

High school students to hear career talks

IIT, together with the Chicago Sun-Times and the Chicago Technical Societies will once again sponsor the second annual career conferences for high school students on December 27-29 to be held on campus. Aimed at the goal of providing the future leaders in their respective vocations. The more well-known speakers will be Rogers Hornsby, Bob Elson, Pat Flanagan and Gene Kessler on sports; Irving Pfaum of the Sun-Times and Nelson Algren, author of "The Man with the Golden Arm," on writing and journalism; Senator Scott Lucas, Alderman Robert Merriam and Everett Dirksen on politics; Keith Andes of "Kiss Me Kate" and George Kuyper, manager of the Chicago Symphony, on music; Karl Nagler, vice-president of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke company, on gas technology; Dr. Gustav Egloff, president of the Western Society of Engineers, on chemistry; and several popular teachers on IIT's campus will add their services.

Over 2500 students will hear talks about 70 various fields by

tech timetable

Items appearing in Tech Timetable are those which have been scheduled with the Dean of Students' office.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

AIEE Fowler group, 11 a.m., NU and Eta Kappa Nu, 2 p.m., IHC room
Chess club, 4 p.m., SU lounge
Deans coffee cletch, 4 p.m., Exec. conf. room
IVCF, 5 p.m., AH conf. room
Polish club, 7 p.m., 214C
Winter Whirl dance, 8 p.m., Sherman Hotel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Weissman luncheon, 11 a.m., NU lounge
ARF, party, 5 p.m., Exec. conf. room
Alpha Sigma Phi party, 8 p.m., Frat. house
ARF EE dept., 8 p.m., NU lounge
Triangle party, 8 p.m., Frat. house
Delta Lambda Xi, 8 p.m., Brown Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Delta Zeta, 1 p.m., 202MC
IAS, 1 p.m., 202C
IVCF, 1 p.m., 105C
Model Airplane club, 1 p.m., 102C
Senior class placement, 1 p.m., 102MC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Mechanics Colloquium, 8 a.m., 115CB
ARF chorus, 12 noon, NU and
SAM movies, 2-4, 4-6 p.m., 131 MC

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Co-op club, 1 p.m., 108MC
SAE, 1 p.m., 115CB
SAM meeting, 1 p.m., 101MC
WSE, 1 p.m., 131MC
Fluid Mech., 4 p.m., 101MC
SAM movies, 6-8, 8-10 p.m., 131MC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Chess club, 4 p.m., SU lounge
Deans coffee cletch, 5 p.m., AH conf. room
IVCF, 5 p.m., AH conf. room

Final Thesis Deadline: Jan. 13
Preliminary Deadline: Dec. 30

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Seniors make change in dress for 'Farewell'

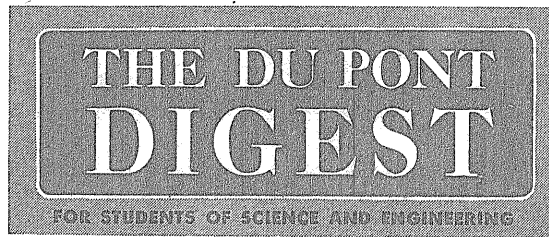
Three separate petitions presented to the January '50 senior class officers brought about a reconsideration of the type of dress for the Senior Farewell. These petitions requested a change from optional to semi-formal dress, and representatives presenting the petitions explained that the major reason was to eliminate embarrassment to girls who might attend in street-length dresses.

In order to avoid misunderstanding, the following definition of semi-formal for this affair was set up by the senior class officers and class representatives: Women are to wear dinner dresses or formals; men are to be in business suits or tuxedos.

The Senior Farewell will be a dinner dance on Thursday, January 26, in the Gold room of the Congress Hotel. The initial price of a bid is \$10, payable to class representatives at a booth to be opened in the NU lobby after the Christmas holidays. Any surplus in the class treasury shall be given out as rebates to those attending the Farewell.

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CARBON MONOXIDE... FRIEND OF MAN

Thanks to high-pressure synthesis, it now leads a useful life

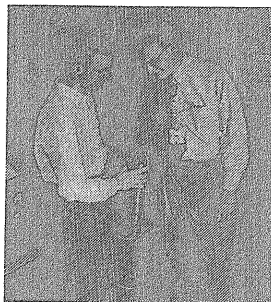
To the man on the street, carbon monoxide is just a poisonous gas that sometimes causes tragic deaths when it escapes from the exhaust of an automobile or from a poorly tended furnace.

Outside of the chemical field, few people are aware that, properly used, it is a very real friend of man. In the last 25 years, during which catalytic

You'd hardly associate carbon monoxide with anti-freeze. But at temperatures from 300 to 450°C. and under pressures of 1500 to 15,000 pounds per square inch, carbon monoxide and hydrogen unite to form methanol—a colorless liquid from which is made "Zerone" anti-rust anti-freeze for automobiles. From methanol and carbon monoxide as raw materials, ethylene glycol for "Zerex" anti-freeze is produced.

Plastics and Anti-Freeze

Methanol is used also to make a large number of compounds such as formaldehyde and methyl methacrylate. The former goes into urea-phenol-formaldehyde plastics for light fixtures, radio cabinets, hardware, utensils, and electrical equipment. The latter is the basic material for "Lucite" acrylic resin with its many uses.



A. H. Emery, Jr., M.S. Ch. E., M.I.T. '49 and M. J. Roedel, Ph.D. Org., Michigan '40 inspecting a high-pressure batch reactor taken from the shaker tube assembly after a run to make 3,5,5-trimethylhexanol.

and high-pressure chemical techniques have been highly developed, carbon monoxide has become a key-stone of industrial synthesis.

Scientists have found that under the proper conditions of high pressure and temperature, carbon monoxide, in combination with other substances, can be converted to a variety of useful products. These or their derivatives range from an acid used in tanning hides to the sparkling plastics in milady's boudoir.



R. L. Stearns, B.S. Ch. E., Yale '49 and H. Peterson, B.S. Ch. E., Northeastern Univ. '42 checking a multi-stage carbon monoxide compressor used in semi-works operations.

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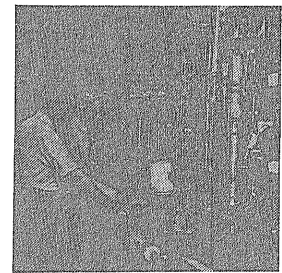
THIS IS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE TO PARTAKE IN AN OUTSTANDING ACTIVITY WITH MANY REWARDS.

POSITIONS WITH ADVANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR UPPERCLASSMEN WITH ABILITY

The reaction of methanol with carbon monoxide leads to acetic acid, which is a well-known industrial chemical. By the same synthesis but substituting ethanol for methanol, propionic acid is obtained. From it come the "Mycoban" sodium and calcium propionates that retard mold and rope in bakery products.

Synthesis in the Future

Today Du Pont manufactures some 120 different items that are partly or wholly dependent upon elevated



A. J. Hill, Jr., Ph.D. Org., Yale '44 and F. F. Holub, Ph.D. Org., Duke '49 carrying out an experiment on a new method for purifying carbon monoxide. The large furnace in this apparatus operates at 1200°C.

pressures. However, the possibilities have by no means been exhausted. Just recently, for example, chemists have been learning how to use carbon monoxide in "up-grading" certain petroleum hydrocarbons to give interesting alcohols. One of these, 3,5,5-trimethylhexanol, is prepared from diisobutylene by reaction with carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

College-trained men and women interested in working in this field at Du Pont may share in discoveries as outstanding as any yet achieved.

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