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This is the date set for the annual Engineers’ Prom by the Engineers’ Council. The final plans are rapidly developing. The band committee has been investigating possible music for the evening and will from its list of approximately fifteen bands select one for the dance. Watch for further announcements of their selection soon. As in the past, the dance will be semi-formal.

The Men’s Gymnasium has been engaged for several weeks now to insure a choice selection of dates. The decoration committee is already drawing up plans for adding a touch of engineering atmosphere to the building.

Last year the Mechanical Engineers, the Ceramic Engineers, the Chemical Engineers, the Metallurgical Engineers, the Industrial Engineers, and the Electrical Engineers each held a dinner meeting before the Prom to prepare every one for the evening of good fellowship and entertainment. This they did very successfully; the programs were of a general light nature with considerable sarcasm and humor in them. Several of the organizations have expressed their desires of having such a dinner again this year and there is little doubt that the others will follow soon to make it a traditional part of the evening. However for those whose departments are not presenting a pre-prom dinner, if there are any, there is always an invitation to several of those that are giving them. Let’s attend these meetings again this year and really make them an integral part of the evening’s festivities.

One of the most interesting features of the Engineers’ Prom is that there are many of our fellow classmates there. It is surprising that there is so high a percentage of your personal friends at a dance of this size—400 to 500 couples. It further makes a much more enjoyable evening to know that so many of your fellow students and faculty members are in attendance in typical engineer support of that which they deem worthy of it.

One of the features of the evening’s program will be the selection of new members for Texnikoi in the traditional Tapping Ceremonies. At the present time application blanks are being prepared for distribution to interested persons in the junior and senior classes. These will be given out the early part of next quarter by present actives. From these, the students of the college who are judged most outstanding in extracurricular activities will be selected for membership for the coming year in this engineering college activities honorary. The candidates for membership will not know of their selection until they are tapped by the actives at the Prom, taken to the platform, and introduced to the Dean and the people attending the dance.

This year the income from the prom is of special importance for it is from this source that the Engineers’ Day program will be financed. The Engineers’ Day is the college holiday of the Spring Quarter and is held only on alternate years. It is featured by a large parade on Friday afternoon and open house with many demonstrations in the department laboratories, and climaxed by Quad Jesters Play on Saturday night.

These activities are announced this far in advance so that students who are extremely busy trying to keep in step with their academic schedules will be able to plan for this “Time out” and insure attendance and full support. It also gives the engineers time to complete arrangements for that special date.

Many of the old grads (both of old and recent years) will, if the army doesn’t interfere too greatly, attend this dance to renew friendships with their fellow graduates, with the faculty, and with the students who have yet to attain the goal of this curriculum.

The challenge was sounded in last year’s Engineer as Dean Engle stated “At the stroke of one the soft strands of music died away and the four hundred and eleven couples crowded through the doors to the check room and out into the cold night. But warm in the heart of each engineer was the thought that this dance—his dance—had been a success.”

Will you by your attendance, and the attendance of your friends, at both the dinners and the prom where possible, make it possible for this idea to be repeated again this year? To be certain that it may, each of us must resolve now to get behind this feature of our college career and give it our wholehearted support.

---SUCCESS TO THE PROM OF 1942---

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