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EDITORIAL

The initial issue of the Ohio State Engineer, the first attempt of the engineers at Ohio State University to break into the journalistic world, is now in your hands. We have entered the hitherto unknown domain with a brave heart, and as the engineering students are used to sticking to a thing, you may expect this magazine to continue growing better and stronger all the time.

It has meant hard work for all who have been connected with the publication of this first issue, but it has also been enjoyable and profitable work. The Seniors in the Engineering College are known to be the hardest worked men on the campus, so that this publication has meant a real sacrifice for most of them. We have turned our thoughts from the wonderful depths of calculus, mechanics, thermodynamics, and design to the clearer field of journalism. However, it is without a doubt true that an engineer would rather work out the hardest design than to write a little article like this. It is our hope, never the less, that this magazine will be, in a short time, as good as those which the Engineering Colleges of Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa have been publishing for a quarter century or more. We believe, moreover, that it will be of much value to the engineering college, its students and alumni for years to come.

The purpose of this magazine is three-fold. The main purpose is to bring the different branches of the college together, to create a more fraternal feeling among the Mechanical, Electrical, Ceramic, Civil, Mine, Chemical, and Architectural students and departments. The feeling of fellowship cannot be too strongly fostered, since no one branch is independent of the other. We are one large family as freshmen, but as we become upper classmen, our studies become more specialized, as of course is necessary, and we lose sight of all except those in our own special branch. This magazine by making cooperation necessary, will soon bring them together, and in such a way that they will stick closer than could be accomplished in any other manner.

The next purpose is to give the engineering students a chance to branch out and obtain knowledge and experience along a line, which would be impossible to procure in their regular college course. The inability of engineering graduates in general to express their thoughts clearly and fully either in writing or speaking, is one of the best known and most deplored facts concerning the graduates of our engineering colleges today. This magazine will give the students and young engineers a chance to try themselves out, besides

being an opportunity to read articles written by our professors and most prominent alumni.

The last although not necessarily the least purpose of this magazine is to bring the students and alumni closer together. They can become acquainted or at least learn some of their names, and keep in touch with each other. By giving them a common medium in which to express their thoughts and experiences, altho those from the one source may be far greater than from the other, it will help them both.

With this three-fold purpose in mind, we will all work for the successful continuation and brilliant future of "The Ohio State Engineer."

"Goodbye! Good luck! Will be with you soon," are the words one hears everywhere these days. Men are leaving the university to go out and do their part in the world war. Our country needs men and there are no slackers here.

It is a big question for some men to decide. There are a great many things to consider. Especially is this true for the engineers. They do not know whether to remain in school and finish their college education by means of which they will probably be able to do greater service for their country, or to enlist now. The Ordinance Department, the Aviation Service, and some branches of the Navy appeal, of course, to the engineer as they are in his line of work. Thus, besides doing his share towards winning the war, he is obtaining valuable training. And it is his duty to enlist in those branches of service in which his trained mind will be best put to use. Each man, however, must decide for himself, as there are factors entering into each man's case which do not enter into anothers.

It is difficult for all to fix their thoughts on their work when friends are leaving, possibly never to be seen again. This is not the way it should be as every person who remains behind must work that much harder to take the place of the man who leaves. Not only that, but we should do our best at all times, since we are privileged men and women to be allowed to come to college, when so many cannot attend. But there is excitement in the air, everyone has a feeling of unrest and a desire to do their part.

For the engineering students, it is probably the wisest and most patriotic thing to remain in

college, and obtain as much knowledge and technical training as possible. Trained minds are needed now and will be needed more after the war is over. The engineer must come to the front after the war and lead the world in reconstruction. Therefore let us consider matters very seriously before leaving school.

We feel that too much cannot be said in praise of the men who have responded to our appeal for aid. The alumni have established a sinking fund without which it would have been impossible to publish this issue. We have placed them on our honor roll.

Others of our alumni have contributed articles to this issue and some will be contributors to future numbers. In return we have tried to make our publication worthy of their support and we thank them for their efforts and the stimulus they have given us.

To the professors, who have so willingly cooperated with us, we are, indeed greatly indebted. They have served on the advisory board, written articles, given suggestions and encouraged us in every way possible. The cooperation of all these men and the knowledge that they had done their share has inspired us to greater efforts than would otherwise have been possible.

Therefore the staff of *The Ohio State Engineer* wishes to again thank all those who have in any way assisted in the successful publication of this magazine.

We have sprung into existence from the dreams of men now numbered among our alumni. We have been given a definite end to accomplish and we must not count ourselves successful until that end is attained. We have overcome most of the obstacles that have risen in our path and still our undertaking, in the act of making its initial bow, is incapable of accomplishing its mission unaided.

Bear this thought in mind, then, when we ask, "Will you write an article of interest to engineers? Can you relate for us some story of your college days? Will you help with suggestions and criticisms or bits of advice to we students? And last, will you send us your advertisement?"

Alumni, we are asking you to do this much toward the success of "THE OHIO STATE ENGINEER." Help put it across.

