

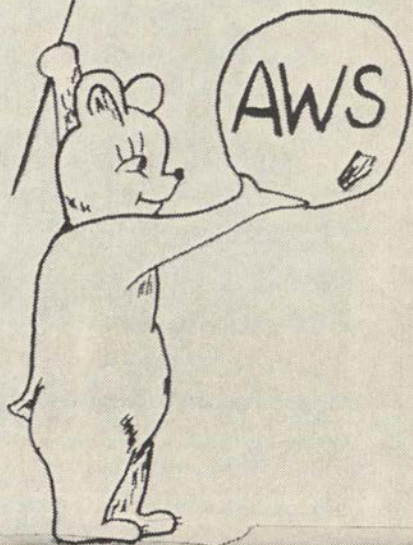
*Your*



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Hi!



**YOUR GUIDE**  
to  
**AWS and MSU**  
**A Handbook for University**  
**Women**

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Welcome to Montana State University and to membership in AWS. We are looking forward with much pleasure to sharing with you our university opportunities and especially our women's activities. AWS has prepared this booklet as a guide for you in your life on the campus. We wish for you a stimulating and inspirational year and shall be happy to assist you at any time.

MAURINE CLOW  
Associate Dean of Students



Kay Lund, vice-president; Liz Astle, president

Freshman Women,

On behalf of the Associated Women Students of Montana State University it is my privilege to be one of the first to welcome you to our campus.

If your first few weeks as freshmen are anything like the past, you'll probably want answers to questions rather than welcomes. This booklet is an attempt to answer most of these questions, but I realize that no amount of printed material can cover



**Carol Otthouse, secretary; Kay Thomas, treasurer**

everything. Please don't hesitate to come to any one of the AWS officers or myself, or to your AWS Big Sister with your problems.

We are looking forward to meeting you this fall, and expect to see you often during Orientation Week and throughout the year.

**LIZ ASTLE, President,  
Associated Women Students**

# New Here?

Associated Women Students welcomes all women into its membership for the coming year. We invite you to what we hope will be one of the biggest and happiest years of your life, full of the studies, activities, and traditions of AWS and MSU.

AWS itself is an age-old campus tradition. Beginning in 1914 as the "Women's League," it has had an active history, during which it has grown and developed into an immense organization of, by, and for all MSU women. Today the representatives from the residences making up the Executive Board have a high degree of responsibility. You will be urged to aid them by your active participation in AWS activities, your attendance at AWS events, and your contributions of effort, energy, and ideas for improving your government.

Throughout the year AWS carries out a program designed to unify women attending MSU, to give more leadership opportunities for women, to work for better student government, and to foster school spirit. At the same time, it keeps in touch with the women of other colleges and universities through its membership in IAWS—Intercollegiate Association of Women Students.

Associated Women Students—your campus government—is composed of an Executive Board, a Judicial Board, and six committees.

**Executive Board** is composed of the officers of AWS and a representative from each women's living group. This board meets every Monday afternoon at 4 p.m., to plan activities and to serve as your representative student government.

**Judicial Board** considers all infractions of hour regulations and is composed of the AWS officers and



two roving representatives from women's living groups. The council meets at 3:30 p.m. on Monday with the vice-president presiding.

**Publicity Committee** notifies women students of AWS events and makes posters and signs.

**Faculty Relations Committee** sponsors an annual student-faculty party and plans informal teas which enable faculty and students to become better acquainted.

**Counselor-Counselee Committee** plans the big-little sister program, including the big-little sister party during orientation week. Its goal is to help all new students feel a part of MSU campus life.

**Charm and Beauty Commttee** sponsors two style shows during the year—one in the spring and one in the fall.

**Lantern Parade Committee** plans the annual Commencement week Lantern Parade honoring graduating senior women, and installs the incoming AWS officers.

**Handbook Committee** writes this handbook, sent out to all new women.

One of the best ways to be active in AWS and campus life is as a member of one of these committees. Applications are circulated every fall, and all women are invited to apply.



# IAWS

IAWS—Intercollegiate Association of Women Students—is composed of member organizations of college women all over the United States. As a member of IAWS, the Montana State University unit meets with representatives of other colleges and universities at the National and Regional conventions which are held on alternate years. In this way, our AWS has an opportunity to hear the views of people from other schools on various phases of college life and government.



The goals of IAWS are to better women's governing groups and to take up problems relating to the role of women students on local, national and international levels.

## AWS Loan Fund

For financial aid to women students who could not otherwise afford to attend the University, AWS established a loan fund in 1923. Any woman may borrow from the \$2,000 fund with the approval of the AWS President and the Associate Dean of Students. The rate of interest is 2 per cent, and the maximum amount borrowable by any one student is \$200.00. Payments may be either quarterly or monthly, as determined individually for each loan.

## AWS Scholarship

Any sophomore woman is eligible to apply for the AWS Cheadle-McKinley Memorial Scholarship of \$50, which is presented each year to an outstanding sophomore. The scholarship committee, consisting of the Associate Dean of Students, the President of AWS,

a faculty member, and a member of the executive board, makes the choice of the recipient.

The AWS scholarship is presented in memory of Jean Cheadle and Marlene McKinley, outstanding MSU students who have died within the last ten years. It was first awarded in the spring of 1955.

## Activities Balance

In coming to college for the first time, many freshmen might be inclined to try to join everything open to MSU students. This is an admirable quality until it reaches the point where the participant has a severe case of ulcers or "activities fatigue." It is necessary to remember that there are at least four years ahead in which to cover these outside activities.

In order to regulate extracurricular participation, the AWS Executive Board has approved a system whereby no more than one of the offices listed can be held at the same time by any woman student attending MSU. This list is called the "Permanent A" system.

### PERMANENT A

President of AWS  
President of ASMSU  
Editor of Kaimin  
Business Manager of Kaimin  
Editor of Sentinel  
Business Manager of Sentinel  
Secretary of ASMSU  
Business Manager of ASMSU  
Vice-President of ASMSU  
President of Spur  
President of any living group

A university woman can, however, hold a "Permanent A" position and at the same time carry out the duties of any number of other student officers, committee appointments, and club memberships.

# Around the Campus and Town

Whatever your reasons may be for coming to college—to prepare for a career, to find a man and settle down, or just to gain additional knowledge—you will find it profitable to meet and know the campus and the town which will be your temporary home. This section is specially written to help you find your way around MSU and Missoula.

The buildings on campus range in age from the newly-completed addition to the Lodge to the old Main Hall, built in 1897 in the center of the campus. The majestic old building, with its carillon and clock tower, sits at the foot of Mt. Sentinel overlooking the "oval" of green grass and the entire campus.

Medical services and nursing care are provided for in the new Health Center, which was first occupied in the spring of 1956. It is here that excuses for illnesses are issued, and the health facilities are sufficient to house an epidemic of ailing students.

Besides the Dean of Students, the Associate Dean, and the Counseling Center, you will be provided with an adviser to help you with your schedule of studies. Your adviser will be a professor from your major field of study and will always be available to help you plan ahead with your credits and courses.

Next to your own room, the library will probably be the most familiar place to you. With its large new addition, it offers an ideal spot for your studying and research work. Librarians and student assistants are always on hand to help you find any book, and to show you how to find your way around among the open stacks on the four new floors.

The Lodge is where you will be served your meals, in the spacious modern food center in the new west



wing addition. All the latest in cafeteria equipment is constantly at work here. But the food center is only one part of the vast structure. Best spare-time spot is the grill room in the basement, which caters to the coffee hour and snack crowd, though meals may also be bought here. Committee and Conference rooms are upstairs next to the comfortable Yellowstone Room, which is used for banquets and dances. Rooms in the Lodge are named after Montana counties.

Freshmen women housing facilities are in Brantly and Corbin Halls, with a new addition called North Corbin connecting the two. These dorms are under the supervision of Head Residents and junior sponsors who will help you and give you the newest information about MSU government, study facilities, and social life.



Synadelphic House, the co-op open to women students whether freshmen or upperclassmen, is the place for those who like to share expenses and housework, as well as the fun.

Though freshman "pledges" are required to live in a dorm, many of you will enjoy living in one of the six sorority houses later on.

Wherever you stay, you will find living with others lots of fun. You will soon get acquainted with the others in your hall. Missoula girls living at home can enjoy the halls' social activities by paying a small fee to be a full-fledged dorm affiliate.

Missoula—your new home away from home—has an exciting history. As a pioneer stop-off and Indian settlement known as "Hellgate," it was once a rip-roaring western community. But never fear, you won't be scalped now. Today Missoula, "The Garden City," is a busy little city "at the crossroads of the

five great valleys." Situated on the main thoroughfares of Western Montana, it is the center of traffic between Montana and Idaho. Missoula County's 1950 population was 22,485.

Like most Montana communities, Missoula has an Indian name. It means "near the cold, chilling waters," not particularly because of the coldness of the water, but because of the fear the Flatheads had for the spot where the warring Blackfeet once ambushed them.

The river which divides the city is called the Missoula. South of the town the same river is the Bitterroot, and to the north at Bonner, it is known as the Blackfoot for the area through which it flows. At Superior and at Drummond it is called by a still different name, the Clark's Fork of the Columbia.



Missoula residents are happy to be able to supply "U" students with plenty of recreation facilities, outdoor as well as indoor. Besides the five theaters, there are numerous city parks, tennis courts, picnic areas, horse-back riding academies, two bowling alleys, a roller-skating rink, and miniature golf links. Nearby ski areas at TV Mountain, Diamond Mountain, Lost Trail, Marshall Canyon, and Big Mountain at Whitefish offer winter fun, along with the Glacier ice rink on the campus. Lolo, Sleeping Child, Gollogly, and Medicine Hot Springs make swimming excursions popular in the spring and fall.

Missoula's major industries include lumber mills, construction companies, meat-packing plants, and a sugar-beet factory. Regional headquarters for the U.S. and State Forest Services are also located here.

The churches of Missoula cordially welcome "U" students to come and visit their buildings and services,



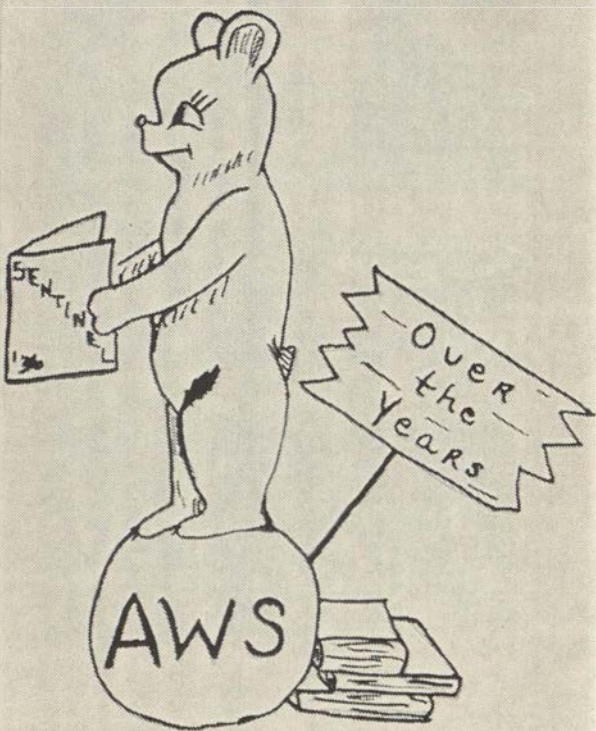
especially on Sunday mornings. Most churches also have student organizations which meet on Sunday evenings to discuss questions ranging from campus social and study problems to the basic church ideals and beliefs. They also have parties. During orientation week, all churches will have an open house during

which you can meet the church and its pastor and find out about the services and student-organized activities.

The Community Concert Association holds a series of concerts on campus for Missoulians and students each year, and the music school offers the Little Concert Series, so bring your ticket money and you will enjoy music all year.

When parents visit, you will have no trouble finding a comfortable place for them to stay. The Missoula Chamber of Commerce is always ready to help you with any questions you may have about the city. You will find the townspeople friendly and willing to serve you in any way possible. And don't be stumped when you hear such terms as Pattee Canyon, Mts. Jumbo and Sentinel, the Rattlesnake, Lolo Peak—before long you will have mastered these names as well as the Missoulians have over a course of several years.







# Looking Back

Through the years, MSU has developed many customs and annual happenings—traditions we call them—that make college life dear to all students. All true Grizzlies observe these traditions as an important part of college life.

## Freshman Firsts

From the first Sunday at your new home, MSU, to the second, you will experience the first freshman tradition, orientation week. Every day of this week is packed with things to see and do. On the first day, Bearpaws and Spurs will sell you your freshman beanie. You and this beanie are to be inseparable during the week.



One of the main events of the week is the AWS Big-Little Sister party. Here you will meet your AWS big sister, the girl you will turn to with your problems, for advice, or for just a friendly chat. At the party, representatives of various campus organizations and honoraries explain their organizations, giving you an opportunity to discover where you can put your talents and interests to work in MSU.

There are other varied activities throughout the week to get you into the swing of things. Dances are held at the Lodge, so you can meet more of your classmates and upperclassmen, and Jitney parties for men and women will be another feature.

Of course, orientation week isn't all play. There are two days of tests. On one of these days, you will be assigned an adviser, who is a faculty member of the school or department in which you plan your major.

On one day of orientation week, all freshmen don their oldest clothes and, armed with brooms and buckets of whitewash provided by Spurs and Bear-paws, make the climb to re-paint the "M" on Mt. Sentinel. Whitewash flies thick and fast onto the "M" by the industrious freshmen, who usually end up whitewashing themselves.

On the next Sunday, a picnic is sponsored by student religious groups on Dornblaser Field. Here you meet members of the religious groups on Campus, play games and enjoy a fine feast of picnic food.

AWS, Spur, and Mortar Board sponsor a tea during the first month for homesick freshmen. Your AWS big sister will escort you to the tea and make sure you meet the upperclass women.

At the end of orientation week, your participation



in AWS functions is just beginning. An organization calling themselves the Grizzly Growlers, made up entirely of freshmen, polish the victory bell every fall, so it will shine brightly when it is pushed around Dornblaser Field by the Growlers after every football victory.

Other events of AWS are the style shows, an Easter-egg hunt for faculty children, and the Sno Weekend. AWS welcomes you on its committees and hopes that there you will find yourself working on what you like. You begin to feel a part of MSU as you help to create a new part of AWS by your service.

## Fun For All

The first really big thing after Orientation Week is Homecoming. During this weekend there are a football game, a parade with floats made by all of the living groups, a pep rally and convo on Friday morning, and a bonfire and noise parade Friday

night. Saturday, following the parade, the game, and the dinner, is an all-university dance.

Before important events, convocations are held, featuring student or outside entertainment. One of the special ones is the Foresters' Convo, the Friday before the Foresters' Ball. Another is held before the Bobcat-Grizzly game to spark spirit. As a result, MSU usually wins the game and the travelling trophy which goes to the winning team. This game is played at the different schools on alternate years, and is the cause of mass migration from one school to the other.

All dads are honored at a football game on Dad's day. The oldest father and the dad coming the farthest distance are presented with awards. All MSU students' fathers are invited to the game.

Another of the wonderful traditions which you will immediately share is Hello Walk, dedicated to friendship, where traditionally everyone greets everyone else with a bright smile and an enthusiastic "Hi." It is the section of the sidewalk running from the front of the Liberal Arts building to the Arts and Crafts building.



Some of the more social traditions are the annual Foresters' Ball, sponsored by the Foresters in a magnificent fashion; the Barristers Ball, where the lawyers fete J. Learned Brow; the Nite Club dance, sponsored by the Music School in a night-clubish atmosphere; the Military Ball, given by the ROTC department, at which time the coed colonel is announced; and the Sadie Hawkins dance, preceded by twirp week so that every gal can catch her dream man.

Singing on the Steps, or SOS, is one of the most beloved of all MSU traditions. The songs, led by the Spurs and Bearpaws, are perfected as they form the background for many events, one of them the tapping of members for honoraries. SOS starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. and at the stroke of eight, everyone is silent. At the end of the eighth gong, the students begin to sing softly the song "Old College Chums" and walk away humming it, leaving a happy and friendly note hovering around the spires of Main Hall, the heart of MSU traditions.

## In The Spring

Interscholastic is a main event in the spring when all of the Montana High school students arrive at MSU for competition in athletics, speech, dramatics, and journalism. Mortar Board, Spurs, and Silent Sentinel tap their new members during a big picnic dinner on the oval, and an all-school song fest is held with every living group competing.

At the annual Sig Alph Olympics every women's living group gets a chance to prove skills in events such as pie eating, egg throwing, and three-legged racing.

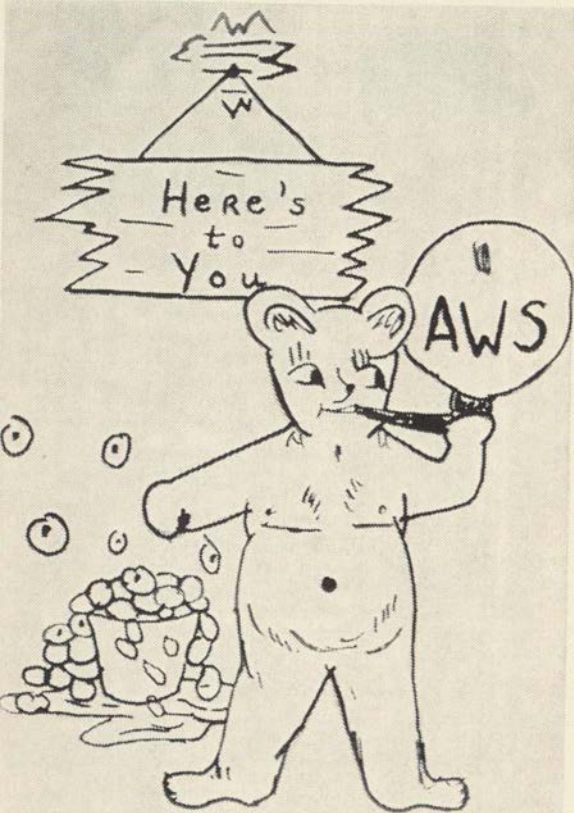
When the cub becomes a Grizzly senior, he can appreciate the long wait and privilege of sitting on the hallowed Senior Bench, donated by the Class of 1910. Saturday night before commencement, AWS officers are installed and underclass women honor the graduating senior women with a Lantern Parade. The coeds march around the oval carrying lighted lanterns while the seniors in caps and gowns form on "M" in the center of the oval. "Montana, My Montana," is sung from the tower of Main Hall and the MSU women respond with "College Chums."

All of these are the traditions at MSU, and there are many more that you will discover for yourself



when you arrive, such as walking around the oval, the band marching and practicing on the Clover Bowl day after day, the ROTC units on the oval on Monday evenings, coffee in the lodge afternoons, and Charter Day. These traditions enrich

the days and years at MSU, creating memories that will remain a precious part of your life, living on in the hearts of the past, present, and future students of MSU.





# Here's To You

Here's to you—an attractive, pleasant, likeable you. Through all your life, and especially in college, you will be meeting many people. You will want to be the kind of person others will like and want to know better. As the first impression is many times a deciding one, here are some hints to help make it a good one.

## Appearance Counts

Be neat and clean. There is no excuse for an unclean or unpressed dress or blouse. Wear outfits suitable to the occasion, and remember, it is better to be Plain Jane than Fancy Nancy. Stringy, unkept hair has never been known to receive compliments, and too much make-up won't make a good impression. It's you they're meeting, not Max Factor. Remember, scrub in time, and you'll look fine.

## Music To Their Ears

One of the first things people will notice when they meet you will be your voice. A pleasing voice and good grammar will do a lot toward making that good first impression. If others have to translate your high school lingo, or rearrange your misplaced modifiers, they may not have time to talk to you. Profanity can be dropped without being missed, and while you are tossing out things, get rid of the gossiping too. There may be a time and a place for everything, but for these two, there is neither.

## What To Say!

Although you may have all these qualities and also be as beautiful as Miss Universe, you still may not know what to say when you first meet someone. When you are at college, you will always be introducing "so and so" to "so and so." The Emily Post form is, "May I present.....," but more simply you'll be saying, "This is.....," or "Have you met.....," or "I'd like you to meet....." Try to men-



tion something about each person you introduce to give the conversation a start.

## Which Name Comes First?

The woman's name comes first if you're introducing members of the opposite sex; the older person's if they are the same sex; the married woman's, if introducing her to an unmarried woman; the most important person if he is really important.

If someone is introducing you, smile and say, "How do you do?" Should you shake hands? Here's the formula. Two women may or may not shake hands. You usually won't offer to shake hands with a man unless you are the hostess. If you do shake hands, make the handshake a good firm one. Don't use a wrestler's grip or the dead fish type. Never refuse an extended hand.

What about when you leave? Well, Mr. Gentleman may say, "I'm glad to have met you," at least let's hope he does. If he says this, you should say, "Thank you," or "It's been a pleasure," (if it has). But be smart and don't gush all over him. Let him make the first comment.



## Dating Dope

Dates will be a big part of your college life. But remember that fellows like girls with manners, that is, if you want some dates, and not just one. If you use your head and follow a few simple rules, you won't go wrong.

1. Will you accept blind dates? Sure you will! Don't forget, he's taking chances too. Just check with whoever arranges the date, and no doubt you will have a good time.

2. But—don't break one date to take another. Your popularity will be short-lived if Date One finds out, and Date Two won't be too happy about it either.

3. When your dates say, "Do you want a coke?" —he means "coke," not hamburger, malt, French fries. Maybe he's only got a dime.

4. Make like the helpless female. Hand him your coat; hesitate before doors. He'll get the idea, and probably like it.

5. Rumor has it that "love is a many-splendored thing." That's all very good, but you needn't be a smooching proof of this for the whole campus or for the head resident. You'll see him tomorrow, so see if you can un-twine yourselves on the dorm steps before 1 a.m. Housemothers sleep too, you know.

## Formal? Bermudas? Skirt? Bathing Suit?

Whenever there are places to go or things to do, you'll find women asking, "What shall I wear?" The chart should assist you in choosing your apparel for most accosions, but before you check it over, here are a few hints.

If you plan to buy many new clothes before coming to MSU, try to plan your wardrobe around two or three basic colors. This will cut down on accessories, give you more mix-and-match outfits, and in general make for a more stylish you. If you are budget conscious, don't buy in a hurry. Wait until you're sure what you will want and will use.



To be sure, be conservative. You can wear a plain coat anywhere; the same for a plain, simple suit. A basic dress is smart too because it can easily be changed with scarves or beads. Plain pump heels are always in style. You will probably need a raincoat, and when the snow flies you'll want galoshes or snow boots for those cold trips to classes. Jeans are worn for picnics and intramural sports, and are in the vogue at barn dances or the Foresters' Ball, but are never worn downtown.

## To Keep You in the Know . . .

Event	Dress	Hat	Shoes	Purse and Gloves	Coat
Class, Library and Campus	Skirts, sweaters, blouses, simple wool or cotton dresses; never jeans	Scarf, if needed	White bucks, loafers, flats, and for winter, snow boots	Purse, mittens or gloves	Warm for winter, jacket, raincoat for spring
Athletic Event	School clothes or sporty dress ups	Scarf, if needed	Flats, heels, school shoes, for football, snow boots	Purse, mittens or gloves	Yes, warm
Concerts and Plays	Suit, tailored or dressy dress	No	Heels or dressy flats	Purse, gloves	School or dressy coat
Shows	Tailored wool suit, school clothes	No	Flats or heels	Purse, mittens or gloves	School coat
Teas-Receptions	Dressy dress, suit	Yes	Heels	Yes, both	Dressy
Firesides, Exchange Dinners	Tailored dress, dressy dress	No	Heels or dressy flats	Probably not	When necessary
Mixers	School clothes, simple wool	No	School shoes, flats	No purse	School or sport
Formal Dances	Short or long formal	No	Dressy heels or flats	Yes	Dressy
Semi-Formal	Short or long but not too bare; cocktail type popular	No	Dressy	Yes	Dressy
Informal	Dressy street length	Sometimes	Heels or dressy flats	Yes	Plain coat
Big-Name Band	Dressy dress, dressy skirt and jeweled sweater	No	Heels	Gloves	Dressy