Alumni News

Southern California Social Program

The Social Program Committee for the coming year has been meeting in recent weeks and has discussed their ideas with the Board of Directors. The committee has examined the plan of the social program of recent years and has concluded that the format is basically good. The committee feels that due to the large number of alumni in southern California, and therefore the wide interests of alumni, that a program consisting of the three dinner meetings, a football game activity, a dinner-dance and a picnic provide the necessary variety to make a successful program. The main objectives, after deciding on the basic plan of the program, have been to develop ideas that would improve and make the overall program more interesting to all alumni in the area.

The football game activity will be the first one this year and will be under the chairmanship for the alumni of Dick Jaffe '53 and Ted Johnson '56. The students have selected the Claremont-Harvey Mudd game on November 20th in the Rose Bowl to be the big home game of the season. Although details have not been completed with the students, it is likely that an orchestra will be engaged for a dance following the game. Possibly a dinner, similar to that held last year prior to the game, will be planned for this year.

The fall dinner meeting this coming year will be held early in December, with arrangements being made by George Johnston '54. Considerable discussion has been devoted to bringing out new ideas for the dinner meetings. The committee feels that the ideas and possibilities discussed will make this one of the outstanding events of the social program. A unique location in the Pasadena area is under consideration for this event. The theme of the affair will be varied so that, instead of the usual brief cocktail hour before dinner and a serious speaker after dinner, there will be ample time to talk with old classmates and friends, and the speaker or entertainment will be on the lighter side.

Ralph Pastoriza '44 is chairman of the winter dinner meeting. Continuing along the idea of a change from the usual kind of dinner meeting, Ralph is considering using two speakers, or having a panel discussion on a controversial subject that would encourage audience participation. This dinner meeting will probably be held in the Los Angeles area in late January.

The dinner-dance activity for the coming year will be under the chairmanship of Rolf Hastrup '53. The committee felt strongly that the dinner-dance should be brought into the Los Angeles or Pasadena area if possible, inasmuch as outlying areas have been used during recent years. Serious consideration is being given to the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. This event is being planned for late March.

The annual dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 1960, with Bill Karzas '49 as chairman. The committee hopes that President DuBridge will be available for his usual comments on the work of the Institute during the previous year. The committee felt that a speaker of prominence in the business or financial world would be desirable for this meeting. Five-year reunions will be held for the classes of 1900, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, and 1955.

From the discussion on the annual picnic, planned for late June, the committee feels that locations similar to Disneyland and Marineland have been well utilized, to the extent that another entirely different type of event would be desirable. Under the chairmanship of Pat Fazio '53, the committee is currently discussing the possibility of having a real picnic this time.

-John D. Gee, Chairman, Program Committee

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