

ALUMNI NEWS

Dinner Dance

THE 20TH ANNUAL semi-formal dinner and dance of the Caltech Alumni Association will be held on the evening of February 4 at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. A prime-rib dinner will be served at 8 p.m. and dancing to the music of LaVerne Boyer begins at 9 p.m. All reservations should be in the Alumni Office by Thursday, February 2.

Sorensen Fellowships

EARLY IN 1950, under Howard Vesper's leadership, a small group of interested alumni contributed nearly \$3,000 to establish the Royal W. Sorensen Graduate Fellowship in Electrical Engineering. This was timed to recognize the retirement of Dr. Sorensen who, as we all know, has played a leading role in Institute life for

more than 40 years and has been an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of working with him in engineering. The first recipient of this scholarship was Jerome K. Delson, MS '50, PhD '53, who received \$900 per year for two years.

The concept of such a fellowship was so well received that early in 1954 it was decided to set up a sponsoring committee of alumni to aid in the establishment of a permanent endowment for this scholarship. The first notice to the alumni of the goal for a permanent endowment of about \$25,000 was made in June, 1954, and during the first year contributions and pledges totaling about \$7,700 were received.

The total amount of contributions and pledges has now risen to about \$11,500, which is a little less than one-half the minimum amount required to establish a permanent endowment sufficient for one scholarship per year.

It is not considered desirable to grant any more fellowships until the endowment figure has been obtained and it is therefore urgently hoped by the committee that the second half of the required amount can be obtained within the next two years at the very latest, since a Sorensen Scholarship has not been given since 1953.

Dr. Gilbert D. McCann, professor of electrical engineering, is acting as secretary-treasurer of the sponsoring committee and contributions should be sent directly to him in care of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. Checks should be made payable to "California Institute of Technology—Sorensen Fellowship Fund."

It should be emphasized that pledges over a period of years will be most welcomed, and that the contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.

—G. D. McCann

Chapter Notes

TWENTY SEVEN MEMBERS of the San Francisco Chapter attended a dinner meeting at the Fior d'Italia restaurant in San Francisco on December 2nd. Our speaker was a member of our own chapter, Harold Johnston, PhD '48, who is now an associate professor of chemistry at Stanford University. He discussed smog and the various theories of its origin, and the subject was received with great interest by this group of ex-Pasadenans.

—Don Loeffler, '40, Secretary

A MEETING of the New York Chapter will be held on Thursday, February 2nd. All details of the meeting place and exact time will be available from the American Physical Society at Columbia University, N.Y.C.

—Frank F. Scheck '48, Secretary

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