

# ALUMNI MEETINGS

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## OCTOBER MEETING

On the evening of September 30 the first Alumni meeting of the year was held at the Clark Hotel, 430 So. Hill St., Los Angeles. Mr. Loys Griswold, '23, acted as chairman for the meeting and the 108 members who attended were introduced to the art and science of flying as it is now done on commercial air lines.

Pilot Allan Barrie of the Western Air Express as chief speaker of the evening took his listeners through the routine of observations and calculations at present required of a pilot prior to and during regularly scheduled flights. His statements were illustrated by lantern slide projection of flight charts and other highly technical aids to blind flying now in common use.

Mr. Barrie's capable but slightly involved statements were leavened by those of Miss Frances Oliver, a stewardess on the same air line. Miss Oliver's presence was apt justification of the reason that flying is now popular and that railroads are installing similar services. She stated that as an air hostess, her main duty was to see to her guests' comfort as she would in her own home.

Mr. Hugh Coburn, District Traffic Manager of Western Air Express, and Mrs. Hazel Griswold, wife of our chairman for the meeting, were also present as guests.

## OXY GAME PARTY

The Oxy game has come as promised and has gone—perhaps it is just as well—what did *you* expect anyway?? No practice in open field tackling can't produce positive results in a real game.

After the game an estimated 124 Alumni with their partners gathered in the Atheneum for (as President Kinsey termed it) a "Big Tomato." They gathered in the Hall of the Associates technically for the light fandango but actually spent more time around the punch bowl in the dining room renewing old acquaintances. Music was provided by the Victor Band through one of the new units borrowed from the student houses.

Those in attendance were loud in their praise of the arrangers of the party, Bill Aultman, '27, and Wes Hertenstein, '25. The party broke up at 12:45 A.M.

## DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Caltech Alumni Assn. was held at the Clark Hotel in Los Angeles with a goodly turnout for dinner. In opening the meeting President Kinsey spoke for a policy of hands off in the athletic program of the Institute, the present problems being in the hands of a very competent committee which is well able to arrive at the competent committee who are well able to arrive at the best solution without the interference of the Association.

Howard B. Lewis, '23, introduced Dr. W. Ballentine Henley of U.S.C. who spoke on the subject of Democracy. Dr. Henley's most able and dynamic presentation of the political, social and economic status of the world today was

aptly attended by a delightful sense of humor. His principal points that to insure democracy the technical administration of government must be insulated from political pressure will undoubtedly be seriously considered in the future by his hearers. His talk was followed by a spirited discussion.

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## MEMBERSHIP SETS NEW RECORD

By William H. Mohr, 29, Membership Chairman

On the first of December, 1938, there were 920 paid-up active members—an all time membership record for the Alumni Association. The previous high was 870 members at the end of last year as reported by President Ward Foster.

Your officers appreciate this great interest and support; in turn, they are doing their best to give each member the full value of the cost of his membership dues. The first Alumni Directory in eleven years is being compiled after much work by Editor Ted Combs '27, Al Atwood '32, Sid Bamberger '32, Miss Dierkes and all of the class secretaries, and will be mailed to all active members this month. The compiling and publication of this directory has meant a great deal of work but the committee and officers feel that the value to out of town members as well as the younger grads will compensate for their efforts.

The "Alumni Review" is a magazine that all members should enjoy looking through and offers an opportunity for expression of social, scientific, and engineering news for which the Institute and the Alumni have become known. The magazine is for the benefit of all alumni. Active members are urged to stress the value of the magazine and the directory to all those who are now missing these valuable contacts.

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## NEW ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

The President of the Alumni Association suggested to Dr. Millikan for his consideration and the consideration of the Executive Council that a committee of Trustees, Associates, Faculty Members, Students, and Alumni be appointed to consider what may be done to increase the athletic facilities of the Institute. Recently Dr. Millikan, as Chairman of the Executive Council, and in accordance with the request of the Executive Council, appointed a committee to consider the increase of the athletic facilities existing at the California Institute. The committee is composed of the following members:

J. Hudson Poole (Chairman),  
Harry Bauer ..... Trustee Members  
Thomas Fleming and  
Leonard G. Strater ..... Associate Members  
R. W. Sorensen and  
William R. Smythe ..... Faculty Members  
William G. Lawson and J. E. Osborn .... Student Members  
Ward D. Foster and Philip Schoeller..... Alumni Members

It is understood that the Chairman is gathering information upon the subject preparatory to calling the committee together for its first meeting.

## CALTECH HONORED

The California Institute of Technology has been honored by being named the "presidential college" of the Association of American Universities for the coming year at the annual meeting in November held jointly at the University of California and Stanford University.

The Association, one of the oldest educational organizations in the United States, is very select in its membership and very strict as to its standards of ethics and scholarship. Previously confined to schools as Harvard and Yale in the East, it now includes a few in the Middle West and on the Pacific Coast.

Instead of naming an individual as president, the Association of American Universities selects annually some one college, which in turn appoints its own presiding officer, usually the president or the senior dean.

The Institute was represented at the annual meeting by Dr. Robert A. Millikan, chairman of the Executive Council, and Dr. Richard C. Tolman, dean of the Graduate School.

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## ALUMNI AID CHARITIES

During the past few weeks while the civilized world has been gasping at the brutality of man's inhumanity to men, a number of Tech Alumni have been actively giving of their time and efforts toward making this world a happier, healthier and better place for the less fortunate members of society to live in. We speak of course of the Alumni who have been helping in the many Community Chest drives throughout the country. Particularly in Los Angeles do we find a large number of these men assisting in the local Community Chest drive for funds. Outstanding among these men is our alumni president Ed Kinsey, '26, who is serving as Chairman of the Business Section for downtown Los Angeles. Other men who have given of their time and efforts are Stu Seymour, '26, Harold Hill, '11, Al Atwood, '32, Mott Prudames, '32, Bill Mohr, '29, Jack Shield, '22, Bob Bogen, '26, L. E. Morrison, '21, Fred Schell, '27, and Al Laws, '26.

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## \$103,000 GIFTS

An anonymous bequest of \$100,000 and a grant of \$3000 for special aeronautical research were announced by Dr. Robert A. Millikan at the annual dinner of the staffs of the Institute, the Mount Wilson Observatory, and of the Huntington Library held on October 19th. The grant is to be used for research on miniature radio stations sent aloft to broadcast, at regular intervals, temperature, pressure and relative humidity to aid in weather forecasts.

Doctor Millikan also announced the appointment of Dr. Max Mason as chairman of a special committee to study scientific problems for the United States Army Air Corps. This committee is the result of a conference Doctor Millikan held with the late Maj.-Gen. Oscar Westover on his recent visit to Washington, D. C.

## FEBRUARY DANCE AT BILTMORE

The annual Alumni Dance will be held on Saturday night, February 4, 1939, in the Blue Room of Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles. It promises to be one of the gayest and smartest of all dances to date. The arrangements committee, headed by Paul C. Schaffner, '37, is endeavoring to provide the best possible entertainment compatible with this occasion. Those potential alumni, members of the class of '39, have been invited with their ladies to join in the festivities.

Tickets are now on sale. According to advance reports a gratifying number of reservations have already been made. Those who purchased tickets prior to December 10 will participate in a drawing for complimentary admission to the Rose Bowl football game on New Year's day. Winners will be announced at the earliest possible date.

Make your reservations early, thereby permitting the committee to complete plans with accuracy. Admission is \$1.65 per couple. Dress is informal. Tickets will be mailed out about the middle of January. Meantime, reservations with payments should be forwarded to the Alumni Office. Come on out, meet members of the senior class, have a visit with your classmates, dance a turn or three, and have a good time!

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## DIRECTORY FOR CHRISTMAS

You may expect to receive your copy of the new Directory in the very near future. Read it, then keep it close at hand for ready reference. You will find it constantly useful. For maximum utility, three complete listings are included: Alphabetical, geographical and classes.

The Directory will contain over 2300 names, with correct addresses for about 95% of these. Try as it did, the committee was unable to locate a hundred-odd alumni. Information of these men, whose addresses are listed as "unknown," will be appreciated. Promptness in forwarding changes of address will aid in the maintenance of accurate files. An average of six changes are received each day by the Alumni Office, hence the magnitude of this task can be appreciated.

At long last, in fact, after eleven years, we now have an up-to-date Directory. The Committee and your Board of Directors are proud of their accomplishment. They would therefore like you to receive your copy as a special Christmas present. The season's greetings to you!

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## CAMPUS NEWS AVAILABLE

The Alumni Review endeavors to report campus and undergraduate activities from time to time. Our news briefs are necessarily meagre. Several alumni have expressed a yearning to keep up with campus news and otherwise give vent to a four-year habit of reading the California Tech. A special rate has therefore been arranged for alumni subscribers. Merely send 50c to Robert McClung, Editor, The California Tech, C. I. T., and you will receive issues weekly during the entire school year.