LOS ANGELES CHAPTER PLANS 1937-38 ACTIVITIES

Social Chairman Phil Schoeller describes program

In spite of the pessimists, the past year ended the most successful year the Association has had. Successful in that the Association has taken on a definite character. A character which indicates that the future of the Association will be one of which all members will be justly proud. Each member has gained by participation and pleasant association with a group of men having the common bond of being “Tech” men.

General Meetings

In presenting the Calendar of the year 1937-38, it is proposed to hold three general meetings at which special effort will be made to get as large a group of Alumni, Faculty, and Administration members as possible to attend. These meetings will provide an opportunity to acquaint these people, who are interested above all others in the California Institute, with the problems which are yet to be solved. The fullest cooperation of the Alumni, Faculty and Administration is necessary in order that these problems may be satisfactorily solved and the purposes of the California Institute accomplished.

In addition, the General Meetings will provide an opportunity for enlarging the scope of interest of the group whose highly technical standard tends to narrow those interests which are becoming of increasing importance. It is essential that persons technically trained, devote more time and energy to the study of social, economic and governmental problems, both national and international.

A committee on Alumni Education is planning a program for the coming year which will provide an opportunity for extending and continuing the necessarily limited discussions of the subjects presented at the General Meetings.

This committee plans a group of seminars to be held at the Institute during the year, including economics, government, and business, as well as the technical fields which are so well represented. Notices of these seminars will be mailed to the members of the Association. The character and extent of the seminars will depend largely on the demand.

Home Coming and Oxy Game

This “Old Place” has changed even for those who have most recently graduated, and for those who have not been closely associated even for a year or so, the changes are quite fantastic. Saturday afternoon will be “Open House” to the Alumni with an opportunity to visit almost anything desired and some one there to attempt to answer any question there may be.

A buffet supper will be served to those making reservation. The supper will give the wife, the best girl, and even one’s self an opportunity to “get set” for “the game.”

The Oxy game is always unusual and this year promises to be no exception. The game will undoubtedly wear some down, but the rest will, under the excitement of being victorious (we hope) be ready for an informal sport dance which will climax the day.

Notices and details will be mailed to the members of the Association.

Annual Dance

It is proposed to pay off the weather man and top the party which last year proved to be one of the high points.

Stag and Field Day

The Stag and Field Day will be conducted along the same lines which was another “Kinsey” success of this last year. A little golf, baseball, tennis, swimming and a big steak seems to get the vote.

June General Meeting

The June meeting will be held at the Athenaeum at Commencement and special effort will be made to make the meeting as complimentary to the organization as the meeting of the past year.

CALENDAR 1937-38

October 8, 1937 . . . . . . . General Meeting
October 30, 1937 . . . . Home Coming and Oxy Game
January 21, 1938 . . . . General Meeting
February 26, 1938 . . . . Annual Alumni Dance
April 30, 1938 . . . . Stag and Field Day
June 10, 1938 . . . . General Meeting and Commencement

DR. BENIOFF INVENTS NEW INSTRUMENT FOR QUAKE STUDY

A new earthquake recording instrument, invented by Dr. Hugo Benioff, Caltech and Carnegie Seismology Laboratory expert, has been shipped to San Francisco for extensive tests.

The instrument, the only one of its kind in the world, is designed to be set on different floors of a building after a major quake to record the intensities of after-shocks.

Data to be gathered in this manner will greatly aid in the diagnosis of the nature of earthquake, it is said.

The instruments recently were inspected by Captain N. H. Heck, chief of the division of terrestrial magnetism and seismology, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey of the Department of Commerce, who evinced considerable interest in them.

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