Extra Curricular Activities
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In this day of interlocking professions, no stray information ever comes amiss. One of the most important qualities, how to get along with people, can be obtained right here on our own campus. Day by day contacts in classes teach us the fundamental principals of human relationships, but grace and poise and ease, all necessary in personal contacts, are acquired outside the classroom. Engineers in industry are no longer isolated in research laboratories; plant engineers are now expected to do a certain amount of entertaining and greeting the public in addition to their regular duties. That extra finesse, necessary, can be attained by participation in extra-curricular activities.

Writing for a magazine such as the Engineer, is valuable training in expressing yourself on paper. Active membership and participation in clubs and departmental societies give you valuable experience and make you proficient in speaking before groups of your fellows.

Right now, it is easy to converse with your own friends or small groups of people. But this will not always be enough! Conversing easily before larger groups of men and women will be a totally different experience for you.

Prepare to take your place in our complex society by learning all you can about social relationships—how to get along with people, understand them and make friends of them.

We can all attempt to make more friends and complete our social education. But for one group of us, the new freshman class, opportunity is especially great. Only a few engineering activities such as the Quadrangle Jesters and the Ohio State Engineer are open to freshmen. However, there are many other activities for men students at the Ohio State University. These center about the Ohio Union and involve students from every college and every department on the campus. These activities are open only to freshmen and thus offer them an unequaled opportunity. The broadening effect that such new friends and acquaintances will have upon you is tremendous. After a full day of Engineering courses, it is surprising how interesting and engaging a conversation with an Ag

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student or a Commerce major can be. These men have an entirely different outlook on many of the same problems that confront us as Engineers.

To all the students in our University, I urge participation in some extra-curricular activities. Your departmental societies, dramatic organizations, journalistic accomplishments on magazines—all these will help to complete your education. For freshmen in particular, here is a hint: start the other side of your education as soon as you see how much time you can spare from school work.

Honors, good times, and benefits which follow earnest endeavor in extra-curricular activities make them worth many times the effort they cost you.