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**Montana Tech Metallurgical/Materials  
Engineering Centennial Celebration  
(1922-2022)**

# **History of the Metallurgy/Mineral Processing Programs (1900-2022)**

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School of Mines**



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**Montana Tech  
1893-1984**  
Terrence D. McGlynn  
Publisher: Montana  
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**MAGMA**  
1926-2006 some years  
missing

**Commencement  
Programs 1922-  
2021**

**Yearly Catalogs: Montana  
State School of Mines, School  
of Mines, Montana School of  
Mines, Montana College of  
Mineral Science and  
Technology, Montana Tech of  
the University of Montana,  
Montana Tech Focused  
University, Montana  
Technological University.  
1900-2022 (a few years are  
missing)**

**Archives West**

**Personal  
Recollections of  
Faculty**

**Internet  
Searches**



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❖ **Presentations (PPT) by Downey and Twidwell**

❖ **Metallurgical Engineering Program and Faculty Yearly History (31 page spreadsheet)**

- ❖ **Table of Department Heads, Faculty, and Major Events**
- ❖ **List of all Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Faculty by year (1900-2022)**
- ❖ **Follows the advancement (by year) for individual faculty from instructor to full professor**
- ❖ **College and University name changes**
- ❖ **Department name changes**
- ❖ **Major events (dates and comments)**
- ❖ **Early day pictures of faculty**
- ❖ **And More**

**A well deserved  
tribute to Terry**



**Terrance D. McGlynn  
MONTANA TECH  
1893-1984  
Montana Tech Foundation**

**“Terry taught students that to sign one’s name to a document meant the document was accurate and the effort and care in preparing the assignment were the best that could possibly be. Terry combined his enthusiasm for literature, writing and history, not only to his students but also in those he met throughout the state. Thus, through his pioneer spirit, he instilled in students a continuing mission to reach academic excellence while at the same time he provided his students with an example of humanitarianism.” (Board of Regents, 1984)**



# Montana Technological University History:

## The *Early Years* (1896-1920)

### Presidents (15) and Stuff



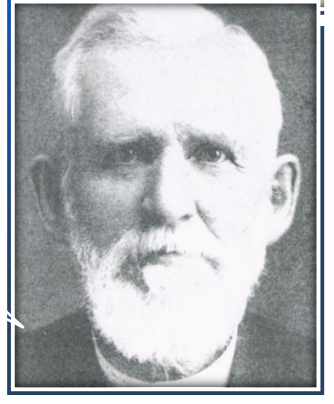
1896 construction started.  
Montana State School of Mines  
opened for classes in 1900.  
First graduate was in 1903.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> two years the only  
degrees were Mining Engineering  
(graduates were designated  
Engineer of Mines EM) and Electrical  
Engineering (EE) which was  
terminated as a degree in 1904

The EM designation was continued  
until 1922 when the first two degrees  
were initiated: B.S. in Mining Engineering  
and B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering

He laid the effort to establish the  
new degrees in Metallurgical and  
Mining Engineering

Clapp was President of the Montana State  
School of Mines. He was known as the  
"Founder" and was the first Director of the  
"Montana State Bureau of Mines and  
Metallurgy" (established in 1919): Now the  
Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology).  
English and Economics began under his  
presidency.



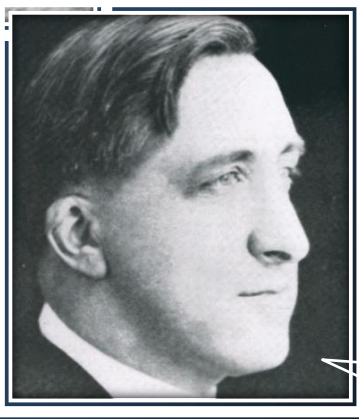
N.R. Leonard  
1900-1906 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Prof of Mathematics  
Leonard carried a full  
teaching load along with his  
presidential duties for 6  
years. He had 5 faculty in  
1900. He died in the  
Leonard Hotel at 85 years  
old.



C.H. Bowman  
1906-1918 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

He taught a full load of courses  
(including Metallurgy) while  
serving as President. He was  
known to be "devoted to his  
students and to his institution".



Dr. C.H. Clapp  
1919-1921 (3<sup>rd</sup>)

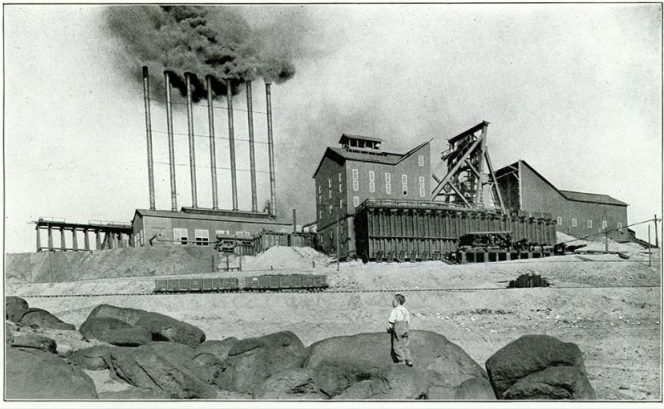
1908 Metallurgical Building.  
In 1919 it was renamed the  
Mill Building



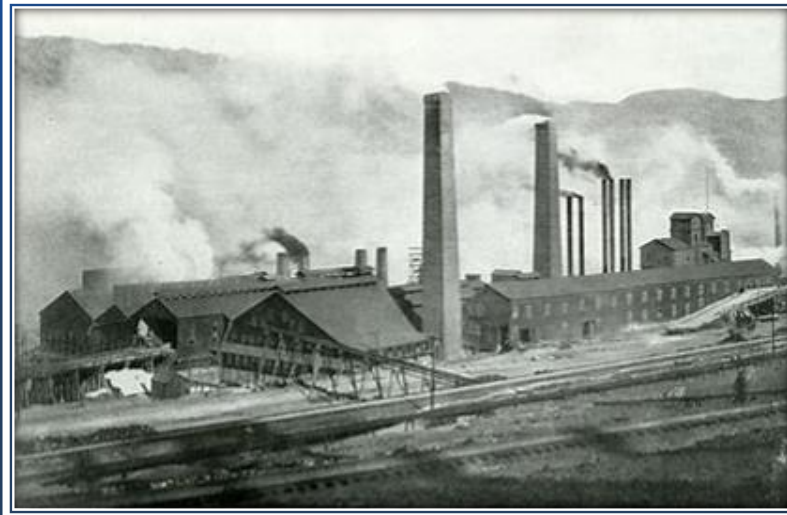
**What was it like in  
those Early Years?**



# Mining around Butte at the time MSSM began classes

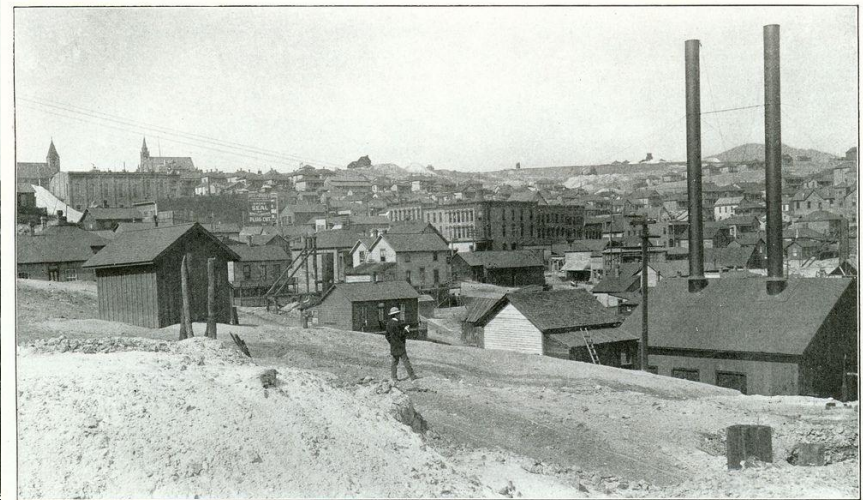
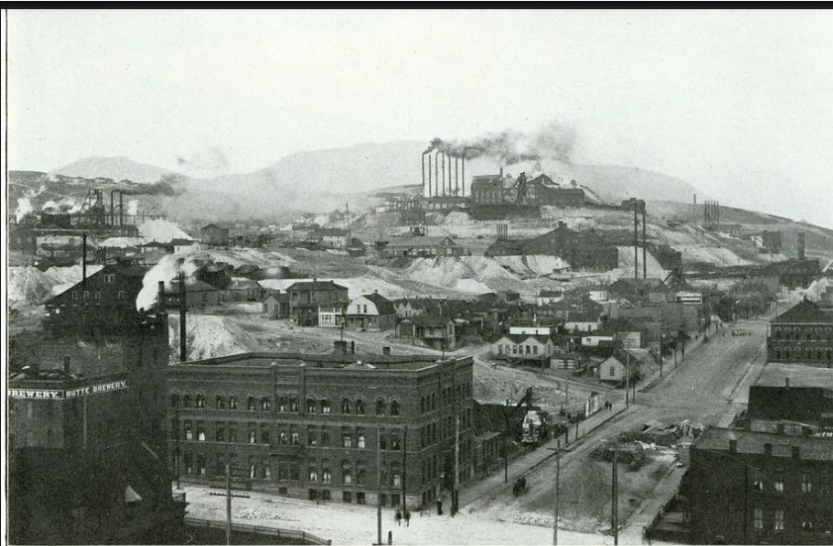
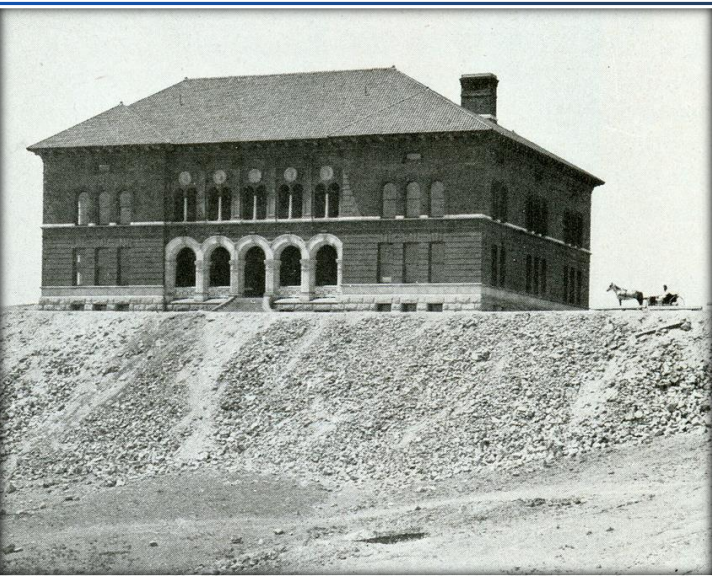


Colusa Parrot I Smelter,  
Centerville 1900



Montana Ore  
Purchasing Company  
Smelter 1900

10,000 men worked the mines  
and smelter in Butte in 1900  
Used 3 to 4 candles underground  
during a 10 hour shift



CENTERVILLE.



## Activities around Butte near the time Metallurgical Engineering was established at the MSM

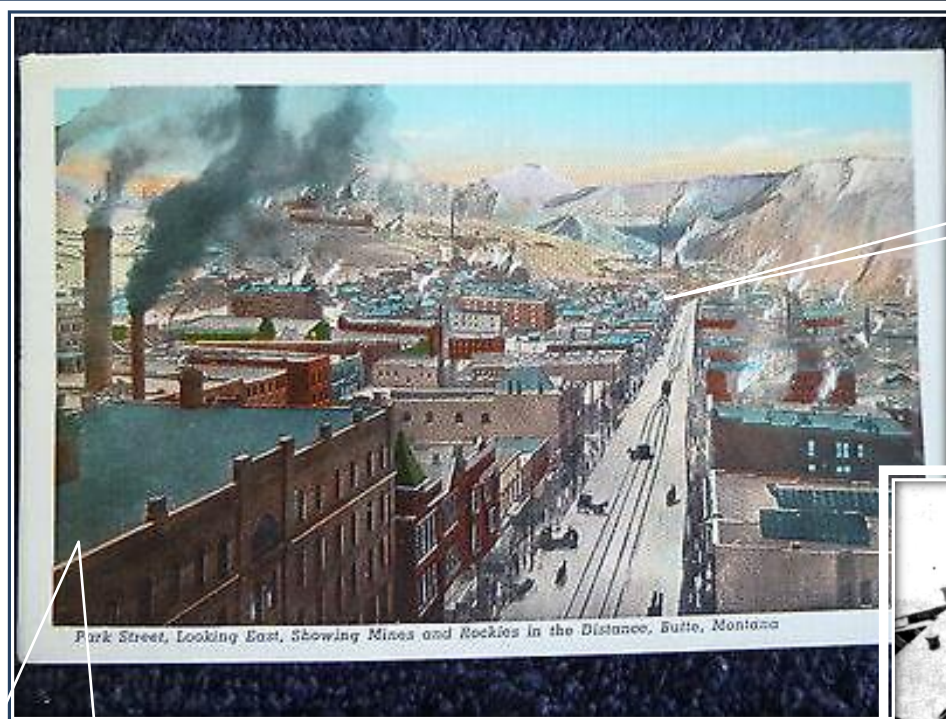


60,000 people in 1920

Union gathering in 1914s

“Largest hard rock mining disaster in world history” occurred in 1917 (168 miners died during an underground fire disaster). There was great unrest among the workers following the disaster.

Unions lost their power in 1914 due to corruption. Thereafter the Companies maintained open-shop working conditions until 1934.



Park Street, Looking East, Showing Mines and Rockies in the Distance, Butte, Montana

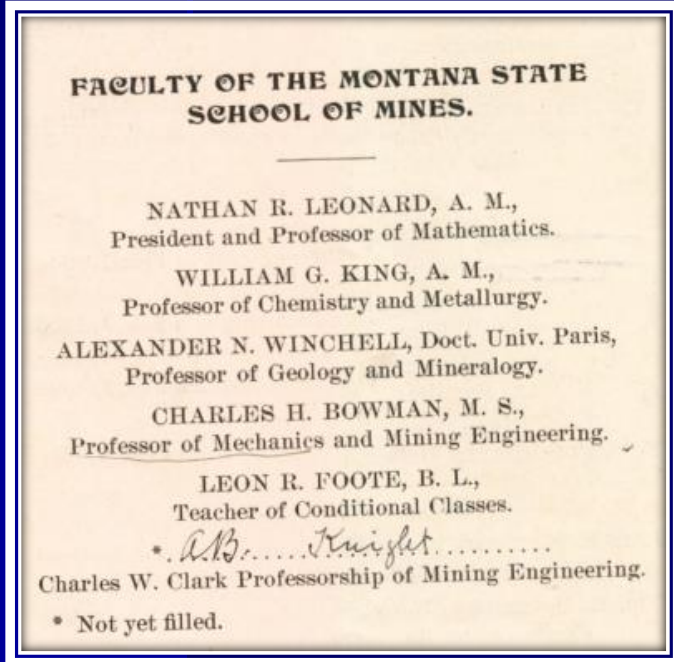
Park street in 1920s

Union Hall destruction by dynamite explosions in 1914 (Wikipedia). Martial Law established using 500 National Guardsmen



# Early History

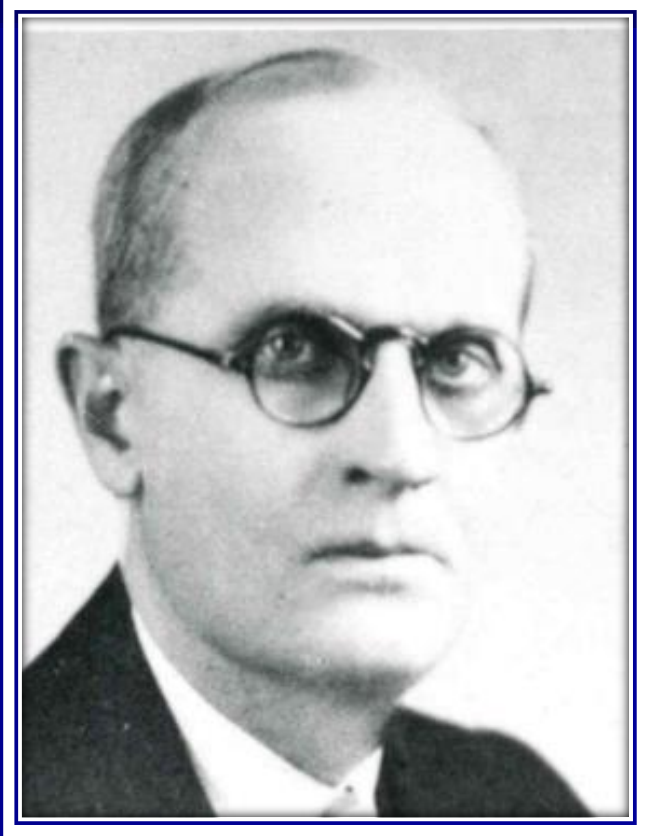
## First Faculty 1900



The Montana State School of Mines MAIN Hall cornerstone was laid in 1896. Classes started in September 11, 1900. The only degree available was the Engineer of Mines (E.M. until 1922). In 1900 there were 17 freshmen, 3 sophomores, and 1 Junior. 18 students were admitted to Special or Preparatory classes. The first graduate was Lois V. Bender (1903).

Other School of Mines included the Michigan School of Mines (1885) and the Colorado School of Mines (1870). 17 states originally established School of Mines.

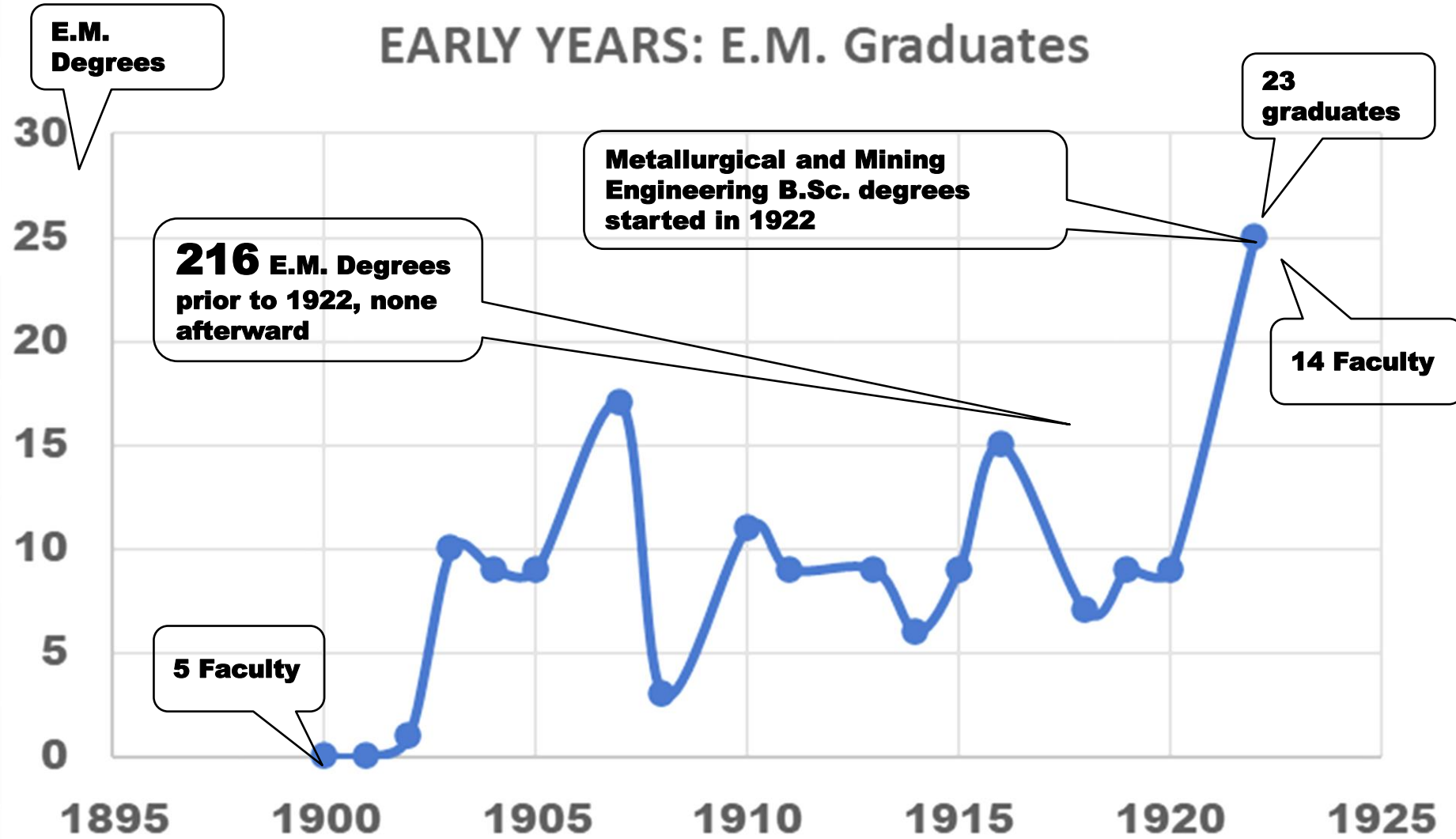
Bender became General Superintendent of the Anaconda Reduction Works in Anaconda



Of the 17 only CSM has kept the name School of Mines

Louis V. Bender  
First E.M. Graduate  
June 1903

## EARLY YEARS: E.M. Graduates



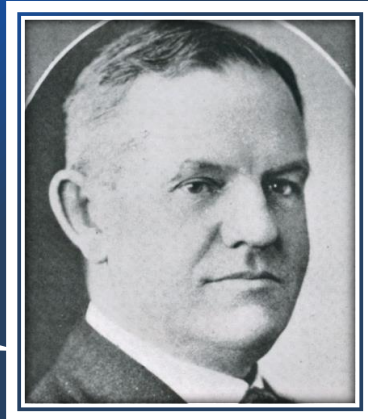


# Montana Technological University History: The *Middle Years* (1921-1956)

## Presidents

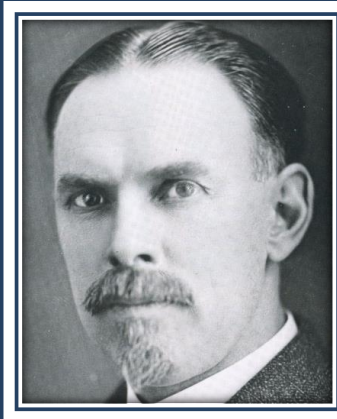


Craven joined the faculty in 1905 and brought extensive experience in gold and silver mining. His specialty was hydrodynamics and chemistry. He advanced to President in 1921



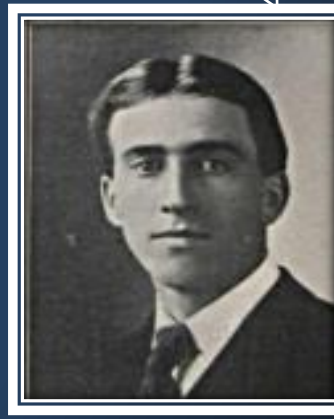
G.W. Craven (4<sup>th</sup>)  
1921-1928

President when Metallurgical Engineering program was initiated



Dr. F.A. Thompson  
(5<sup>th</sup>)  
1928-1950

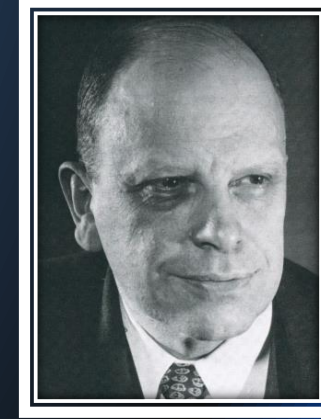
Thompson's comment when he arrived in 1928 is often quoted "ugliest campus of any educational institution in any of the continents"



Dr. A.E. Adami  
(Acting President)  
1950-1951

Adami came to the School of Mines in 1907 as an instructor in metallurgy, math, and geology. He was the Montana State School of Mines first Vice President in 1928. He "served as acting President on three occasions".

The Magma "reported that Adami had taught every course ever offered at the Mines!"



Dr. J. R. Van Pelt (6<sup>th</sup>)  
1951-1956

Dr. Van Pelt was a member and leader of many National Professional organizations, i.e., he was chairman of the Montana Section of AIME and was chairman of the Mineral Technology Division of the AIEE)

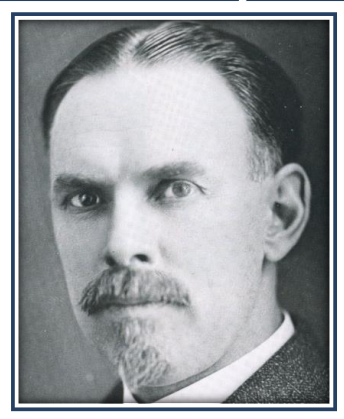


**Detailed backgrounds  
in McGlynn's book**

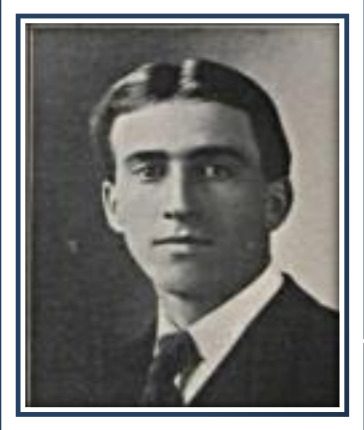
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Taught some Metallurgy Courses

Thompson was very popular with the students, townspeople and especially politicians



Dr. F.A. Thomson (5<sup>th</sup>)  
1928-1950 (22 years)



Prof. A.E. Adami  
(Acting President 3 times)

Adami came to the School of Mines in 1907 as an instructor in metallurgy, math, and geology. He "served as acting President on three occasions". He served the MSM for **51** years.

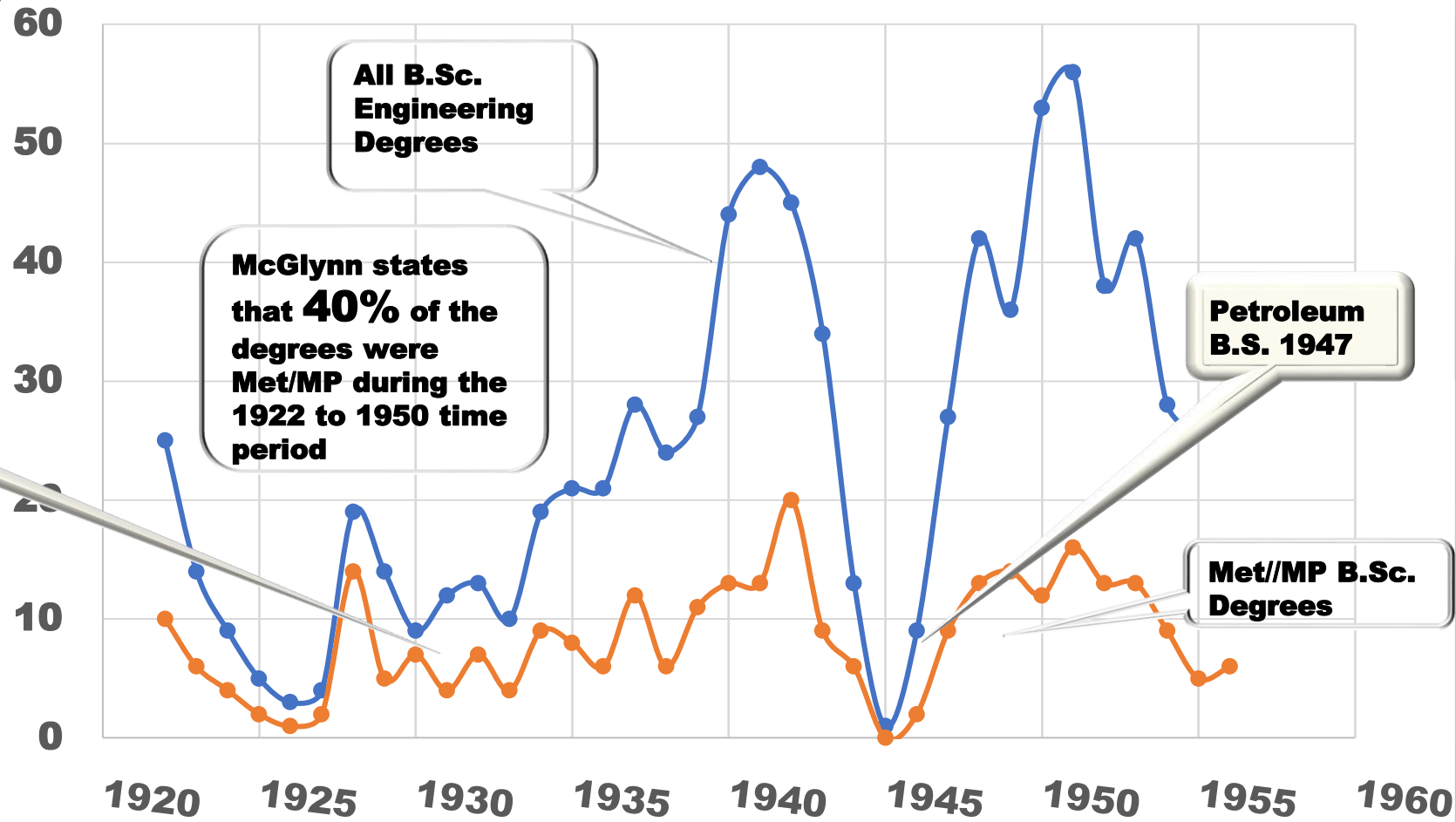
**Accomplishments:**  
❖ Added 5 new buildings  
❖ Initiated the "Reconversion Plan" Committee (1945)  
❖ Many beautification projects  
❖ He made sure that all graduates were employed

Strong supporter of more B.S. Degrees. Met, M.D, Geological and Pet M.S. Degrees started during his tenure.

Taught some Metallurgy Courses

**B.Sc.  
Degrees**

### MIDDLE YEARS (1921-56)



**Geological  
B.S. 1929**

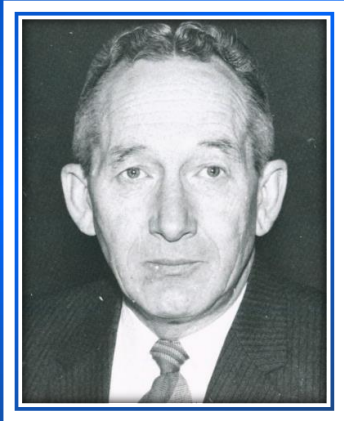
**McGlynn states  
that 40% of the  
degrees were  
Met//MP during the  
1922 to 1950 time  
period**

**Petroleum  
B.S. 1947**

**Met//MP B.Sc.  
Degrees**

# Montana Technological University History: The *Challenging* Years (1957-?)

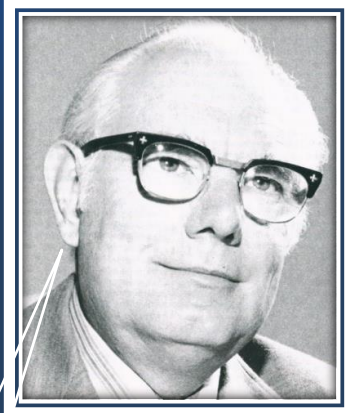
## Presidents and Chancellors



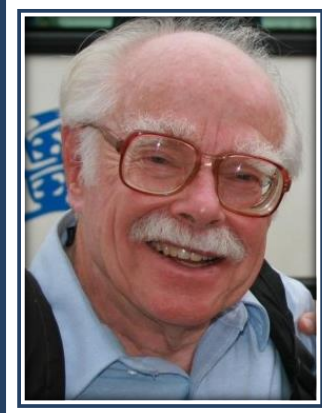
Dr. E.G. Koch (7<sup>th</sup>)  
1957-1971



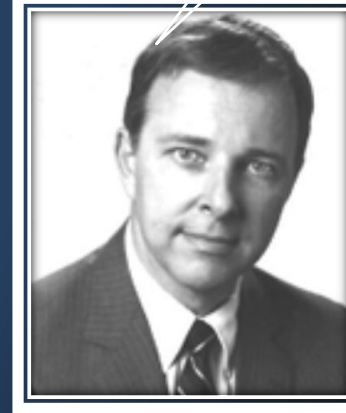
K. McLeod  
(Acting President)  
1971-1972



Dr. F.W. DeMoney (8<sup>th</sup>)  
1972-1985



Dr. I. Dayton  
(Acting President)  
1985-1986



Dr. L.E. Norman (9<sup>th</sup>)  
1986-1998



Chancellor W.F. Gilmore (10<sup>th</sup>)  
1998-2011



Chancellor D.M. Blacketter (11<sup>th</sup>)  
2011-2019



Chancellor L.P. Cook (12<sup>th</sup>)  
2019-2022

Metallurgy

The Montana School of  
Mines name was changed to  
Montana College of Mineral  
Science and Technology in  
January 1965

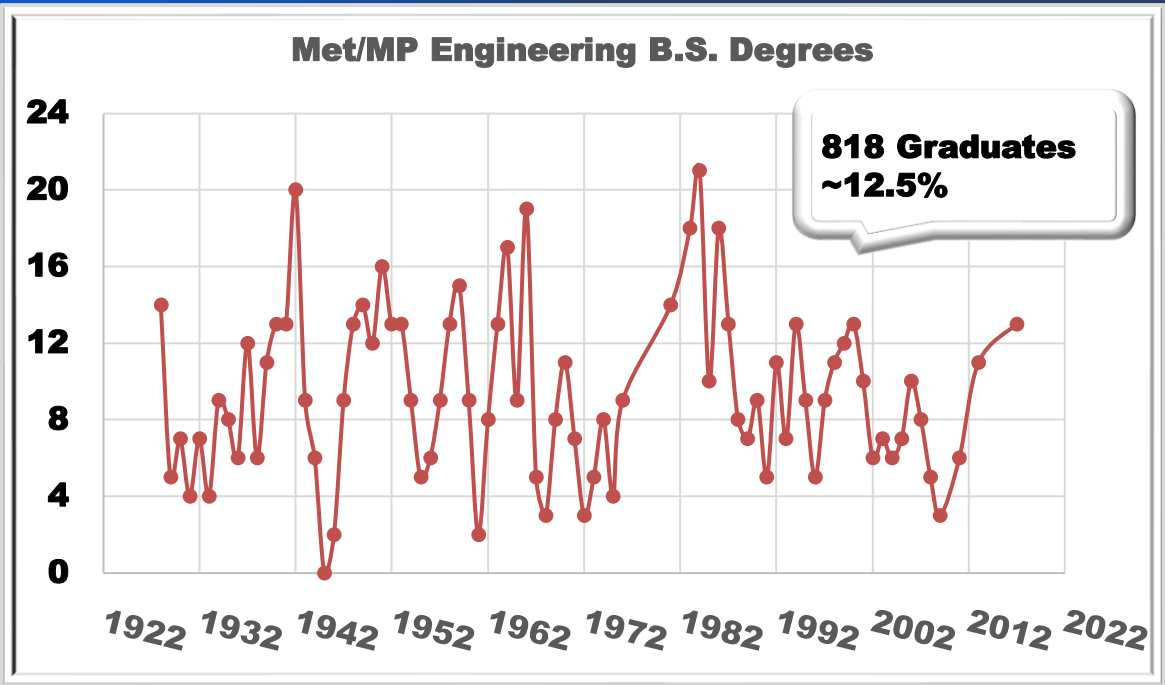
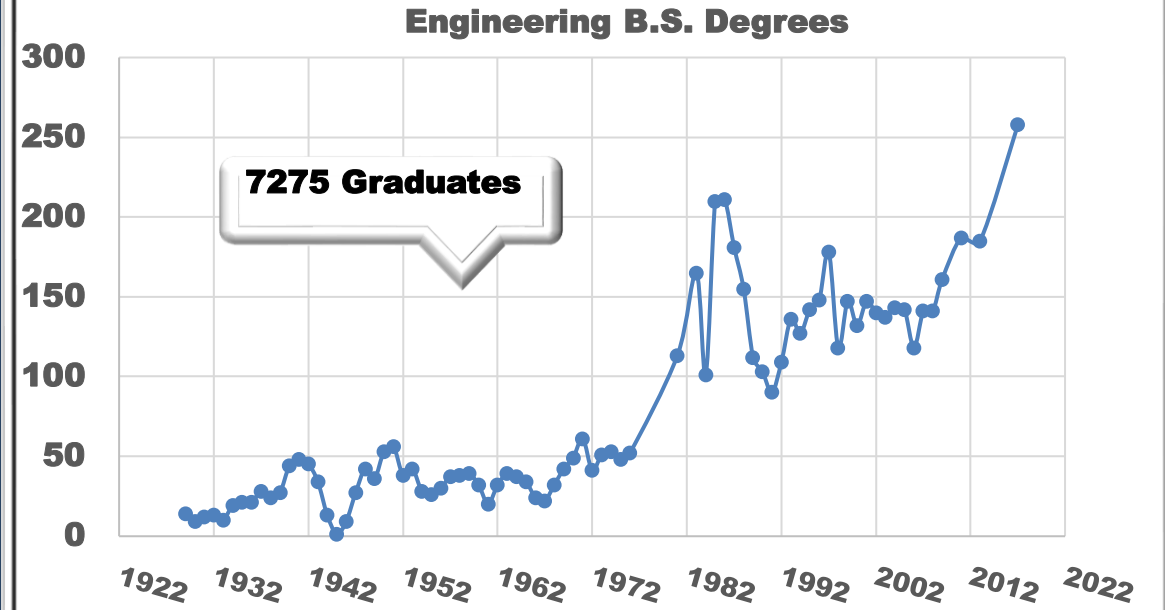
Metallurgy

First to be designated  
"Chancellor"; all previously  
were designated "President"

14 presidential  
Leaders

**ALL YEARS  
(1922-2021)**

**B.S. Student  
Statistics**





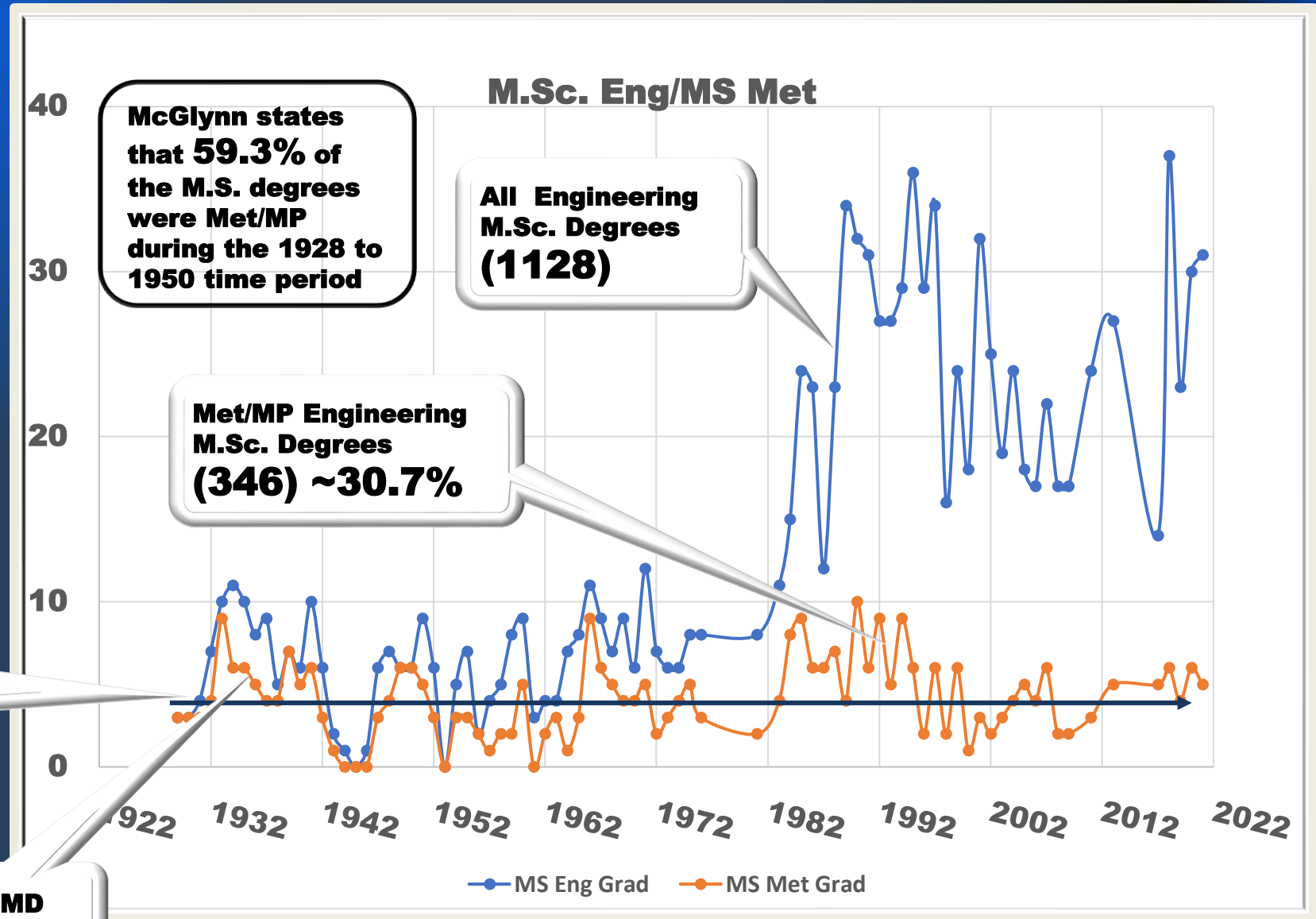
# M.Sc. Student Statistics

**ALL YEARS  
(1928-2021)**

Jerry will discuss the relatively new PhD degree

M.Sc. in Met, Mining, and Geology started 1928

M.Sc. in MD started 1935



**TOTAL  
B.Sc./M.Sc.  
Metallurgy/Mineral  
Processing Graduates  
(100 Years)**

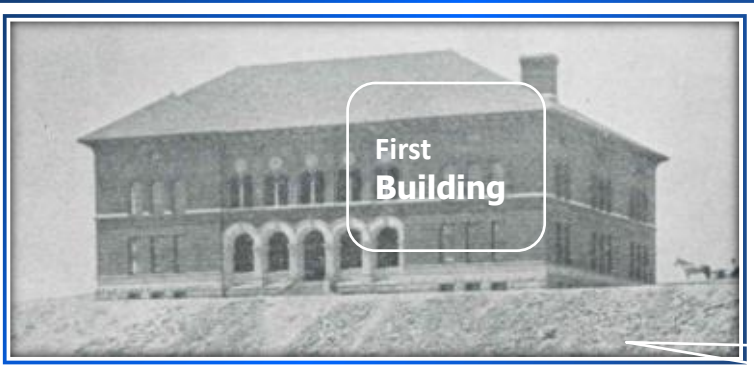
**1164**

**[818 B.Sc. (12.5%), 346 M.Sc. (30.7%)]**

**TOTAL Metallurgy/Mineral  
Processing Faculty**

**95**

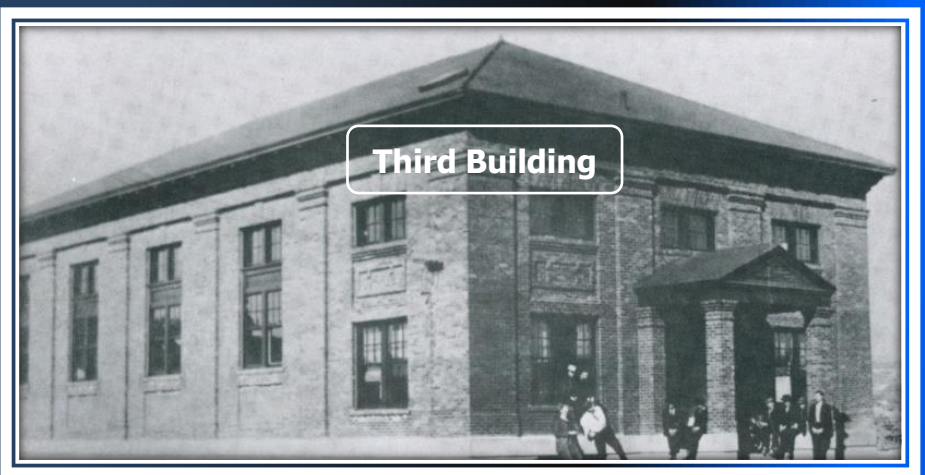
# More History



First Building

School of Mines Building (construction 1896-1900)  
Later renamed "Main Hall"

Classes started September 11, 1900. Twenty-one students; five faculty.



Third Building

Gymnasium Building (1908-1910)  
The Gymnasium was remodeled in 1923 and was renamed the Engineering Hall Building.

These buildings were connected by a tunnel system

New Metallurgy Building  
❖ Metallurgy First floor  
❖ Chemistry Second floor  
❖ Ore Dressing Lower floor (1923 to 1987)



Second Building

Metallurgical Building (1908)  
Later renamed "Mill Building"  
This building housed the Ore Dressing and Metallurgical Labs



Fifth Building

Metallurgy



Fourth Building

Student Army Training Corps Barracks (1919); a wooden structure that is now gone.





*Wreckage of Metallurgy Building floor slab collapse, 1920.*

Construction of the  
"Metallurgy" building in 1920  
Cause not determined.

Building had classrooms,  
laboratories for metallurgy, ore  
dressing and chemistry. Classes  
started in 1923



Fifth  
Building

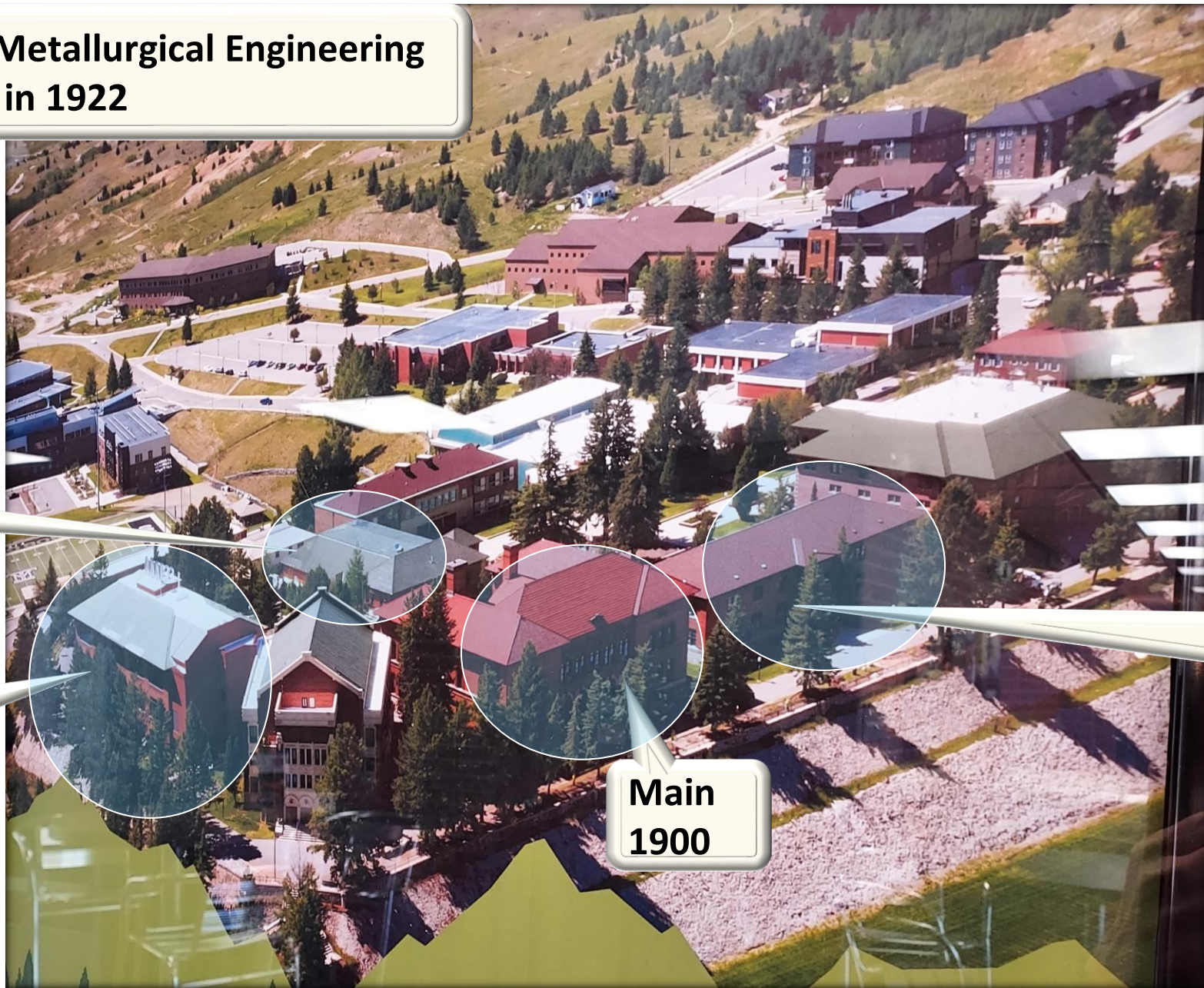
Metallurgy Building (1923). Now remodeled as the  
"Chemistry and Biology" Building



Rebuilding 1920-1925



**Buildings when Metallurgical Engineering  
B.S. was started in 1922**



**Mill  
1908**

**Metallurgy  
1923**

**Main  
1900**

**Original Gym now  
Engineering Hall  
1923**



# Montana Technological University Name Changes

**Montana State School of Mines  
(1900-1919)**

**State School of Mines  
(1919-1928)**

**Montana School of Mines  
(1928-1965)**

**Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology (MCMST)  
(1965-1994)**

**Montana Tech of The University of Montana  
(1994-2017)**

**Montana Tech Special Focus University  
(2017-2019)**

**Montana Technological University  
(2019-2022)**

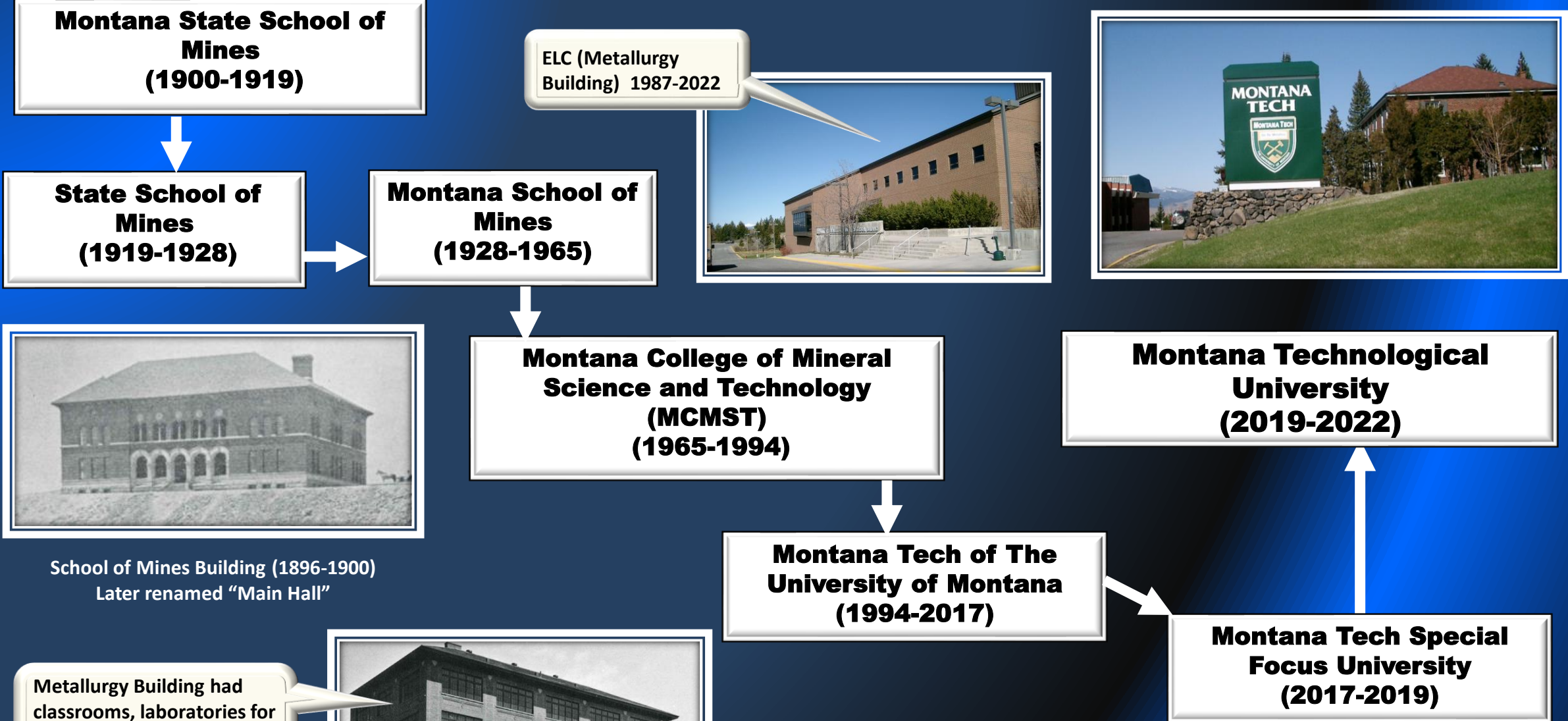


School of Mines Building (1896-1900)  
Later renamed "Main Hall"



Metallurgy Building had classrooms, laboratories for metallurgy, ore dressing and chemistry in 1923-1987

ELC (Metallurgy Building) 1987-2022



# History of the Metallurgical/Mineral Processing Engineering Program Name Changes

## Department Name Changes

Metallurgical Engineering Degree Established (1922)

Metallurgical/Mineral Processing Engineering (1977)

Metallurgical Engineering (1990)

Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (2000)

## Mineral Processing Name Changes

Ore Dressing was a topic covered in Mining Engineering (1900-1922)

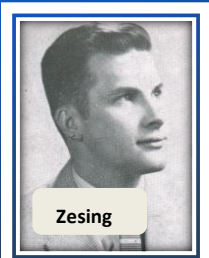
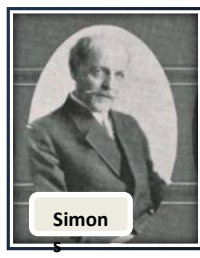
Ore Dressing became an option in Metallurgical Engineering Program (1922)

M.Sc. Degree was established (1935)

Mineral Dressing Engineering B.Sc. Degree Established (1963)

Mineral Dressing name changed to Mineral Processing Engineering (1975)

Mineral Processing Engineering combined with Metallurgical Engineering (1977)



Our own DEGREE

# Milestones

**Engineer of Mines E.M. Degree (1900-1922)**

**Metallurgy Building Constructed (1917-1923)**

**Metallurgical Engineering B.S. Degree Established (1922, 1<sup>st</sup> Graduates 1923)**

**Horace T. Mann First Metallurgy Department Head (1922)**

**First Metallurgical Engineering Curriculum Published (1922)**

New Metallurgy Building had classrooms, laboratories for metallurgy, ore dressing and chemistry in 1923-1987



First students to receive a B.S. degree in Metallurgical Engineering 1923 were: Ellis Frink and W.W. Mowbray

Then Curtis Wilson was Head for 20 years

MSM faculty 14 Seniors 23 (met and mining) No more E.M. degrees granted

Still no B.S. For MD

**M.S. Degree in Metallurgical Engineering Established (1928)**

**Antoine Gaudin joined the Ore Dressing Department (1928)**

**M.S. Degree in Ore Dressing Established (1935)**

**Montana School of Mines received their FIRST NATIONAL ACCREDITATION in METALLURGY, MINING AND GEOLOGY (1937)**



Gaudin



Gaudin

This was a big deal!!



# Milestones

**Reconversion Plan  
Established  
(1945)**

Very big deal!! Changed the direction of the Engineering programs

**The Mineral Dressing option  
became the Mineral  
Processing B.S. degree  
(1963)**

Finally MP became a B.S. Degree!!

Name later changed to Mineral Processing in 1975

**Blue Ribbon Commission  
Study Draft Report  
(1974)**

The College almost became a Junior College; all engineering was to be transferred to MSU

**The Metallurgy/Mineral  
Processing Engineering  
Department was established  
(1977)**

Each program continued granting separate degrees (1977-1990)

**Metallurgical/Mineral  
Processing Engineering  
Degree became the  
Metallurgical Engineering  
Degree (1990)**

The separate Mineral Processing Degree was discontinued

Students could still take an emphasis in Mineral Processing

**The Metallurgical/Materials  
Engineering Degree was  
established  
(2001)**

**The Material Science  
Doctorate degree was  
approved by the Board of  
Regents  
(2014)**

**The University's name was  
changed to MONTANA  
TECHNOLOGICAL  
UNIVERSITY  
(2019)**

# History of the Program and Department Heads for Metallurgy

**Metallurgy  
Faculty = 76**

**William G. King (A.M.)  
Prof. of Chemistry and Metallurgy  
1900-1906**

**Horace T. Mann (B.S. M.S.)  
Prof. of Metallurgy  
1919-1923**

**J. George Grunenfeider (B.S. M.S. DSc.)  
Prof of Metallurgy  
1949-1952**

**Vernon Griffiths (B.S. M.S. ScD.)  
Prof of Metallurgy  
1984-1986**

**Frederick Laist (B.S.)  
Prof. of Chemistry and Metallurgy  
1907-1908**

**Curtis L. Wilson (E.M. PhD)  
Prof. Metallurgy  
1921-1941**

**Frederick A. Hames (B.S. M.S., PhD)  
Prof. of Metallurgy  
1952-1957**

**Theodore S. Jordan (B.S. M.S.)  
Prof. of Metallurgy  
1986-1995.**

**Alex Gilfillan (B.S. C.E.)  
Prof. of Metallurgy and Chemistry  
1908-1909**

**[Instructor (1921-1923)-Assistant  
Prof, (1923-1925), Associate Prof.  
(1926-1927), and Prof. (1928-1941)]**

**Charles W. Haynes (B.S. M.S. DSc.).  
Associate Prof. of Metallurgy  
1957-1960**

**Samuel Worcester (B.S. M.S.)  
Prof. of Metallurgical Engineering  
1995-1998**

**Charles H. Bowman (M.S.)  
President and Prof. of Metallurgy  
1909-1913**

**Frederick C. Gilbert (B.S.)  
Prof. of Metallurgy  
1927-1929**

**Vernon Griffiths (B.S. M.S. ScD.)  
Associate Prof of Metallurgy  
1960-1965; Prof. Metallurgy  
1965-1975**

**Courtney A. Young (B.S. M.S. PhD)  
Associate Prof. of Metallurgical  
Engineering  
1998-2000; Prof. Metallurgical  
Engineering 2000-2020**

**Bancroft Gore (PhD)  
Prof. of Metallurgy  
1913-1918**

**Curtis L. Wilson (E.M. PhD)  
Prof. Metallurgy  
1929-1941**

**Gordon F. Ziesing (B.S. M.S.)  
Associate Prof of Metallurgy and  
Mineral Processing  
1975-1980.**

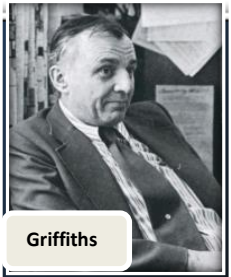
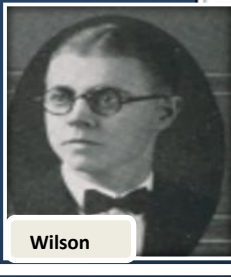
**Jerome P. Downey (B.S. M.S. PhD)  
Prof. of Metallurgical Engineering  
2020-2022**

**H.B. Pulsifer (B.S. M.S. ChE)  
Prof. of Metallurgy  
1918-1919**

**John P. Spielman (B.S.)  
Prof .of Metallurgy  
1941-1949**

**Larry G. Twidwell (B.S. M.S. D.Sc.) Prof.  
of Metallurgy  
1980-1983.**

**Department Head  
Longevity (years)  
Young 22  
Wilson 20  
Griffiths 12**



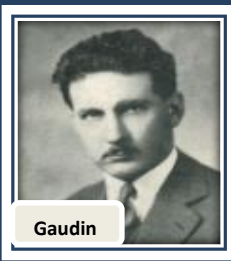
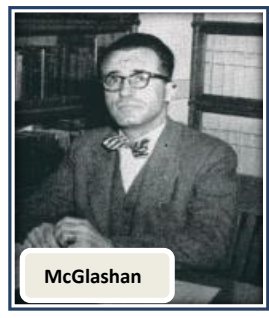
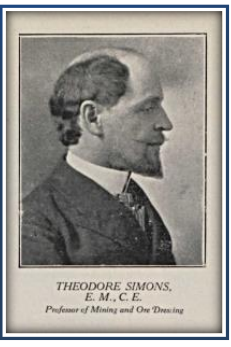
**21 Program and  
Department Leaders  
1900-2022  
Twidwell #17  
Downey #21**

# History of the Program and Department Heads for Ore Dressing, Mineral Dressing, and Mineral Processing

8 Program and Department Leaders 1900-2022

Faculty in Ore Dressing, Mineral Dressing, Mineral Processing = 19

Longevity (years)  
 Simons 21  
 McGlashan 21  
 Gaudin 11



Charles H. Bowman (M.S.)  
 Prof. of Mechanics and Mining  
 1900-1904

E.H. McDonald (E.M.)  
 Prof. of Mining  
 1904--1906

Theodore Simons (E.M. C.E.)  
 Prof. of Mining and Ore Dressing  
 1907-1928

Antoine Marc Gaudin (B.S. E.M.)  
 Research Prof. of Ore Dressing  
 1928-1939

S.R.B. Cooke (B.S. M.S. PhD)  
 Research Prof. of Mineral Dressing  
 1939-1946

Donald W. McGlashan (B.S. M.S.)  
 Associate Research Prof. of Mineral Dressing 1946-1950  
 Research Prof. 1950-1967  
 Vice President and Director of Research 1967-1975

Gordon F. Ziesing (B.S. M.S.)  
 Associate Prof. of Mineral Processing  
 1975-1977.

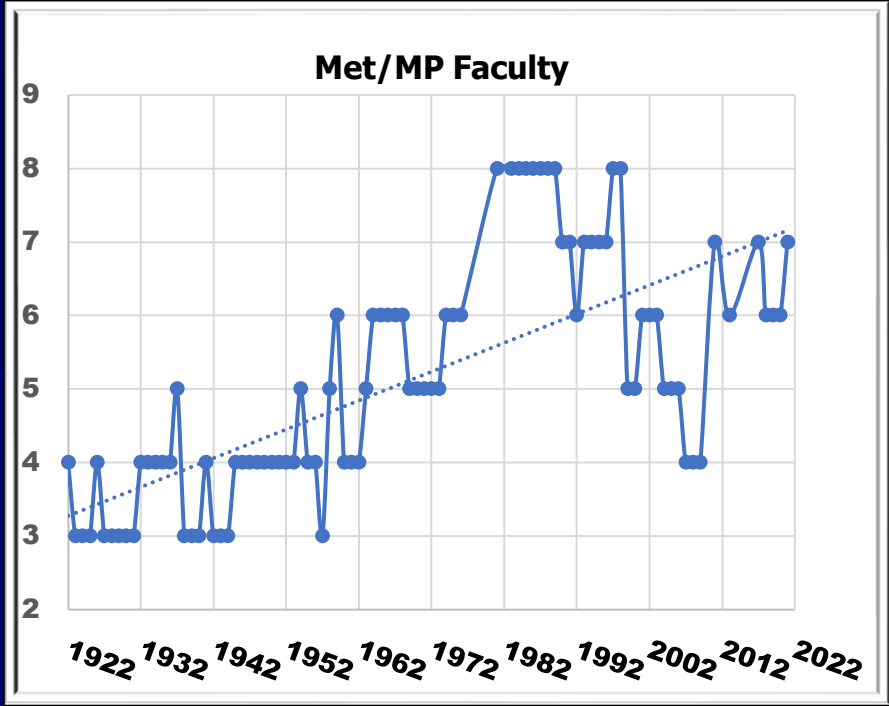
The Mineral Processing Engineering Program Merged with Metallurgical Engineering to become the Department of Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Engineering in 1977.

Gordon F. Ziesing (B.S. M.S.)  
 Associate Prof. of Mineral Processing  
 Gordon Ziesing then served as the Head of the Metallurgy and Mineral Processing Department  
 1977-1980

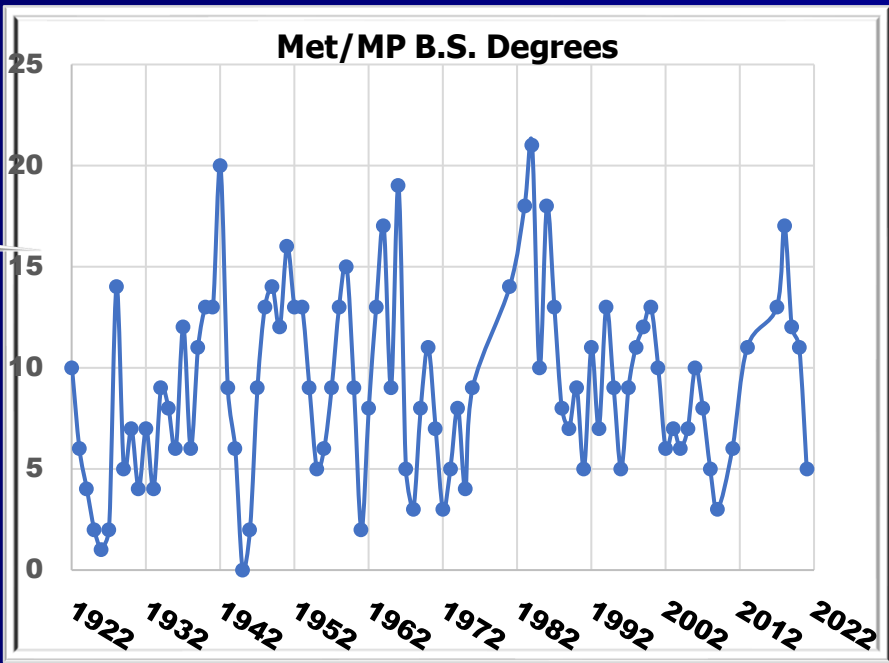
Gordon F. Zucker (B.S. M.S. D.Eng.Sc)  
 Associate Prof. of Metallurgy and Mineral Processing and Coordinator of Mineral Processing Engineering Program  
 1980-1986



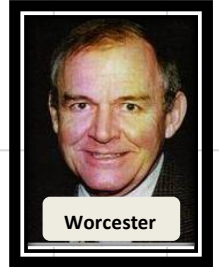
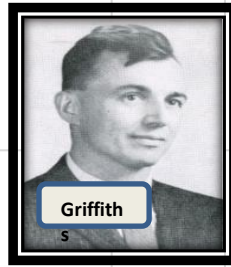
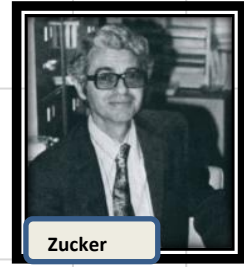
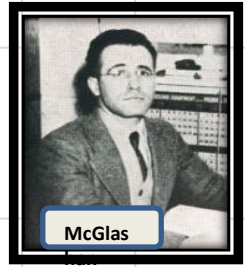
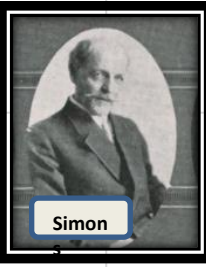
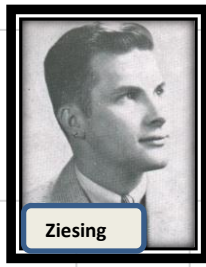
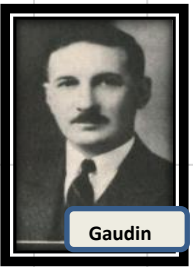
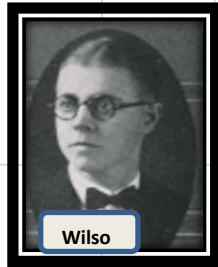
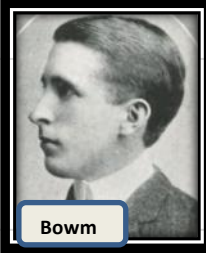
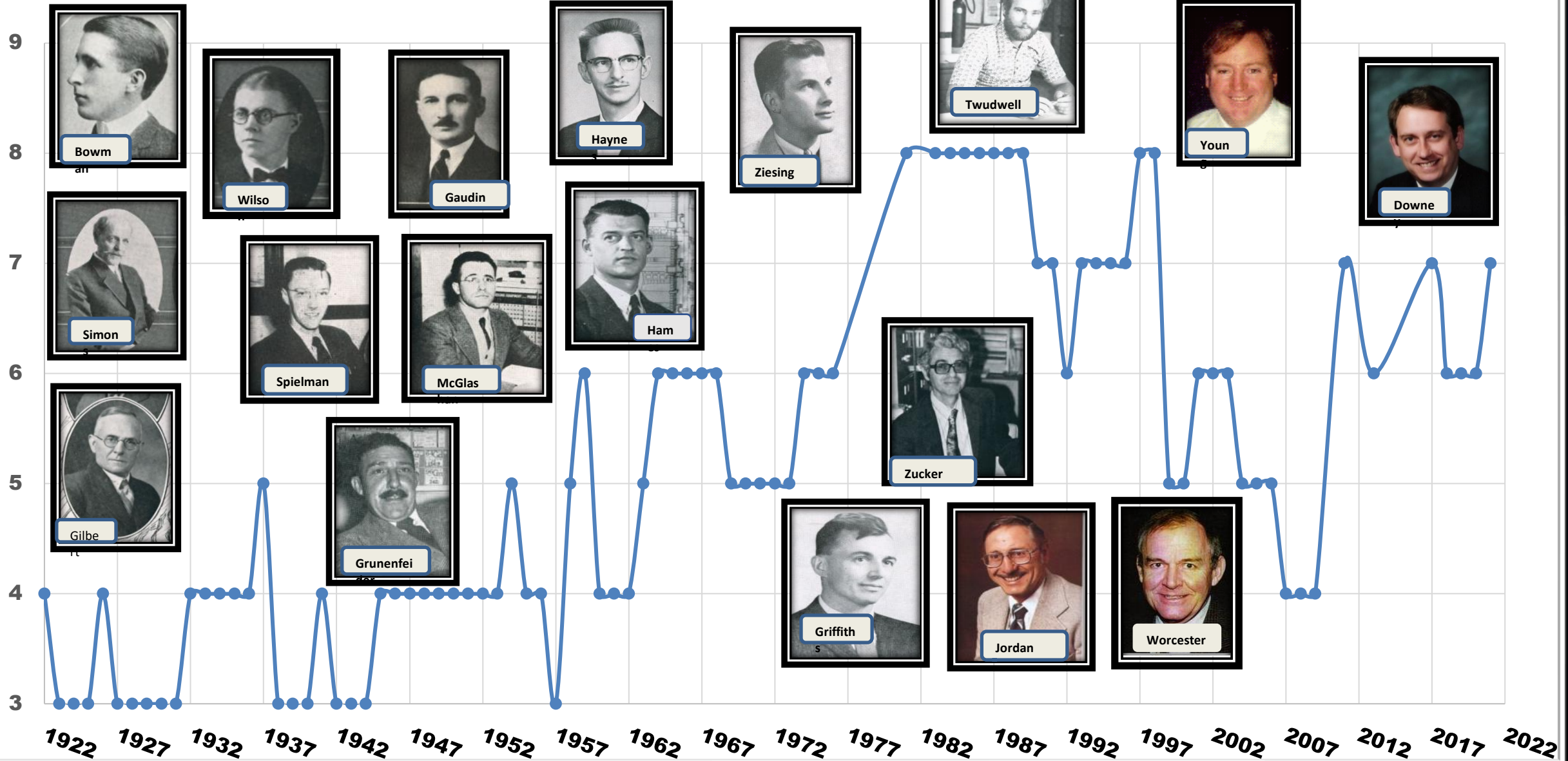
**Total Met/MP Faculty 95**



**Total Graduates = 818**



# Met/MP Department Heads





**A subset of our B.Sc.  
and M.Sc. Degree  
recipients**

Some of these photos are 4  
decades old: see yourself??







Montana Tech Metallurgical/Materials Engineering  
Centennial Celebration  
(1922-2022)

## History of the Metallurgy/Mineral Processing Programs (Jerry's Presentation follows)

**(1900-2022)**

**J.P. Downey, D.Sc.**

**Professor and Head  
Metallurgical/Materials  
Engineering Department  
School of Mines**

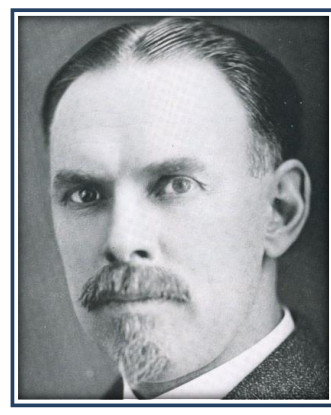
**L.G. Twidwell, D.Sc.**

**Emeritus Professor  
Metallurgical/Materials  
Engineering Department  
School of Mines**

**Extra Slides Follow**

## RECONVERSION PLAN (AS DESCRIBED BY McGLYNN)

In 1945 "President Thompson reached what was to be the most important milestone in the history of Mines". "He embarked on a program that was destined to modernize the Montana School of Mines curricula and thus chart new directions for the College in the future.



Dr. John Spielman  
chaired the  
"reconversion"  
committee (Metallurgy  
Department Head)

"what took place was a general freeing-up of curricula so that students had not only more technical electives but also more options in the humanities, economics, and social sciences. Thompson changed the picture".



### The Plan for the Future of Montana School of Mines

- ❖ A engineering core was established: math, physics, mechanics, and hydraulics
- ❖ An "equally important trio" of English, History, and Economics was required, and
- ❖ More technical electives must be available to the student



# **Bule Ribbon Commission Study (1974)**



**Fred DeMoney was president when our college almost became a Junior college.**

**The Board of Regents commissioned a study (referred to as the “Blue Ribbon Commission”) to determine if the College “was a viable minerals engineering institution”.**

**The Commission’s draft recommendation was “transfer engineering programs to Montana State University thus making Montana Tech into a junior college”.**

**Dr. DeMoney mobilized local and national companies and influential people (e.g. Mike Mansfield to protest the move).**

**The recommended move was not accepted by the Board of Regents.**

# Curricula

## COURSES IN "Engineer of Mines" Degree

### FRESHMAN YEAR.

#### First Term.

Higher Algebra .....	5
Geometry .....	4
General Chemistry .....	8
Drawing .....	15

#### Second Term.

Higher Algebra .....	.5 for 10 weeks
Surveying .....	.5 for 10 weeks
Trigonometry .....	4
Descriptive Geometry .....	4
Drawing .....	6
Qualitative Analysis .....	9

Six Weeks' Vacation Work in Surveying.

### SOPHOMORE YEAR.

#### First Term.

Analytical Geometry .....	5
Mineralogy .....	7
Physics .....	5
Quantitative Analysis—Laboratory .....	9
Mechanical Drawing .....	4

#### Second Term.

Differential Calculus .....	5
Mineralogy .....	7
Physics .....	7
Quantitative Analysis .....	9
Drawing .....	3

### JUNIOR YEAR.

#### First Term.

Integral Calculus .....	5
Geology .....	5
Mechanics .....	2
Metallurgy—Lectures and Recitation.....	3
Machine Design and Drawing, half term.....	9
Assaying, half term.....	9

#### Second Term.

Economic Geology .....	5
Metallurgy—Lecture .....	3
Metallurgy—Laboratory .....	9
Graphics .....	5
Mining Surveying .....	2
Mechanics .....	5

Vacation, Six Weeks' Mining Surveying.

### SENIOR YEAR.

#### First Term.

Metallurgy .....	4
Petrography .....	7
Mining .....	5
Hydraulics .....	5
Mining and Metallurgic Design.....	6
Testing Laboratory .....	3

#### Second Term.

Metallurgy—Lecture and Excursions.....	5
Mining—Lecture and Excursions.....	5
Power Transmission .....	3
Steam Engine .....	3
Petrography .....	3
Mining Law—Lecture .....	1
Micro-Chemical Analysis .....	1
Thesis .....	9

**All Student followed this curriculum(1900-1922)**

Metallurgy and ore dressing lectures / labs were presented in the junior and senior years.

Excursions to mining and smelter facilities were required in the senior year (written reports required.)

### CHEMISTRY AND METALLURGY DEPARTMENT 1900

**Metallurgy Topics:**  
Assaying in Freshman Year  
Copper, Lead, precious metals metallurgy and refining

Purification methods comparison of cyanide, chlorination, etc

Excursions to Montana smelters and refineries were required.

\*\*Excursions were a part of the Metallurgy/Mineral Processing programs until 1972.

# Curricula

## COURSES IN METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING (1945)

Residents paid no tuition until 1950

First 2 years the same for all students  
 Junior and Senior years different for each degree  
 In 1900 the contact hours=342  
 in 1922 the required credits=138  
 In 1945 the required credits=158  
 In 1980 the required credits=138-139 (Met) and 143 (MP)

### COURSES IN METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester			Second Semester		
	Hrs. of Exer.	Units		Hrs. of Exer.	Units
English Composition	3	2	English Composition	3	2
Algebra	4	4	Analytical Geometry	3	3
Trigonometry	4	4	Plane Surveying	3	3
General Chemistry:			Qualitative Analysis:		
Lectures and Recitations	4	4	Lectures and Recitations	4	5
Laboratory	6		Laboratory	9	
Mechanical Drawing and Descriptive Geometry	9	3	Mechanical Drawing and Descriptive Geometry	6	2
	30	17	General Geology	2	2
				30	17

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

First Semester			Second Semester		
	Hrs. of Exer.	Units		Hrs. of Exer.	Units
Engineering English	2	2	Engineering English	2	2
Calculus	4	4	Calculus and Analytical		
Physics	5	4	Mechanics	4	4
Mineralogy:			Physics	4	3
Lectures	2	2	Mineralogy and Petrology:		
Laboratory	3		Lectures	2	3
Quantitative Analysis:			Laboratory	6	
Lectures	2	3	Quantitative Analysis:		
Laboratory	6		Lectures	2	4
Topographic Drawing	6	2	Laboratory	9	
Plane Surveying, Field Work	4-wk.	2	Mining	1	1
	30	19		30	17

### JUNIOR YEAR

First Semester			Second Semester		
	Hrs. of Exer.	Units		Hrs. of Exer.	Units
Engineering Economics	2	2	Engineering Economics	2	2
Geology	3	3	Geology:		
Principles of Metallurgy	2	1½	Lectures	3	4
Metallurgy Laboratory	3	1	Laboratory	3	
Fire Assaying	1	½	Metallurgy of Copper	3	3
Physical Chemistry:			Assaying	6	2
Lectures	2	3	Electro Chemistry:		
Laboratory	6		Lectures	2	2
Mechanics	4	4	Laboratory	3	
Physics Laboratory	6	2	Hydraulics	4	4
	29	17	Graphics	3	1
				29	18

### SENIOR YEAR

First Semester			Second Semester		
	Hrs. of Exer.	Units		Hrs. of Exer.	Units
General Metallurgy:			General Metallurgy:		
Lectures	3	6	Lectures	3	5
Laboratory	9		Laboratory	6	
Ore Dressing:			Ore Dressing:		
Lectures	2	4	Lectures	2	4
Design	6		Design	6	
Electro Metallurgy	3	3	Physical Metallurgy:		
Metallurgy Problems	3	3	Lectures	3	4
Thermodynamics	2	2	Laboratory	5	
	28	18	Metallurgy Problems	3	3
			Power Transmission	2	2
				28	18



**SOME OF OUR HONORED STUDENTS**

**We honor our students and graduates; they honor us by their professional successes!**

Come and see these plaques: ELC building, main floor hallway







Antoine Marc Gaudin  
1964  
Professor Ore Dressing  
Montana School of Mines  
1928-1939  
Founding Member of NAE



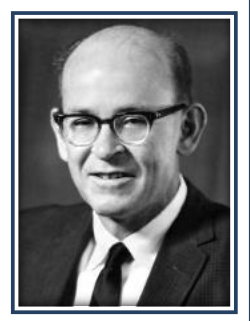
Terrance P. McNulty  
2005  
MSc Metallurgical  
Engineering  
MCMST 1963



Robert Beebe  
1990  
BSc Mineral Dressing  
Engineering  
Montana School of  
Mines 1953



Douglas Fuerstenau  
1976  
MSc Mineral Dressing  
Montana School of  
Mines 1950



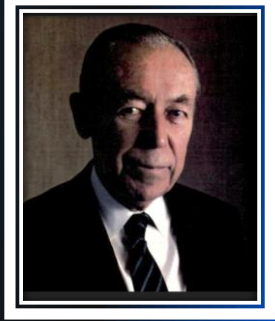
Reinhardt Schuhmann  
2005  
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Montana School of Mines  
1934



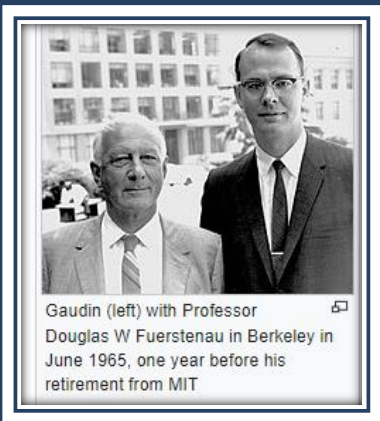
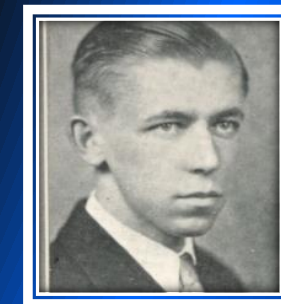
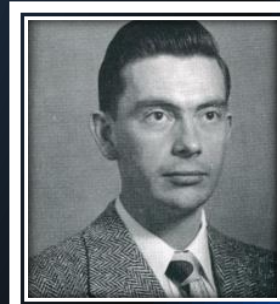
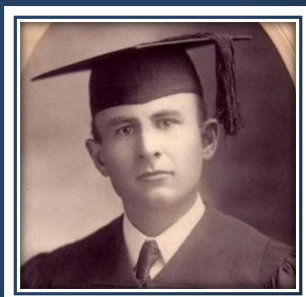
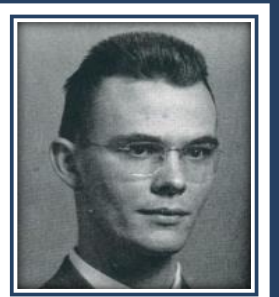

William Opie  
1982  
MSc Metallurgical  
Engineering  
Montana School of Mines  
1942



Frank Aplan  
1989  
MSc Mineral Dressing  
Montana School of  
Mines 1950



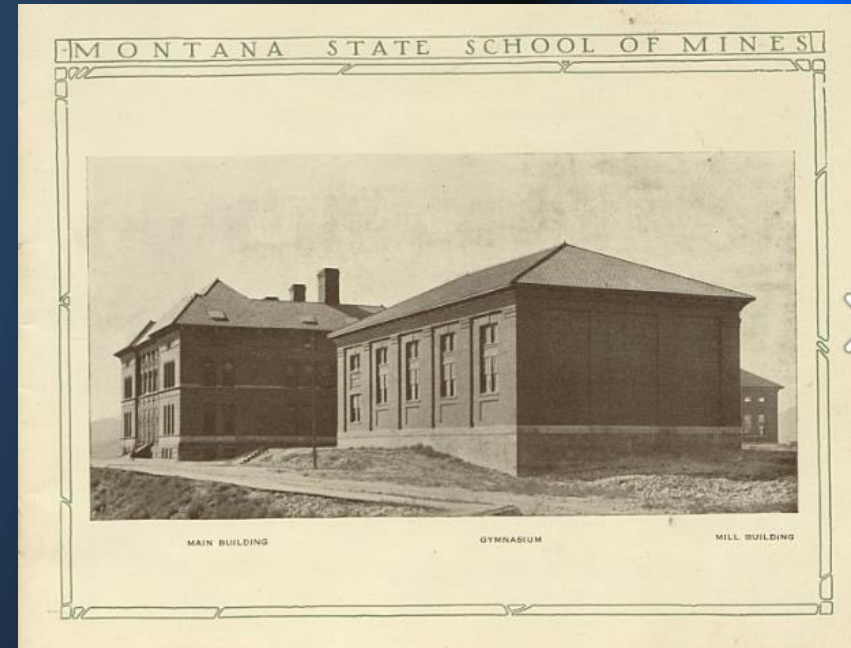
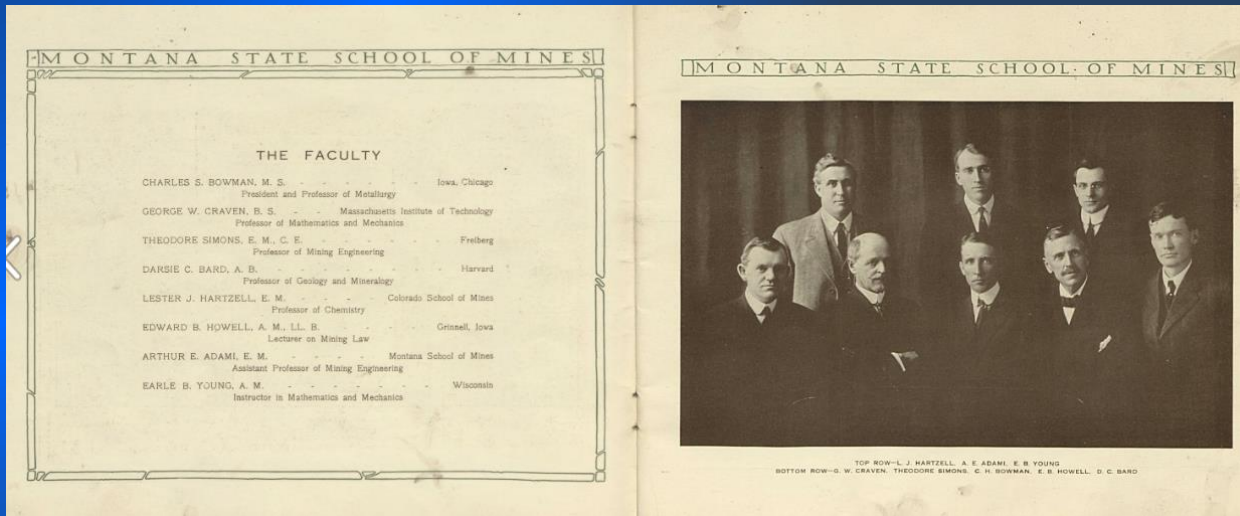
Plato Malozemoff  
1969  
MSc Metallurgical  
Engineering  
Montana School of  
Mines 1932

**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING**  
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

Founded in 1964, the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) is a private, independent, nonprofit institution that provides engineering leadership in service to the nation. The mission of the National Academy of Engineering is to advance the well-being of the nation by promoting a vibrant engineering profession and by marshalling the expertise and insights of eminent engineers to provide independent advice to the federal government on matters involving engineering and technology.

# Maybe use pics



1909

The enormous production of ore has given rise to the development of some of the largest and best equipped copper smelters in the world. Among these are the Washoe smelter at Anaconda, the Boston and Montana smelter at Great Falls, and the Butte Reduction Works at Butte. The Washoe smelter has a capacity for handling 10,000 tons of ore daily and is the largest smelter of its kind in the world. The Great Falls smelter has an electrolytic refining plant, the only one in the West. This smelter, under the able management of Mr. C. W. Goodale, has been one of the pioneers in solving the complicated metallurgical problems presented by the Butte copper ores. Within easy reach is also the East Helena smelter. This smelter is the property of the American Smelting & Refining Co. It treats chiefly lead and silver ores.

Such are the industrial developments within the city of Butte and adjoining districts, the environments of the Montana State School of Mines. Being brought daily into contact with the various phases of mining, milling and smelting, and with the men who are personally engaged in the different departments of these industries, the student cannot help absorbing considerable practical information which is a great advantage to him in subsequent practice. In this respect the opportunities offered the students are unsurpassed in this country. Virtually all of the mines and training plants form a substantial part of the equipment of the school; the great mining companies as well as the smelter operators and individual miners give cordial assistance to the students in facilitating their studies. Moreover many of the students find remunerative employment in the various mines during vacation. The great practical advantage thus accruing to the student of the Montana School of Mines cannot be overestimated.



Montana State School of Mines Building.

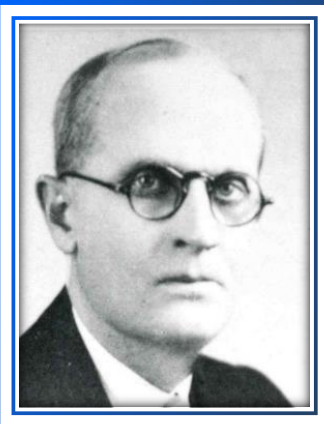


1909

Balance and Testing Room.



## More Early History



Louis V. Bender First  
E.M. Graduate  
June 1903

The Montana State School of Mines was constructed in 1896-7. Classes started in September 11, 1900. The only degree available was the Engineer of Mines (E.M.). There were 17 freshmen, 3 sophomores, and 1 Junior. 18 students were admitted to Special or Preparatory classes. The first graduate was Lois V. Bender (1903).

The only other School of Mines was Michigan School of Mines (1885) and the Colorado School of Mines (1870). The Montana State School of Mines had the largest initial enrollment of all the other School of Mines.

In 1929 Master of Science degrees were initiated in three areas: Mining Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering and Geological Engineering.

A M.S. in Mineral Dressing was added in 1935 (previously courses were given in "Ore Dressing" as a part of the Mining Engineering classes, but a B.S. degree in Mineral Dressing was not designated until 1963). Walter Vogeno was the first Mineral Dressing M.S. recipient (1936).

During the period 1929-1950 there were 130 graduate degrees; 40% were Metallurgical Engineering, 19% were Mineral Dressing Engineering.

## First Faculty 1900

### FACULTY OF THE MONTANA STATE SCHOOL OF MINES.

NATHAN R. LEONARD, A. M.,  
President and Professor of Mathematics.

WILLIAM G. KING, A. M.,  
Professor of Chemistry and Metallurgy.

ALEXANDER N. WINCHELL, Doct. Univ. Paris,  
Professor of Geology and Mineralogy.

CHARLES H. BOWMAN, M. S.,  
Professor of Mechanics and Mining Engineering.

LEON R. FOOTE, B. L.,  
Teacher of Conditional Classes.

\* *A.B. Knight* .....  
Charles W. Clark Professorship of Mining Engineering.

\* Not yet filled.

First students to receive a B.S. degree in Metallurgical Engineering 1922 were:  
Ellis Frink and  
W.W. Mowbray

The B.S. degree in Geological Engineering was established in 1927.

The first National Engineering Accreditation was granted in 1937 for the Mining, Metallurgy, and Geology Programs.

In 1963 a B.S. in Mineral Dressing was designated (Previously Mineral Dressing was an option in the Metallurgy Program 1947-1963).

In 1975 the Mineral Dressing name was changed to Mineral Processing Engineering and the program was merged (in 1977) with Metallurgical Engineering to become the Department of Metallurgical and Mineral Processing Engineering.

However, B.S. degrees in Metallurgical Engineering and Mineral Processing Engineering continued.

1978 the first graduates in Mineral Processing Engineering included: Paul Balo, Dan Dysinger, Doug Glaspey, Tracey Morris, Ed Orzechowski, Doug Poush, and Reggie Theault.

A View of Big Butte, Butte, Mont.



**1910**

**Big Butte's Big M**

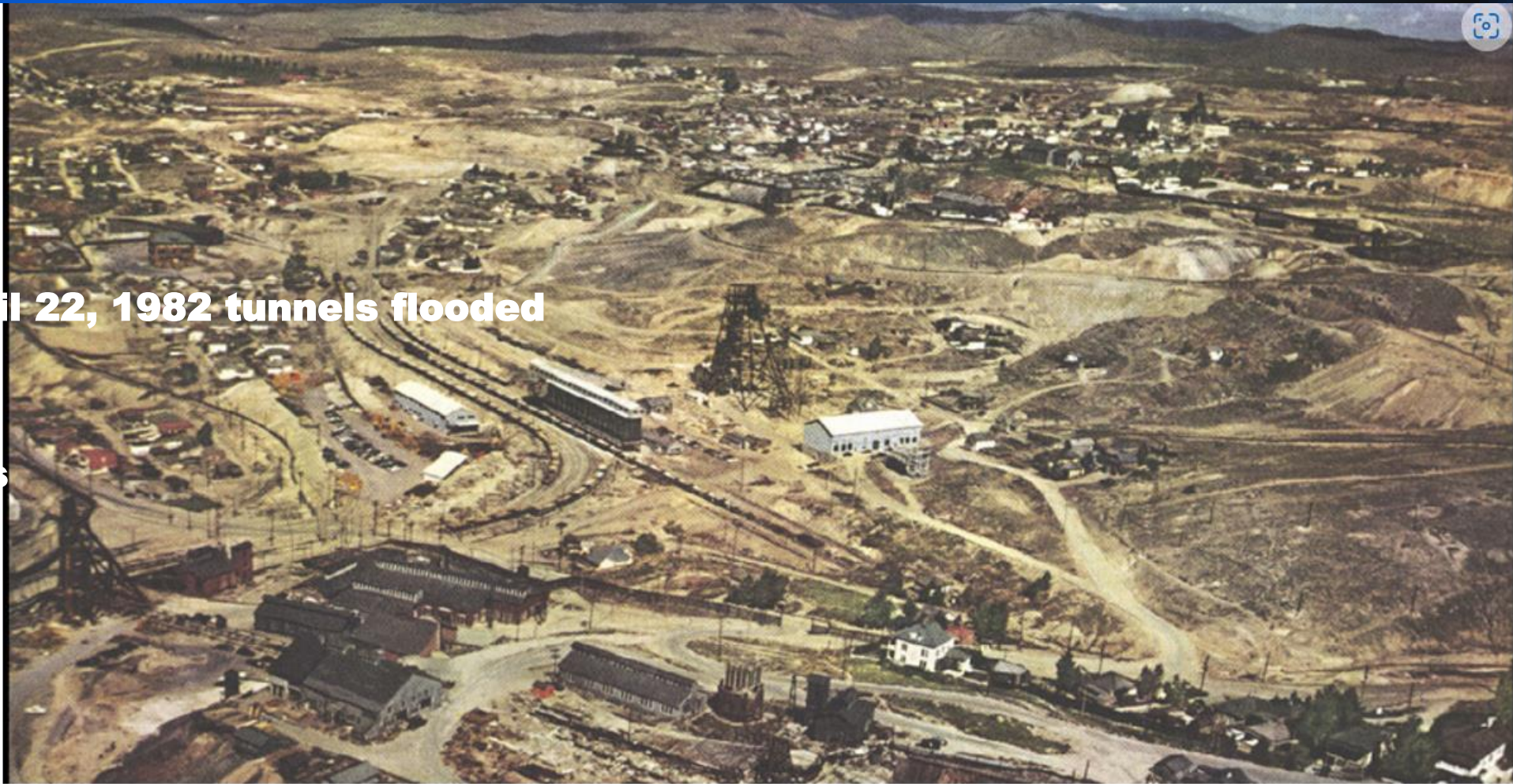




**April 22, 1982 tunnels flooded**

**10,000 Miles**

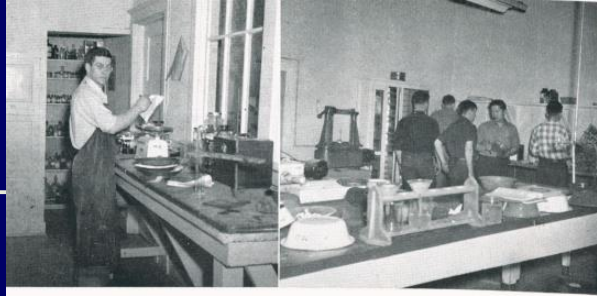
**Pit Watch**



*The future site of the Berkeley Pit in Butte, Montana as it appeared in 1952.*

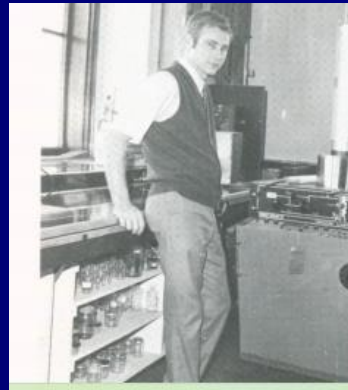
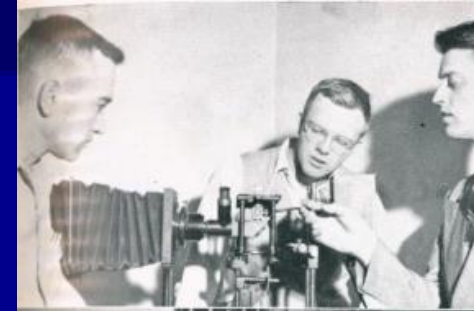
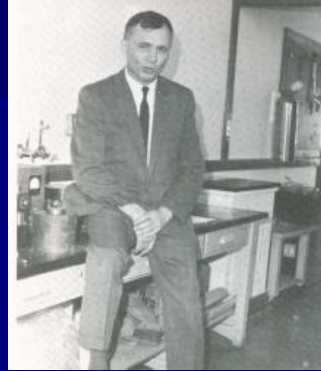
## **1955-1982: Berkeley Pit history**





Antoniali is doing some work in the lab.

Some of the juniors having a quick consultation.







2006