

ALUMNI NEWS

13th Annual Seminar

■ CLOSE TO 400 ALUMNI, their families and guests came back to the campus on Saturday, April 15, for the 13th Annual Alumni Seminar at the Institute.

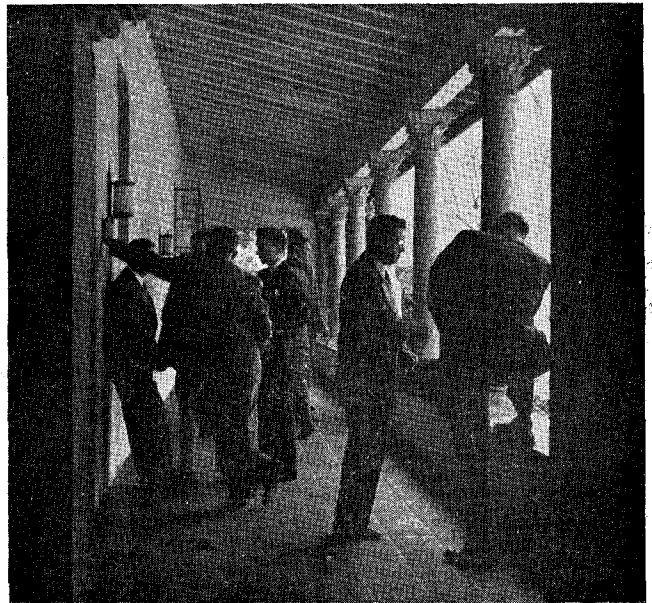
The morning program included lectures by Frits Went, Professor of Plant Physiology, on work in progress in the year-old Earhart Plant Research Laboratory; Dean Franklin Thomas, Professor of Civil Engineering, on California's water problems; Jesse Greenstein, Professor of Astrophysics, on investigations into interstellar space; Alan Sweezy, Visiting Professor of Economics, on the cold war; A. E. J. Engel, Professor of Mineralogy, on the search for the earth's primordial crust; and a panel discussion by two members of the Institute's admissions committee—Harvey Eagleson, Professor of English, and Carl Niemann, Professor of Organic Chemistry—and Ward Foster '27, on how Caltech selects its students.

After lunch (in the student houses for the men; at the Athenaeum for the ladies) laboratory exhibits were open from 2 to 4. There were 12 of these to choose from—the Animal Annex, Radiation Genetics and the Protein Synthesis laboratories in Biology; the Hydrocarbon Thermodynamics and Hydraulics and Heat Engines labs in Chemistry; the Vertebrate Paleontology laboratory in Geology; the M.E. lab; the Hypersonic Wind Tunnel; the Hydrodynamics lab; the Kellogg Radiation laboratory and the Digital and Analog Computers. But it took a fleet-footed alum to cover more than four of these.

At 4 p.m. Hunter Mead, Professor of Psychology and Philosophy, gave a talk on the psychology of leadership. Then, after a social hour from 5 to 6 p.m.—during which some of the crowd listened to the music in Dabney Lounge, some worked out in the game room in the Athenaeum, and some scattered to just rest their feet, or quench their thirst, or both—the group gathered for dinner at the Masonic Temple in downtown Pasadena. Alumni President Joe Lewis and Institute President Lee DuBridge gave short talks after dinner, and Ray Untereiner, Professor of Economics, delivered a speech on "What's Around the Corner?"

Though perhaps not the most notable, at least some of the most memorable portions of the program were the definition, which was given in the Engel lecture, of an enthusiast as "a man who, having completely lost sight of his objective, redoubles his efforts"; the Eagleson anecdote concerning the old grad who recently complained that one thing the Institute should have had all along was a course in etiquette—and who, when asked by Doc Eagleson whether he would have attended such a course if it had been given when he was here, replied simply and resoundingly, "—— —, Doc, NO!"; and finally, the Mead information, given for what it was worth, that studies have proved that one of the few things all leaders have in common is a habit of looking you in the eye when they talk to you.

The committee in charge of the seminar, which was headed by Carl Tutschulte '31, included John Nichols '45, Jerry Foster '40, K. F. Russell '29, Richard Henry '45, Robert Bennet '45, Jack Kettler '44, Jim Gregory '34, Ernie Hugg '29, and Paul Smith '39.



Alumni Seminar—informal discussion group



Open house: Vertebrate Paleontology lab



Open house: Analog Computer