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Junior Prom Set For April 20

Compton Meets With Fraternity Students, Alumni

L.F.C. To Organize Alumni Advisory Board For Fraternities

Dr. Karl T. Compton, President of the Institute, and other Administration officers met with student and alumni representatives from each of the recognized fraternities at dinner on Tuesday, March 6 for a discussion of the problems confronting the fraternities at the present time. The dinner was held at Pritchett Hall in Walker Memorial.

An informal discussion was held, during which an Advisory Board on Fraternities, made up of fraternity alumni, was proposed. This question will be brought up for approval at the next meeting of the Interfraternity Council.

In his talk, Dr. Compton stated that the Institute has always felt that students should run their own activities and that this policy would be adhered to in the future. With a much younger group of students attending, however, more care must be taken, in all phases of Institute life. Dean Harold E. Lobdell, Vice-President James R. Killian, and Treasurer Horace S. Ford, also addressed the meeting.

101 New Students At Freshman Camp

President Compton Welcomes New Students

The twenty-first Freshman Camp, which was held at the Institute on Saturday, March 3, was attended by 101 freshmen. The T.C.A. sponsored event presented the new students to the thousands of the leading members of the staff and leaders of student activity.

After registration in the Walker Memorial Building, the group assembled in Pritchett Hall where Herbert J. Hensell, 2-46, Director of Freshman Camp, introduced Doctor Karl T. Compton who gave the welcoming address. Dean Harold E. (Continued on Page 4)

Chinese Exhibit On Cooperatives In Building Ten

An exhibit entitled "Chinese Industrial Cooperatives" has been placed in the Lobby of Building Ten. The display emphasizes the part that China's infant industry is doing to supply her army with the implements of war.

The tendency of China's industrial revolution is, in contrast to that of the occidental nations, directed towards industrial cooperatives. These have been established in villages all over their vast country, rather than the heavy industry being concentrated in a few small areas. There are a number of social advantages to this system—one of which is that the people used to the simple life of Chinese agricultural villages, are not suddenly thrust into the slums and factories of a densely populated industrial area.

Some of the products manufactured by these cooperatives make up part of the exhibit. These include soap, matches, cigarettes, leather goods products, surgical cause, canvas, and printed cloth.

Options Will Be Sold Monday And Tuesday;
Ticket Price Is $7.20

The Junior Prom of the Class of 2-46 will be held on Friday evening, April 20, it was announced last night by James S. Craig, President of the Class. The Imperial Ballroom of the Hotel Statler is to be the scene of the festivities.

Dancing, which will begin at 8:00 P.M. and continue to midnight, will be to the music of a popular name band. As soon as definite arrangements are made, the name of the band will be revealed by The Tech. The affair is starting earlier this year in order to allow as long a period of enjoyment as was customary before the midnight curfew went into effect.

Options on Sale Monday

The tickets will cost $7.20, tax included. Options will be sold for $3.00 on Monday and Tuesday in the Lobby of Building 10 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for as long as they last. They must be redeemed by Friday, April 13, also in Building 10. Table reservations may be made when options are redeemed.

The Junior Prom Committee is planning several small parties Saturday night to complete the week.

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Dean Harrison Calls Auto Complex Monument To Scientific Frustration

After examining the automobile during the course of a lecture recently given at the University of Cincinnati, Dr. George R. Harrison, Dean of Science at the Institute, pronounced it a "complex monument to scientific frustration," and a "comfortably stuffed wagon loaded down with gadgets designed to make other parts satisfactorily fulfill their function of correcting inadequacies of still more fundamental gadgets.

Dean Harrison pointed to the gasoline engine. It cannot start itself; therefore another engine must be added, an electric motor. But since this cannot be driven by gasoline, another source of power is added in the form of a battery. This must be charged, so an electric generator is added. Since the generator delivers too much current at certain times, it must be provided with a cutout, and so on, and so on.

Favors Electric Car

"How much simpler—it would be to run the whole car with electric power!" exclaimed Dean Harrison.

"Then we could throw away the radiator with its thermostats and anti-freezes, the ignition system, the engine, the muffler, the clutch, the transmission, the differential—in fact, almost everything except the chassis and the wheels. All that is needed is for some inventor to develop a storage battery which (Continued on Page 4)