

ALUMNI MEETINGS

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TECHNICOLOR-N.B.C. MEETING

One of the most interesting and well attended meetings of the Alumni Association was held on Friday evening, January 20, 1939, when Mr. J. A. Ball, vice-president and technical director of the Technicolor Motion Picture Corporation, spoke on the Technicolor process to one group of members, while another group of members visited the new Hollywood studios of the National Broadcasting Co.

The meeting, as originally planned, was to be held in the Review Room of the Electrical Research Products, Inc., in Hollywood, which has a seating capacity of 110 persons. Because of the enthusiastic response to the reservation request, the Social Committee was in a quandary because of its inability to secure a larger meeting place on such short notice, which was solved by Mr. Ball consenting to present his talk to two separate audiences, and the Committee then made arrangements for one group to visit the broadcasting studio, while the other listened to him.

Mr. Ball, who is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, gave a very interesting resume of the historical background of the Technicolor process, and a general description of the methods and problems facing the process today. At the conclusion of his talk several reels of Technicolor motion pictures were shown which provided the lighter part of the program.

The conducted tour of the new National Broadcasting Company studio was enjoyed by those attending, as they were permitted to learn and see at first hand the last word in radio broadcast facilities, with its specially designed and acoustically treated walls, cork insulated floors, and the latest engineering equipment. Another feature was the exhibition of sound effects.

The arrangements for the meeting were made by Sidney Zipsper, '30, of the Technicolor Motion Picture Company.

ANNUAL DANCE

Only once in a while — once a year lately — do the erstwhile students of The Institute get together with their ladies to trip the light fantastic. The latest such occasion was on February 4th at the Biltmore Ballroom in Los Angeles. 433 couples were enthusiastically present, included among whom were 72 Seniors, who attended as guests. Music was provided by Larry Kent's Orchestra, and entertainment during intermissions by sad-faced Boothe Bertram. The performance of the latter certainly seemed to intrigue those who were close enough to see his numerous styles of headgear and facial expression.

Faculty members present were Prof. and Mrs. Franklin Thomas, Prof. and Mrs. Philip Fogg, and Prof. and Mrs. Ray Untereiner. The success of the affair was largely due to Clarence Kiech '26, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence K. Gould '33, and Paul C. Schaffner '37.

MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 1,000

By WILLIAM H. MOHR, '29, *Membership Chairman*

The Membership Committee is very happy to announce that there are now over 1,000 members of the California Institute of Technology Alumni Association. Our Association has grown a little each year until this year we have been able to reach our goal.

The activity of all members and their cooperation in making this year a successful one is sincerely appreciated by your Board of Directors. We have endeavored to please you by publishing a Directory of Alumni this year in addition to the quarterly Alumni Review and the numerous meetings that are held for your benefit.

A membership of over 1,000 in an Institution that has less than 2,500 graduates is a record that others might well envy.

PLACEMENTS

Hal Hill, '11, chairman of the Placements Committee, has recently addressed groups of seniors and a few underclassmen on the essentials of interviews. He has endeavored to prepare these men for personal contacts with potential employers and their representatives, through pointing out good and bad features of appearance and demeanor. Interviews are now being held on the campus by personnel agents of several large firms. It is reported that Hal's advice to some 150 men is standing in good stead.

To alumni, the Placements Committee would like it known that excellent positions are sometimes lost to Tech men just because the right candidate's application card is not on file at the time the call is received. Several openings have gone begging during the past several weeks. If you are interested in improved employment, send your credentials to the Alumni office on the campus, together with mention of salary and type of work desired.

DIRECTORY

By now you have perused the pages of the 1939 Directory. You have checked your own listings. You have probably discovered that several alumni live or work near you. Perhaps you have already looked up some of them. You have spent some time learning what your classmates are doing. You have probably saved your copy for constant reference.

According to early reports, the Directory is being found of inestimable value, has been studied for an average of about two hours per man. Two thousand man-hours of scrutiny!

The Directory committee tried diligently to provide completeness, accuracy and useability. Since it was impossible to obtain all desired data, due to time and financial limitations, it is now urged that members aid in filling in addresses and affiliations or reporting errors. It is hoped that the Directory can be issued biannually. Meantime, the Alumni Review will endeavor to report changes which qualify for the "News of Classes" department.

CHAPTER NEWS

SAN DIEGO

Judge Clarence F. Terry of the San Diego Municipal Court gave an enlightening discourse on the problems of administering justice in San Diego, to a group of Tech alumni and guests at a gathering held in the U. S. Grant Hotel on January seventeenth. The good judge brought along a few exhibits such as brass knuckles, blackjacks, knives and two diaries of women of the red light district; needless to say the latter caused quite a flurry of interest. The program was arranged by Fred De Silva, ex '22 who presided at the meeting.

Perry Boothe, who is secretary of the San Diego Chapter, recently had the misfortune of laying his foot open with an axe; fortunately it proved more alarming than serious and he is well on the road to recovery.

On the evening of March 15, some twenty-one Alumni and guests gathered at the U. S. Grant Hotel to hear an interesting talk "Inventions," presented by Mr. J. M. Clauber, Vice-President and General Manager of the San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Co.

SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Chapter recently elected new officers, namely, Howard Vesper, '22, president; Ed Dorresten, x'24, vice-president; Manley Edwards, '26, Secretary; and Howard Baker, '30, corresponding secretary. Under the leadership of these men a meeting was held Friday, February 17, at the Olympic Hotel. Some twenty-five members showed up to enjoy an evening of informal discussion and cards. Plans were laid for a field day at the Fair and another afternoon of golf.

BOSTON

A letter from J. S. Edwards, '37, secretary of the Boston group, tells of a meeting held just before Christmas, attended by some thirty alumni. Incidentally he mentions that there are twenty-four Tech alumni now studying at Harvard, sixteen of whom are in the Harvard Business School.

NEW YORK

The New York group is having an active year under the leadership of Rea Axline, '32, and Ed Thayer, '25. On January 30 a luncheon was held for Professor Sorensen and "Chuck" Schwieso who were visiting in New York and there was quite a nice turnout for a luncheon meeting. Plans are under way for several more meetings this year, including a dinner dance for the men and their wives.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A dinner meeting was held on the evening of February 10. Among those present were C. A. Bercaw, war '18; C. E. Fitch, '23; E. Bollay, M.S. '36; W. F. Osborn, Ph.D. '38; C. L. Gazin, '27; L. Fleming, '37; T. Fahrner, '36; T. S. Southwick, '27; and P. Harney, M.S. '35.

BAKERSFIELD

Under the chairmanship of Layton Stanton, '27, approximately fifteen alumni held a dinner session on March 20.

Coach W. L. Stanton spoke on C.I.T. athletics. Following the talk and discussions, social diversions were enjoyed. The Bakersfield group has arranged for meeting on the first Tuesday of June, September, December and March.

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ALUMNI DIRECTORS STUDY ATHLETIC SITUATION

The Board of Directors who meet every month to carry on the business of the Association have had some particularly interesting meetings during the past few months. On January 17th a meeting, held in the club rooms of the new Los Angeles quarters of General Electric Co., was attended by the class secretaries, several alumni prominent in athletic affairs, and Coaches Stanton and Musselman. Both the coaches addressed the group which numbered about thirty-five, on what was wrong with campus athletics of today and what in their opinion could be done to improve the situation. After these talks the meeting was thrown open to general discussion, which produced many enlightening ideas. Before going home the gang enjoyed sandwiches and coffee served by our host, Harold Hill, '11, of the G. E. staff.

In order to get the reaction of, and to learn what the undergraduates think of the present athletic situation, all the Student House presidents were invited to the February directors' meeting. The usual business that came before the Board was rapidly dispensed with and the majority of the evening was spent in an interesting and lively discussion of the situation. The House Presidents and the editor of the California Tech gave freely of their ideas.

It was an almost unanimous opinion that intercollegiate competition should be continued and encouraged. The three following suggestions were the main result of the group's discussion: (1) Talks by alumni to various undergraduate groups to encourage intercollegiate spirit and activities in sports and lend a historical background of Tech traditions.

(2) Rearrangement of intramural schedules so as not to draw men away from intercollegiate sports. (3) The awarding of an Alumni trophy (preferably cash) to the House showing the greatest contribution towards intercollegiate sports during the year.

As these meetings were principally fact finding meetings the Board has taken no action.

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JEWETT M.I.T. ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Frank B. Jewett is the sole nominee for the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Association for the coming year. Dr. Jewett received an A.B. in 1898 from Throop Polytechnic Institute. He then went to Chicago to study under Dr. Michelson and in 1902 received a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. The next two years, 1902-1904 were spent as an instructor in physics and electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Since that time he has been associated principally with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. of which he is now vice-president.