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Welcome to you Freshman women entering Montana State university. We are glad you are here to prepare for work in many lines; to enjoy our social as well as intellectual companionship. Soon you will be a part of our organization, in which we hope you will actively participate for the betterment of our university. May your first year be a most profitable one.

Greetings,

VERNETTA SHEPARD,
President of A. W. S.

Welcome, freshmen: In entering a new country travelers, young and old, appreciate a guide book. This, then, is your college Baedeker. We place it in your hands with our best wishes. Among the varying and at times confusing issues soon to confront you, may it be of real assistance. And as additional friend and counselor the dean of women is ever pleased to offer her services. Because you are arriving in such numbers this fall, I must depend upon you to come and introduce yourselves to me, thus giving me the opportunity of knowing you as individuals. May your first year with us be both pleasurable and profitable. To you we look expectantly for future leadership.

Cordially,

MARY ELROD FERGUSON,
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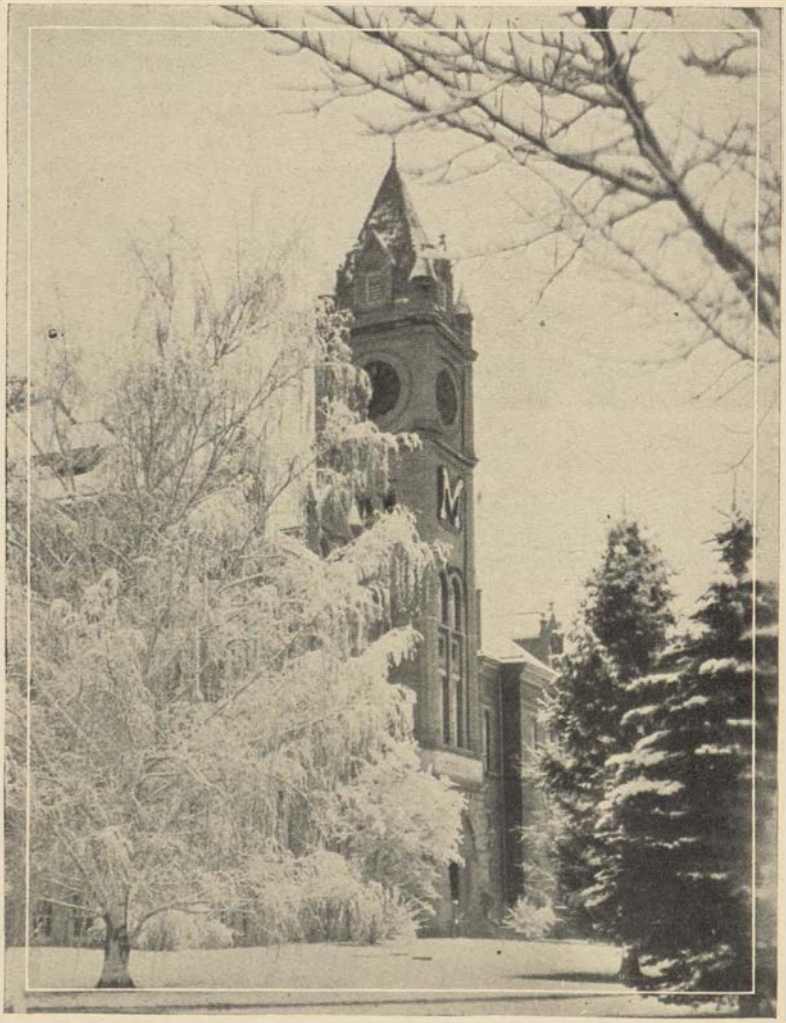
DEDICATION

A. W. S. hopefully dedicates this Montana Co-eds' Campus handbook to those of you who join us this fall as newcomers at Montana State university.



● MAIN HALL — Center of Campus Traditions

Three Initials—
A. W. S.

Most vital organization for women students on the Montana State university campus is the Associated Women Students, known simply as A. W. S. and affiliated with the National Federation. A. W. S. is the governing organ for all activities of women enrolled at Montana State university.

A. W. S., with an avowed purpose to "promote and maintain the highest standards of university life," brings together all campus women. Members of A. W. S. who pay an annual fee of one dollar for membership vote each spring to choose succeeding officers. Offices include those of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, the chairman of each standing committee, representatives from each sorority, women's dormitory, Mortar board, Tanan-of-Spur, Women's Athletic association and Central board.

Standards set by predecessors on the campus are those A. W. S. strives to enforce. Laws governing women are made by the board together with the dean of women. These regulations are the results of years of trial and only the best have survived. By these A. W. S. attempts to keep scholarship, honor, loyalty, service and leadership high on the ladder of achievement.

Each and every sister institution of M. S. U. hopes for a campus which stands above criticism. That necessitates an observance of certain rules set by the governing body—which means A. W. S. as far as university women are concerned.

Regulation hours and rules are meant for women not living with parents or in other private homes. Written permission to drive long distances and stay at the home of friends must be obtained from parents. These requests should be kept on file in the dean's office. Women are not allowed to stay out of place of residence for the night except by special permission. Become acquainted with the dean of women. Drop into the dean's office and get a signed card to be given to the housemother or social director, as the case may be. The little time spent to do this will make possible both a trip and a clear conscience.

Men may enter dormitory portals from 4 o'clock until 10:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Dates are permitted from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock and 9:30 to 10:30 on week days. Week-end dates have until 12:30, but only until 10:30 Sunday evenings. Now and then these rules are changed slightly at the beginning of each year.

One of the hardest restrictions is to forego shows on school nights. But the best ones are on during the week-end after all. Once a scholarship average of 25 grade points is met the first quarter the regulation is discarded.

Remember to take a chaperon with you any time you enter a fraternity house. Learn your rules, accept them and they will be of great value to you.

A. W. S. constitution, rules and regulations will be found in the last of this booklet. Every freshman woman should be interested in discovering them. Remember, what the school IS depends upon you—to take your responsibilities with an attitude of helpfullness, not as a burden.

The Counselor System— Its Relation to You

Each freshman woman entering the university this fall will be greeted at the train by an upperclass woman chosen to act as junior counselor for the ensuing year.

These counselors will have from one to three counselors to introduce to other Montana co-eds and to the university itself. This system, which had its inception one year ago, was carefully chosen to replace the Big Sister plan which failed because of the increasing size of each succeeding freshman class. Questionnaires, filled out by other schools discussing individual plans and how each operated, were received and studied. The most suitable was selected and proved a wise choice with favorable results from the first year.

The counselor system doesn't stop with freshman week. During the entire year contacts are continually made. The first, after the initial meeting at the train, is a party for all freshman and transfer women, all faculty wives and all counselors. It is a grand opportunity to get to know future associates and replaces the Monday evening of freshman week. Counselors are distinguished by badges bearing the wearer's name and school colors—copper, silver, gold. Counselees wear buttons with "counselee inscribed.

Mortar board, senior women's honorary, gives a tea for all new students the Sunday after freshman week. To this the counselors take their counselees to meet faculty women and outstanding women students. Plans are under way for an information desk at North hall during the week to aid new students.

Women chosen to be counselors typify the highest ideals of college women in scholarship, character and personality. These select groups of women will meet quarterly at the homes of various faculty wives for buffet suppers. This is intended to give new students a touch of home life and to acquaint them with others.

Through your counselor you will be able to gain entrance into activities suited to you, receive assistance in your studies, and profit greatly. Freshman women are to feel free to ask help from counselors at any time. Each counselor was chosen because of interest in helping other co-eds and each year will be more than willing to help newcomers. It is the counselor's desire to help freshman women find a place in university life.

A. W. S. hopes that counselees will take advantage of this new system, which has for its goal the happiness and success of all new students on the Montana campus.

A. W. S. Activities Include All Women

A. W. S. activities during the year are participated in by all university women.

Each year at Christmas time A. W. S. in some way helps the needy, either by giving a party for children or fixing up cheery Christmas baskets. University women make some of the Yuletide happiness possible by work and interest in those who have less.

An annual event during senior week, May Fete is the spring quarter festival for A. W. S. On that night the senior woman who has been elected May Fete queen is crowned and the evening's performance is for the queen's entertainment. Attendants are all senior women and are selected by the May queen.

During senior week Lantern Parade, an annual affair honoring senior women, is presented on the university campus. All university women march around the oval carrying lighted lanterns, the seniors in their caps and gowns. They form an M on the oval while lowerclass women gather around the steps of old Main hall. And from the tower comes a voice singing some Montana song. One of the loveliest of A. W. S. traditions, Lantern Parade carries with it fond memories for senior women and a feeling of well-being for those who stay behind.

Big pockets are necessary the night of Co-ed Prom—the one evening when the woman plays cavalier. The purpose of the pockets is to accommodate any little articles a date deems necessary for improving his appearance during the course of the evening—a shaving kit, or a comb, corresponding to the woman's usual contributions. A boutonnaire must be sent to the man (the price is usually 75 cents).

The young lady may order the flower from someone taking orders or a florist down town. Call for the gentleman in a taxi or make arrangements for transportation in a friend's car. Walk nonchalantly up the steps of his fraternity house, ring the bell. Once inside and seated you may have to wait. Right then and there resolve to be ready next time he calls for you. Be sure to take some pocket money, for at the dance during the intermission he will probably want a "coke." Bring him home and be sure to escort him to the door. It's fun!

One of the major interests of A. W. S. is the maintenance of a loan fund for upperclass women. Students who have a high scholastic average and require financial assistance in order to complete their education may borrow money from this fund. Information concerning loans of this type may be obtained from the dean of women. Use of the money is restricted to juniors and seniors except in unusual cases.

The newest activity of A. W. S. is the newly organized counselor system to help you. And how welcome will be the pleasant acquaintances you make through the work of these women who have been chosen as counselors.

A. W. S. Point System Newly Inaugurated

Recently inaugurated by A. W. S. is the point system applied to activities similar to those used in other colleges. The purpose of this point plan is to stimulate and regulate participation of women students in extra-curricular activities in order to increase efficiency of student organizations. The point evaluation is based on the work entailed by the particular activity.

No student shall carry more than 30 activity points at any one time. Exceptions will be made for students having an index of 2.00 and above and on special permission from the dean of women or point committee. When points are recorded, if a girl is found carrying too many points she shall be brought before the committee and required to drop to a total of 30.

A student must have a consistent index of 1.00 or above to maintain a major office. No woman may carry activity points while on probation for discipline or scholarship.

The point system committee is composed of the Associated Women Students' board and special representatives from Spur, Mortar board and Panhellenic council. It shall keep a complete record of women students and activities, and shall approve all elections and appointments. The committee shall also make suggestions and recommendations when requested.

The list of activities and points to be earned in each is to be revised in the fall of 1938 and will be published then.

Extra-Curricular Activities

To round out a college education and make the most of four years in university, a number of extra-curricular activities are offered. For each activity, enjoyment, experience and the satisfaction of something accomplished are the rewards.

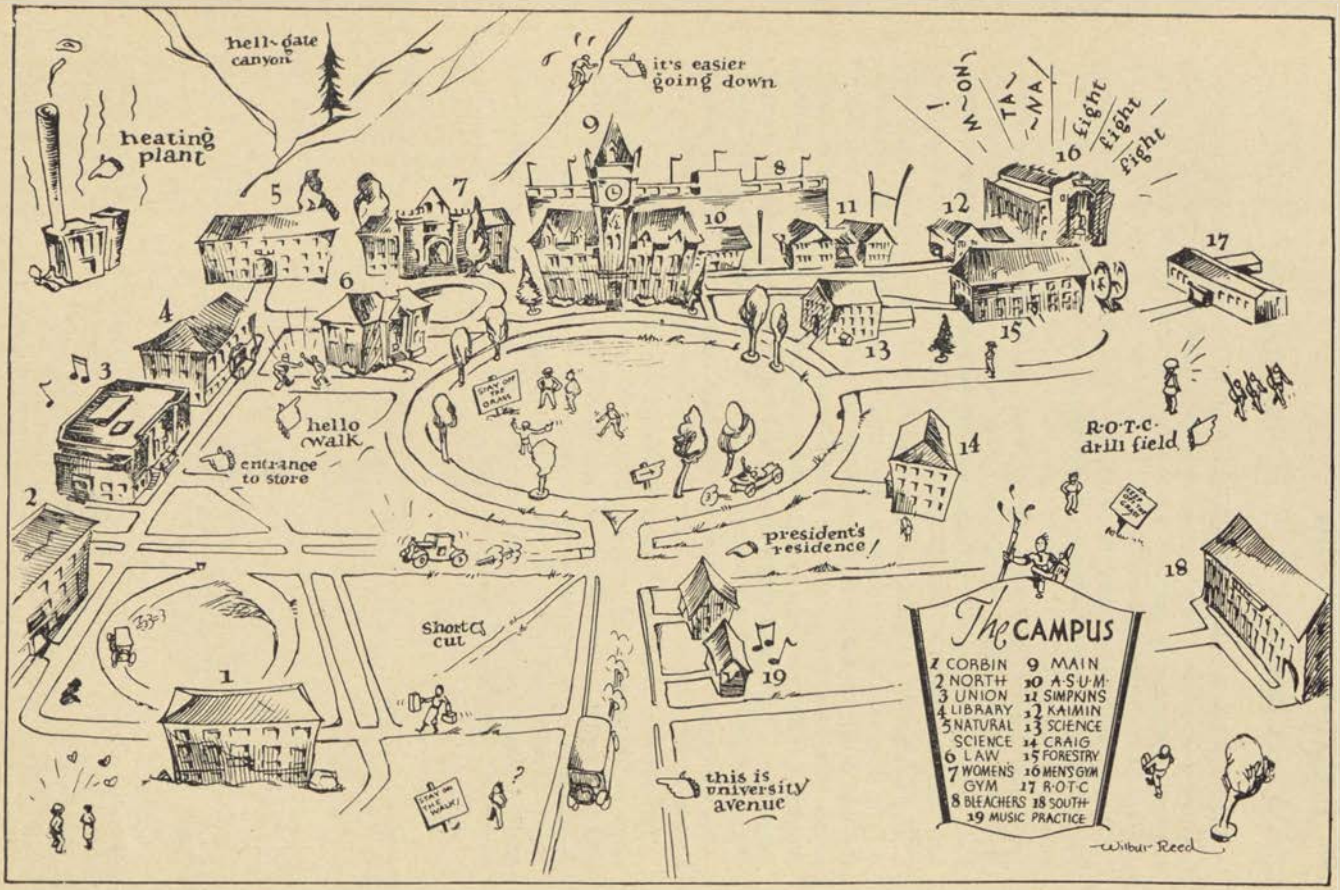
Watch the Kaimin, campus newspaper, for announcements of essay, poetry, play and other contests. Experience is worth while and such opportunities are many.

Campus contests and tours of the state for debaters meet one extra-curricular requirement. Prizes are given in the Aber Oratorical contest each year. All debaters and declaimers are included in the Debate Union. Last year they affiliated with Tau Kappa Alpha, national forensic fraternity.

The university symphony orchestra offers much. Professor A. H. Weisberg is director and is constantly searching for new talent. Last year, for the first time, women were allowed in the university band. Six girls went on the state band tour, with two women drum majors in the regular band. Bandleader Clarence Bell has organized a women's drum corps and twirling corps, which now has a membership of fifty girls and is rapidly increasing. Women eager to learn to manipulate a drum or twirl a baton are welcomed.

No restrictions other than the obvious requirement of a voice are placed on entrance into glee club. Dean DeLoss Smith is musical director.

The Sentinel is the yearbook published every spring. Applications for work on the annual are accepted during fall quarter. State qualifications and preferences. Each phase will interest some of the freshman women. A major part of Sentinel work is construction of lay-outs and dummy pages. This sounds technical, but it is interesting and not too difficult work. Staff members are hard workers but enjoy every bit of it. Editorships are available by the end of the junior year.



● Not Shown on Above Campus Map Are the New Journalism, Women's Dormitory and Woman's Club-Art Buildings.

• Three More Initials— W. A. A.

Women's Athletic association is the organization governing all athletic activity among women on the campus. W. A. A. has as its purpose the development of a higher degree of interest and sportsmanship in women's athletics and to promote interest in school sports. Women may earn numerals by being on a first team in major or individual sports.

Outing club, hikes and picnics as well as individual sports, including everything from ping-pong to horseshoes and croquet, are sponsored by W. A. A. During the winter, basketball tournaments, both interclass and sorority, catch the campus spotlight. Riflery, hockey, team baseball, archery, golf, tennis, the annual swimming meet and play day for valley high school women are other sports offered. W. A. A. is one of the most active of women's organizations on the campus.

• Campus Dramatists, Montana Masquers, Rule the Stage

A large and active organization, Montana Masquers has made much progress in the past few years. Their dramatic efforts have entertained and been appreciated by student audiences. Opportunities for acting, backstage work and "prop" building are numerous.

Masquers present three major productions during the year, and each quarter several one-act plays. They are often in demand for programs. One of their projects is the Little Theatre tournament during Interscholastic week in May. Members prepare properties and the stage for high school thespians.

From the large new stage in the Student Union theater Montana Masquers offer the year's productions. Each quarter the dramatics director will announce tryouts in an attempt to reach out for new talent.

Montana Masquers offers an opportunity for dramatically inclined high school graduates to follow individual dictates.

• Our Traditions To Be Cherished

Traditions everywhere arouse a spirit of loyalty. Montana traditions are particularly fine and deserve whole-hearted consideration. Traditions are an important part of background for school spirit and add vivid coloring to college life.

One of the most loved and cherished traditions on the university campus is S. O. S.—"Singing on the Steps." Loyalty and fellowship may be shown by attending each S. O. S. and joining in the singing. A feeling of pride that borders on sentimentalism comes when the university woman stands before the steps of old Main hall, a tradition in itself, and reflects on the heritage of students of the past. Like those students, when S. O. S. comes to a close at the chiming of 8 o'clock from Main hall tower, sing "College Chums" with real significance, then quietly leave the campus. Love for Montana State university will grow with each S. O. S.

Closely allied with S. O. S. are rallies held before football games. The "M" on Mt. Sentinel is lighted with flares and a huge bonfire is built on the intramural sports field. A parade, headed by the Grizzly band, begins on Gerald avenue and collects students from fraternity and sorority houses along fraternity row.

Many dances on the campus are fast becoming firm traditions. Barristers' ball, given by members of the law school, is a formal and is offered during winter quarter. Foresters' ball, also in the winter quarter and given by forestry school members in honor of Paul Bunyan, is a strictly informal costume affair. Another dance of particular interest to women in the same quarter is Co-ed Prom, a formal sponsored by A. W. S. It is the one opportunity the university woman has to pay for everything because it is the one time when the women pay the bills for taxi fares, cigarettes, gardenias, "cokes" and dinners, before or after the dance.

In the spring a much-anticipated day is one set aside in memory of "Daddy" Aber, a beloved member of the first faculty who took great pride in beautifying the campus. Aber day is an annual cleanup with each student assigned to a certain job. The day means both work and play. Lunch, provided by A. S. M. S. U., is followed by high court, a baseball game and a mixer. It's all fun, so when Aber day comes around next spring, don slacks, really use a rake, and help keep "Daddy" Aber's memory alive.

A friendly atmosphere on any campus is a decided asset. Remember "Hello Walk," between the library and the law school, and say "hello" to whomever is met along the way—stranger or acquaintance. This is another tradition that makes for better comradeship and more friends at Montana State university.

During senior week Lantern Parade honors senior women. Lighted lanterns are carried around the oval by graduating women. All underclass women follow and they, too, carry lighted lanterns.

Treasure Montana traditions and keep them alive by faithful observance of those dear to so many Montana men and women.

• Honoraries for M. S. U. Women

To be pledged by one of Montana State university's honorary fraternities, a student must be majoring in a particular school, have a high scholastic average in that school, as well as average or better in other subjects, and be active in the affairs of the school or department. Members of these fraternities are actively interested in their field, and intend to continue in that line of work after graduation.

Kappa Epsilon is the women's national pharmaceutical fraternity. Functions of an educational and social nature are offered.

Mathematics majors have established Pi Mu Epsilon. The Pi Mu's have three aims for their group—scholarship for the individual, advancement of mathematics and the mutual and personal advancement of its members. Five quarters of mathematics, with the proper grade points, will make women students eligible.

Phi Sigma, national honorary biology fraternity, chooses members from botany, zoology and bacteriology majors.

To be pledged to Psi Chi, psychology honorary, women students must be working for either a major or a minor in psychology and rank in the upper two-thirds of the class as well as have a "C" average in other studies. Regular social and business meettings are offered, at which problems in psychology are discussed.

The School of Journalism offers to aspiring newspaper women Theta Sigma Phi, the only national honorary professional fraternity devoted to the advancement of women in journalism. One of the most active honoraries on the campus, Theta Sigma Phi sponsors an annual Matrix Table, to which they bring a prominent writer as speaker. The honorary publishes "Campus Rakings," scandal sheet, on Aber day.

At the end of the junior year, Kappa Tau, local scholarship fraternity, pledges students who have maintained a scholastic index of 2.1 (better than a "B" average) during three years in school.

Pledging to these honoraries is done in the junior year and includes all work up to that time. It is a distinction to belong to an honorary—and an achievement.

• Church Clubs Hand-in-Hand With Campus Life

In church organizations school friendships will be widened in a new and friendly group. Each denomination has a special club for university students and gives informal suppers as well as other entertainments. Visiting dignitaries and university professors offer interesting discussions at many of the meetings and give university women an opportunity to become better acquainted with professors and students not met in classes or seen on the outside as they hurry around the campus oval.