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A search for a new Grizzly fight song has been launched by Traditions Board of the Associated Students of Montana State University, in cooperation with the MSU Alumni Office and the MSU News Service, according to Jack Griffith, Traditions Board chairman.

The ASMSU Song Contest is open to all students and alumni of the University, Griffith said. A board of judges made up of alumni, faculty and professional musicians will select the winning entry. All entries must be postmarked before midnight, March 31, he said.

Traditions Board will award a handsome model of a C clef, hand crafted of Montana silver, to the author or authors of the winning song, Griffith said. The song will be premiered by the Treasure State Band at the 1961 Homecoming game, Oct. 14, and the prize will be presented at the Distinguished Service Awards ceremony on the eve of the game.

In announcing the contest, Griffith pointed out that most of the songs now in use were written during the first 30 years of the University's life and that no new songs have appeared since 1929, when the songs in the present song book were copyrighted. He emphasized that ASMSU will not abandon the time honored songs now in use; they just want a new one to add to the roster.

Griffith announced the following rules for the contest:

1. The competition is open to all students and alumni.
2. All entries will become the property of the Associated Students of Montana State University.
3. A board of prominent judges, among them alumni, faculty members and professional musicians, will be announced.

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4. The committee and judges reserve the right to reject any or all entries.
5. Authors will use a nom de plume on the manuscript. A sealed envelope marked "Traditions Board Song Contest" containing identification and nom de plume will be sent to President H. K. Newburn, Montana State University, Missoula. The envelope will be opened by President Newburn at a public ceremony after the judges have submitted their decisions to Dean Luther Richman of the School of Fine Arts.
6. Words and melody must be original.
7. Entries must be postmarked previous to midnight, March 31, 1961, and should be sent to Dean Luther Richman, School of Fine Arts, Montana State University, Missoula.
8. The winning song will be published in the MSU Song Book and will be premiered by the Treasure State Band at the 1961 Homecoming.
9. The award, a C clef, hand crafted of Montana silver, will be presented at the Distinguished Service Awards ceremony, Friday, Oct. 13, 1961.
10. If the song is written by collaborating writers, duplicate prizes will be awarded.
11. Additional prizes will be given if the judges submit more than one song for an award.
12. The MSU Alumni Office will serve as a clearing center for lyric writers seeking collaborators to supply music and for music writers in need of words for their music.

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