



Report from Camp Radford

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THAT now ivy-encrusted CalTech tradition, the Frosh Camp, this year was a spectacular success, and members of the class of '21 who conceived the first one-day Freshman "retreat" can look with pride on the robust youngster their idea has grown to be.

Through the years, the Frosh Camp has expanded from its original form to a full three-day briefing and get-acquainted session; two years ago the Institute, recognizing the value of this YMCA-sponsored activity, assumed management of the camp. This year's result was a well-integrated, purposeful, enjoyable meeting, notable for the evident quantity of behind-the-scenes preparation which had preceded it.

To this observer, the most notable aspect of this year's meeting at Camp Radford, California, was a new emphasis. In addition to informing the Freshmen on such subjects as Institute history, departments, activities, student life, and "how to study," every speaker stressed one point: The foremost duty of the student, to himself and to humanity, during his stay at Tech was the development of character, the integration of personality, and the acquisition of those qualities which would enable him best to communicate, cooperate, and mix socially with his fellow men.

Periods during morning, afternoon, and evening were devoted to talks and orientation. Plenty of time for sports and recreation during which the new men, representing some 40 nations as well as most states, could best get acquainted — was provided throughout the schedule, and night meetings were over early enough to allow further social mingling, mostly in the form of "bull-sessions" and card games, to take place.

Meals were excellent, thanks to the capable work of Mrs. Ellen Bunton, manager of the Student Houses, and her staff, which journeyed en masse to the San Bernardino Mountain resort for the meet.

Featured in the closing hours of the camp was the traditional Frosh-Faculty baseball game, played on the banked (balls hit to the outfield bounced off the mountainside and back to the infield) Radford diamond. The powerful bats of DuBridge, Hershey, Clark, Strong, et al built up an early Faculty lead, which the oldsters managed to hold onto long enough to eke out a 9-8

victory over the surprised youngsters.

Choicest bit of repartee of the camp was engaged in during the seminar on "how to study"; the participants were Dean Strong and Prof. Owen of the Biology Department, who had just completed a discussion of thought-processes.

Prof Owen (probably abeted by new-Dean Eaton's reference to himself as Assistant Dean): "Someone has said that an Assistant Dean is like a mouse trying to become a rat."

Dean Strong: "I'd like to know where that leaves me — I'm an Associate Dean."

Prof. Owen: "I should say that sounds like an impossible hybrid."

Heading the list of speakers were President Lee A. DuBridge, and Howard Lewis, Vice-president of the Alumni Association, whose remarks were aptly titled "Report from an End Product." Other speakers included Bruce Worcester, ASCIT president; Registrar L. W. Jones, formerly associate dean for upper classmen; Dr. Chester Stock, new chairman of the Division of Geological Sciences; Placement Director Donald S. Clark; Mr. H. Z. Musselman, director of physical education; J. Mason Anderson, varsity football coach; Ed Preisler, Freshman football coach; "Doc" Hanes, cross country mentor; Dean Franklin Thomas; Prof. Frederick Lindvall; Prof. John Schutz, and various student leaders.



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