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The College of Engineering at Ohio State University is the second largest of the twelve subdivisions of the University, and yet its students take part in the activities of the campus to a proportionally small extent. The age-worn plea is that the Engineers are too busy, that their work is too intense for them to bother with student activities, and so for the most part we find the prominent offices of the campus filled by students from the Colleges of Arts or Commerce and Journalism. There are at present just enough exceptions to this statement to prove the rule. The College of Engineering itself, made up of eight degree-giving departments, is not very unified from the standpoint of the student.

Feeling that something should be done to remedy the situation, a few students last fall put their heads together and asked each other what should be done. The result of their action was the Engineers Council, an organization of sixteen men consisting of two representatives from each department of the College of Engineering. The aims of this body are best set forth in the Constitution adopted by it, from which I quote the following: "We, the student representatives of the several Engineering Departments of the Ohio State University, in order to establish the proper position and a more general recognition for the Engineering College, to develop a closer relation-

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ship among Engineering students, to encourage a wider acquaintance and promote general social activities and to bring the students in closer touch with practical engineering promotion, do organize ourselves into a Council * * *

The Council numbers sixteen men, half Juniors and half Seniors. One Junior representative is elected to the Council each year by the several Engineering Societies representing their departments, and he is to serve two years. A provision is made that members who fail to attend three regular consecutive meetings of the council shall be dropped and a successor elected, and thus a continuous interest in the work of the Council is provided for. The first meeting of the men selected this fall was held October 28, where an organization and election of officers was effected. Two weeks later, after the Constitution had been drafted, and other necessary detail items had been disposed of, the Council attacked the real problem for which it was created—the betterment of the student interests in the College of Engineering.

Believing that the best move that could be made would be the arrangement of a social function to bring all the engineers together, the Social Committee began in November to plan such an affair, which culminated December 16 in the now famous and notorious "Engineers' Roundup." From the standpoint of the Council, this party was all it could have been—it brought out the men and proved that there was not only a need for such things, but that the students would support them. Encouraged by this showing, more ambitious plans have been laid for the future. Authoritative lectures on engineering problems, moving pictures of processes and other educational features are being arranged for, while for the social side, a great All-Engineers Ball is in the basket for next semester that probably will make the Junior Prom look tarnished and rather neglected. In all the endeavors and plans of the Council the broader interests of the whole College are being considered above those of the individual department—the functions given by the Council are aimed to appeal to all the Engineers regardless of their courses.

Here is a good place to express the gratitude every member of the Council feels toward Dean Hitchcock for the untiring support and assistance he has given this body on every matter from the day of its inception. Without his efforts the

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Roundup would not have been half the success it was. Altogether his attitude toward the Council has shown conclusively that Dean Hitchcock has the large interests of the College very much at heart, and is leaving no stone unturned to develop them to the maximum. Every engineering student should appreciate fully what such an interest means. No doubt the position he has taken is responsible for the very friendly attitude expressed by the faculty.

At present the Council is composed of the following representatives:

Architects—Milton S. Osborne, Paul L. Wood.

Civil Engineers—Ben K. Bare, Otho Walter Merrell.

Chemical Engineers—Walter J. Klaiber, W. John Harrison.

Ceramic Engineers—Charles A. Smith, Arthur L. Donnenwirth.

Electrical Engineers—Leo D. Barley, Hobert S. Winbigler.

Mechanical Engineers—John M. Jervis, Ralph M. Dillon.

Metallurgists—James R. Collier, Rodney F. Stilwell.

Mining Engineers—Samuel O. Linzell, Wheelock H. Cameron.

The officers of the Council are: President, Ben K. Bare; Vice-President, S. O. Linzell; Secretary and Treasurer, P. L. Wood.

Meetings are held regularly twice a month, and the business of the Council is being looked after at all times by five permanent committees. It is probable that representation on Boost Ohio Committee will be forthcoming before long, and the Council will become as permanent and well established as any other similar body on the campus. Just so long as the students of the College of Engineering are sufficiently interested in making their College not only the best known one on Ohio State campus, but widely known elsewhere, the Council will be able to function properly and accomplish at least part of that for which it was organized.