate, Darwin Ekstrom, secretary-treasurer, and Webb Garvey, delegate.

Webb Garey, Bill Pickard and Darwin Ekstrom are a trio of independent students running for student body offices this year so that "independent students won't be forced to choose between fraternity candidates on M-day."

Both Garey and Pickard are candidates for delegate while Ekstrom is running for secretary-treasurer.

Webb Garey, the first candidate mentioned, is a sophomore who hails from Kalispell and declares he's "independent" all the way. "Webber" plans to major in metallurgy and got a good start in that direction with a 2.33 last semester. He has won two letters on the Oredigger's basketball

squad, giving the Mine's fans many enjoyable moments with his back-board roughhouse and easy going manner. Among "Webbers" activities at the School of Mines are membership in Copper Guards, AIME and the M-Club. Webb resides in "Rabbit Gulch" with his wife, Addie Lou, and daughter, Kerry Ann.

Bill Pickard, the other GDI candidate for delegate, comes from Miles City and is going to major in petroleum engineering. Bill is presently vice president of the Sophomore Class and is also a member of the Copper Guards and AIME. Upon release from active duty in the Navy, Pickard enrolled in the Mines in 1958 and has an over-all grade-point average of

2.28. His interests include playing intramural basketball for the independents and helping to elect himself and the other GDI's into student council office.

Darwin Ekstrom, the GDI candidate for secretary-treasurer, is a sophomore student from Anaconda. Darwin's major at the Mines is metallurgy. Since being released from the Navy, where he spent four years, Darwin has been enrolled at the Mines. "Mau Mau", as Darwin is often called by his friends, is a pitcher on the Mines baseball team who tossed two wins against one loss last year.

All three GDI candidates join in saying "Think for yourself and vote Independent."

Nuts 'n Bolts

By Jack Bennett

Does Cheating Take Place on the College Campus?

In a recent survey by The North American Newspaper Alliance in 20 well-known colleges and universities, few college officials said that cheating has increased in the last year or two. They also agreed that some measure of cheating occurred in almost every university, college, and private school.

The best analysis of the problem of cheating comes from Purdue University. For more than a year the Purdue student government has conducted a study of the academic dishonesty on its campus. This analysis is, of course, not the same as a similar one would be on a different campus, but it should give us a somewhat clear picture as to what is actually happening.

In the Purdue census 569 students were chosen at random for questioning regarding cheating on college studies. Ninety-three per cent of these students said that cheating is a problem; more than one-third of these students said that it was a serious problem. Thirty-seven per cent admitted that they had cheated at least one time.

When these students were asked how frequently the following practices were used at Purdue, this is what they said: (Figures are percentages.)

	Very Frequent	Moderately Frequent	Occasionally
A. Copying from books or crib notes during exams	13.5	38.0	37.1
B. Copying from other student papers during exams	18.0	39.8	32.1
C. Copying other students' lab or workbook assignments, themes, reports and term papers	55.6	36.6	13.6
D. Getting access to an exam before it is given	14.6	21.0	39.7
E. Getting another student to take an exam in place of the enrolled student	18.2	7.1	40.4

Twenty-three per cent of the students did not think that copying other students' work was dishonest when the work was concerned with homework, lab exercises, etc.

Why does so much cheating take place? Dean Grier, assistant dean of men at Purdue, suggested that it is a reflection of cultural trends of today. He says that the students observe how common cheating is on the outside of the school, and that most of the penalties are not very severe. People try to beat their income tax, they violate traffic laws, fib about expense accounts—all as "part of the game." He was also asked why he thought that students deemed it necessary to cheat. He said 28 per cent cheated because the students became too involved in too many other activities, 17 per cent because it is easy to cheat, 31 per cent because they must cheat to compete with others, and 62 per cent because of the fear of low grades.

The students feel that they must get high marks to enter college, to get into graduate school, or to get the best jobs after they leave the campus. In many instances an "A" becomes more important than the learning that the "A" represents.

There will probably always be cheating by students. This is not the most important factor in the over-all picture of cheating, but the important factor is the alarming increase in the number of students who believe that cheating is not dishonesty.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"FUNNY, BUT EVERY TIME WE HAVE A 'BULL SESSION' HERE AT WORTHAL'S THE DISCUSSION ALWAYS GETS AROUND TO GIRLS."

The Northeast Quarter . . .

By Jack Thomas

I know that the following is "out of line" from the regular. But since our paper is seldom read by the student body anyway, perhaps someone may find the key to a very interesting and enjoyable pastime, that of boating.

When I say boating "I definitely do not mean the usual cluttered, bright painted 2,500 dollar piece of junk that may be purchased at any boat store. When I first became interested in out-boarding, boats and motors were reasonably priced due to low demand and the money barrier was not nearly as great. Today when a price tag on a fully equipped runabout is more than that on your car it is little wonder that the average person drops the idea of boating right there.

However, there is a way to beat the high prices on boats and trailers and that is to build your own. Not only do you cut your costs to a small fraction of what is being charged for a comparable factory built hull but you will find a way to better performance, and will find the building of your own outfit both easy and enjoyable. Right about now the reader is undoubtedly thinking that I am talking about kits, and he is completely wrong. I mean to select the plan that satisfies your needs and build it. Anyone who is enrolled in an engineering school, I am sure has the ability.

So if you are wondering what to do with your spare time this summer this could be the answer. As for me I have already, with my brother, built two hulls, one a runabout and the other a class B utility racer and we are looking forward to building another this summer. We have two motors and the best part is that we do not have as much totally invested as the person who buys a factory produced runabout.

stroying spiritual forces without which a people cannot really lead a healthy life.

A New Expropriation of the Farmer

The Communists' satellite regime in the Soviet occupied zone of Germany has recently so greatly intensified its campaign to collectivize all independent farmers in Central Germany that today over 90 per cent of all private farms have been liquidated.

As part of the campaign to deprive the people of East Germany of their independence, pressures of all kinds, economic, political and social, have been applied to the rural population by the Communist Party. When a man lives on his own soil and works it with skill, energy and with the strength of his own hands, he does not have to depend on the favor of the ruling powers. Such independent people are no longer in the Soviet Zone. All that is wanted are people who are nothing more than a dependent "labor

force" and their slave drivers. It was for this reason that the dispossession of farmers has been instigated at this time.

The independence of the worker, which is feared by the rulers of the Soviet Zone, was wiped out first by the elimination of the free trade unions of the workers and the replacement of these by state trade unions which are nothing but an extension of the state's authority into the domains of business and households. In another area of economic life, small businesses have been deprived to a great extent of what made them independent and enabled them to hold their own—even in the face of government authority.

Campaigns against independence of the worker, businessman and farmer are proving harmful not only economically, but are de-

Softball To End Intramural Race

The 1959-60 Intramural race for top honors among school organizations and individual students is drawing to a close with the waning weeks of school. When weather permits the softball race will get underway and this last sports activity of this year will decide who will reign as the Intramural Champions. The official totals are not computed as of yet but according to Director Ed Simonich the Independents hold a slim edge over the Theta Tau.

There are six teams entered in the softball race including the Theta Tau, Rho I, Rho II, and three independent teams, the Seniors, the Smeltercitians and the Faculty. The race was scheduled to begin on Monday, April 25, but due to the weather conditions it had to be postponed until the field is again dry.

Champions have been decided in baseball, volleyball, table tennis and handball. In the basketball competition the Goof's went through the regular season and the tournament undefeated to win undisputed honors. The Theta Tau placed second and the Seniors third. The Theta Tau won the volleyball championship with the Seniors placing second and the Faculty third. In the individual sports Marvin Smith won the handball singles, with Don Doner placing second. The handball doubles tournament is now in its final games. Manuel Munoz, along with his tennis ability, has copped the singles in the table tennis tournament with Hamid Raza placing second. In the doubles competition in table tennis, Temior Mantashi and Hamid Raza defeated Manuel Munoz and Manuel Galup to cop honors in this event.

The handball doubles, badminton singles and doubles and softball are the only four titles that remain undecided. When these titles are decided Director Ed Simonich and the School of Mines will have enjoyed another successful year of bringing athletic competition to those students who are unable to compete in Intercollegiate sports and in so letting them compete against fellow students for fun and recreation.

New Suits Stay New

The team's new baseball uniforms remained new, but not unclaimed, as Montana's spring weather (snow) prevented the use of the new suits in the Western double-header scheduled for Sunday, April 24. Snow forced the cancellation of the games which could not be rescheduled due to a full schedule by both teams. The possibilities for the suits to remain new through May 2, (the date scheduled for the Carroll double-header) were many, as snow continued to fall all week following the Western cancellation to the time this paper went to press last Friday. The fifteen claimants of the uniforms who survived the final cut of the baseball team are the following:

G. Bronson, J. Conway, D. Crnich, B. Dickenson, R. Dwyer, P. Gross, D. Ekstrom, K. Erickson, R. Kotow, B. Laughlin, T. Liebsh, D. Mahagin, F. Quilici, B. Tiddy, and D. Trbovich.

The new uniforms, grey in color with zipper-type blouse and green numbers include green and orange socks, white sweat shirts with orange sleeves and green uni-size caps with orange "M's" on the crown.

Remaining team players who are still very much in contention for one of the new uniforms include the following: C. Brown, T. Henderson, D. Hyyppa, T. Jewett, M. Knuckles, D. MacMillan, and B. Tamietti.

Coach Cullen and the team are assisted by Pete Gilligan, manager.

Gosh!

Let's see how this thing operates. Does it fit in this hole? No. I know it belongs in one of them. Ah! Finally found the right size. Now about the handle. Whoops! That's the wrong direction. Better turn it this way. What's that crunching sound? What's everyone looking at me for? Ah! The noise is going away at last. I guess it is finished. Now I can go back to my desk and write something with this pencil.

Keglers Compete

Six Mines keglers competed for team and individual honors in Montana's third annual Montana College Conference Bowling Championships in Bozeman Sunday, May 1. The six bowlers captained by Bob Laughlin, this year's individual intramural bowling champion, included Don Doner, Dan Trbovich, Jack Softich, Tom Henderson, and Richard Dwyer.

Financial aid being unavailable from the athletic fund, the six bowlers dug deep to sponsor themselves and provide the school with a top-notch representation in Bozeman. High scores were expected from all participants who are capable and experienced bowlers. Bob Laughlin's 190 average was high for the team and expected to be high for the field of 36 entrants from the six Montana Colleges present. Team trophies were to be awarded to the top two teams in the team event, along with three trophies given to the top three individual singles champions. Actual scores were unavailable for this paper, but will be printed in the next AMPLIFIER edition.

Baseball Snowballed

Snowballs flew last Sunday, but baseballs remained motionless as the first two baseball games of the season were snowed out. Western's double-header being postponed became apparent as early as Friday when Thursday's light snow flurries piled up to 4 inches of fresh snow on Leonard Field overnight. Practice sessions were held inside Friday, however, in eager anticipation of a quick thaw. But Friday came and went with no weather change. Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday saw only snow, snow and more snow as hopes began to fade for Monday, May 2, games with Carroll. Doubt as to whether or not the games would be played was still high in the minds of Coach Cullen and team members as late as Friday when this paper went to press. Coach Simonich, however, began to make plans for the games to be played either here or there, depending upon weather conditions. It was supposed that Helena's field would probably drain Montana's spring snowfall somewhat faster than Butte's Legion Field.

Slander, If You Must, This Old Grey Head

It has come to the attention of the Amplifier staff that a certain head of the Humanities department became grey-headed at a very young age. Looking around the staff one can hardly miss a distinguished looking gentleman who has himself a few grey hairs (about 75% to be precise). Although the exact age of this person is known to be under 23, grey he is . . . and grey he'll stay? Red and green, being appealing colors, were suggested as possibilities which would bring questions! he? or doesn't he? However, maybe the grey hair is the first step and prerequisite for becoming the head (grey) of a department some day.

Office Manager: "You're late. You should have been here at 8:30."

New Sten: "Why, what happened?"

Sigma Rho Prepares For Campaign

The Sigma Rho Fraternity met on April 20 to discuss the campaign for student council officers and to select candidates. A time was set for the painting of signs and posters for the campaign.

Plans for the picnic to be held Sunday, April 24, were also discussed. The sudden snowfall caused the outing to be postponed and as yet no date for it has been set.

Foreign Cars: Good or Bad

The United States has been invaded by a host of foreign made automobiles. Ownership in America began as cult for the idle rich but in recent years has grown from a cult to a very commercialized business for United States dealers. Last year one out of every fifteen new cars sold in this country came off of a foreign assembly line.

The "little" foreign cars are described in advertising, in publicity handouts, by salesmen and by their owners in delightful phraseology. They are so cute, cheap to run, and low in initial cost.

Most of us, I am sure, are aware of the many advantages of owning a foreign made car but most people are not aware of the disadvantages of owning these cute little foreign cars. Some of the main disadvantages are as follows: small trunk, instruments and controls are not functional, the heating is only marginal, batteries are sometimes small and not efficient, and brake and clutch pedals were designed for Kiddy Cars.

The U. S. motorist, spoiled by power, comfort, convenience, and luxury, in Detroit vehicles that do half of the driving themselves, has to learn to drive his small foreign car and learn a foreign language in order to know when to change oil. Also, foreign cars are very hard to do repair work on because many American-sized tools will not work on the foreign parts and therefore, the owner can only get his car fixed at a special shop which is some cases are not always available.

I am not trying to discourage anyone from buying a foreign car nor am I trying to stamp out the small foreign economy cars. As the old saying goes "All that glitters is not gold," so be sure to judge the foreign automobiles on performance, not propaganda.

Copper Guards Plan for M-Day

At two recent meetings, the Copper Guards started making plans and set up committees for the annual M-Day activities. Duke George Vivian announced that all committees have made good headway on all projects.

Jack Bennet is chairman of the food committee. The co-eds will make the sandwiches. George Vivian and Bill Picard are in charge of decorating the hall for the dance. The band has been secured and the time for the dance has been set for 9:00 p.m. in the Copper Lounge. Bill Tiddy and Mike Keegan are in charge of securing flares to light the M and in getting dynamite to signal the start of M-Day activities.

If Winter Comes Can Spring . . . ?

Butte offers a variety of topics for discussion, the main one being the weather. Seldom does anything receive as much attention as the weather in Butte. Many people hold many views concerning the weather. A common description given by tourists and new residents of Butte is, "Butte has three seasons, July, August, and Winter." Another one is given by the old timers, "If you would complain about the sun, instead of the snow, you would not have anything to complain about."

To the farmer, the weather is the sole factor between fortune and failure. To the fisherman and hunter it can either mean a sunny day on the stream or in the field, or else it can mean a cozy poker game with the boys, while the rain falls outside the cabin window. But to the people of Butte it means only two things: plowing with a snow shovel or pushing a lawn mower, and by the looks of it, it doesn't look as if they will be using the lawn mower for a while.

In Butte one must be careful of his remarks regarding the weather. During a snowstorm one might be asked by some inquisitive person what he thinks of the weather. Before answering such a question one might try to guess his occupation. One can answer accordingly if he thinks the man might be a body and fender repair man or else maybe a window cleaner.

No matter how you feel about Butte's weather . . . I'll bet it's cold!

Father: "Well, son, what did you learn in school today?"

Son (proudly): "I learned to say 'Yes, sir' and 'Yes, ma'am' and 'No, ma'am!'"

Father: "Really?"

Son: "Yeah."

An old Indian was standing on the top of a hill with his son, looking over the beautiful valley below them. Said the old Indian, "Some day, my son, all this land will belong to the Indians again. Paleface all go to the moon."

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Candidates Discuss Campaign Strategy



Plans and campaign strategy for the forthcoming A.S.S.M. election are discussed by the above group of candidates. They are, from left: Frank Larvie, Mike Keegan, Bill Thompson, Allen Rovig and Bob Johnson.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"WHY CAN'T YOU BE LIKE TH' REST OF TH' BOYS AN JUST HAVE PICTURES OF 'PIN LIPS' IN YER LOCKER?"



CATNIP

I had no shoes and complained—until I met a men who had no feet.

You have to run fast just to stay in the same place.

Nothing that can happen to you is quite as bad as you think it is.

How to kill an idea: appoint a committee.

School is known by the teachers it keeps.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Thinking and keeping at it creates everything.

Your country first, your family second, yourself last.

Thar ain't no sense in gittin' riled.

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

Never choose between two good things . . . choose both.

Ingenuity plus courage plus work equals miracles.

In essentials . . . unity.
In non-essentials . . . freedom.
In all things . . . charity.

Fight one more round.

O God, give the world common sense, beginning with me.

When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on!

Men are like steel—when they lose their temper, they are worthless.

When an idea gets into an empty head . . . it has the time of its life.

Buying cheap merchandise to save money is like stopping a clock to save time.

My task—to improve each day in every way.

Co-operate . . . remember the banana—every time it leaves the bunch it gets skinned.

Latest on the . . . Mines Better Half

It seems that the Co-ed Club has finally come to the conclusion that absolutely nothing can be accomplished at a formal meeting, so they have been doing without them. The effects of this new undertaking are found present in the co-ed room. In place of the old first-aid kit, the room now contains two mis-matched floor lamps; the attempt of a co-ed artistic element has added two new masterpieces to the already famous collection of two; the gaudy Parisian tapestry, instead of hitting you after you have completely entered the room, it now floors you when you open the door; the map of Montana which formerly hung by the door has mysteriously disappeared; and it seems that someone was finally paid to wash and wax the floor.

But this is an inside story, which is of no interest to the male student: he is interested in what affects him directly, the Coffee Shop. The first excuse given by the co-eds was that their coffee maker had been borrowed and not returned, now its "Oh! we've run out of coffee. You know, of course, that most of it was used E-Day." We, when confronted by our professors upon failing an exam, in turn use the excuse, "I'm not worth a darn without that morning cup of coffee (even if it does nearly kill me). So, in view of our grades, we make this plea to the co-eds: "Please do something about that battery acid you serve at the Coffee Shop (put it in a car)."

An executive was finding it hard to write a letter of reference for his recent assistant. Happy to see the former employee leave, he still felt he had no right to blight a budding career—nor to mislead another employer.

Finally he dictated a single sentence: "We believe this young man will go far, and are pleased to have had a part in helping him to get started and keeping him moving."

Student Wives Hold Tea

The Student Wives' Club of the Montana School of Mines held its monthly meeting Wednesday evening, April 20, in the Co-ed Room.

Mrs. George Vivian, vice president, presided. Plans were made for the Senior Farewell Dinner, which will be held May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Rooster.

After the meeting, the Spring Tea was held in the Library-Museum Hall. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Robert Laughlin, Mrs. William Callaway, Mrs. William Standard, Mrs. Paul Schultz, Mrs. Robert Hoy, and Mrs. Terry James.

Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Arlene George, business office supervisor of the Bell Telephone Co., who presented a film on a Good Housekeeping Model Home and also a demonstration of color harmony with fabrics and colored telephones.

The following faculty attended: Mrs. Vernon Griffiths, Mrs. William Chance, Mrs. Joseph Chelini, Mrs. Frank Crowley, Mrs. Clifford Laity, Mrs. Stephen Nile, Mrs. Kohler Stout, Mrs. Kenneth McLeod, Mrs. Donald McGlashan, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. Theodore Jordan, Mrs. Fred Earll, Mrs. Douglas Harnish, Mrs. Uno Sallinen, Mrs. Walter March, Mrs. Edwin Koch, and Mrs. Louise McBride, faculty member.

The following student wives attended: Mrs. James Kirchner, Mrs. Robert Rask, Mrs. Walter Enderlin, Mrs. Zane Kelly, Mrs. Burtis Fayram, Mrs. Harvey Hannah, Mrs. Raymond Dugdale, Mrs. Robert Mock, Mrs. Donald McMillan, Mrs. Ralph Byrne, Mrs. Donald Zipperian, Mrs. Johannes Dreyer, Mrs. Webb Garey, Mrs. George Vivian, Mrs. Gary Riley, Mrs. Terry James, Mrs. William Callaway, Mrs. Robert Hoy, Mrs. Robert Utter, Mrs. James Donovan, Mrs. Donald Mahagin, Mrs. Robert Laughlin, Mrs. Marvin Smith, Mrs. William Standard, Mrs. Eldon Nicholson, Mrs. Paul Schultz, Mrs. Alex Mondlak, and Mrs. Donald Tash, co-ed.

We heard of three letters recently, the first from a newly-recruited Salesman:

"Dear Boss: I seen this outfit which ain't never bought a dime's worth of nothing from us, and I sole them a couple hundred thousand dollars worth of goods. I am now going to Chicago."

The second letter came from the same salesman, dated two days later. "I came hear and I sole them a half a milyon."

The third letter was from the company president. Enclosed were copies of the two other letters. Addressed to the whole sales force, it read:

"We been spendin two much time hear tryin to spel instead of tryin to sell. Lets watch those sails.

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In March, 1867 a school was started with a Colonel Wood as the teacher. He also conducted a singing school once a week. The first school, a log building, was maintained by subscription.

The Holiday Miner, published in 1887-88, in commenting on the trying times of Butte's early-day public school system, said:

"When the number of children in the district was so small that the proportion of money assigned to the district could not support a school, be it said to the credit of the bachelors that they subscribed as liberally to maintain the school as did those who had children to educate."

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