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OUR QUEEN



At eleven o'clock on the evening of February 4, several hundred engineers and their dates witnessed the crowning of the first Queen of an Engineers' Prom. They had elected her from six girls who had been chosen as meeting the requirements of the "Dream Girl" of the engineering students of Ohio State University. She was Miss Virginia Lawson, a dark-eyed brunette, and as pretty a queen as has been crowned at this university, at least within recent years.

Resplendent in a simple regal dress of white moire taffeta, Miss Lawson was not just a queen: she was a beautiful queen. With her hoop skirt and tiny white veil, she was anybody's picture of a dream girl. She carried violets in her hand. The picture was stunning, and when she stepped out on the bandstand, the "Oh's" and "Ah's" were plentiful.

The students of engineering can be justly proud of their choice. Miss Lawson has few equals on this campus in the matter of beauty. Only rarely does a queen possess the charm that is hers. Her beautiful face and figure, the beautiful dress she wore, and the beautiful way she wore it, all leave no doubt that she is every inch a queen, and a compliment to those who chose her.

The manner in which Miss Lawson was picked is another important reason why those connected with the prom deserve praise. Apparently aware of the fact that the most beautiful girl often does not have a chance, they set up physical standards, so that the queen might at least be good looking. As a result, the queen and her court were the prettiest royalty in a long time.

These standards, compiled from a poll taken in the college, called for a height of 5 ft. 4 in. Miss Lawson is just a shade under. Weight was to be between 105 and 115 lbs. Miss Lawson is at the lower limit. Of course, the fact that she fits the requirements for dark hair and dark eyes is rather obvious. Her hair is truly brown, with a sort of golden glint to it, and is worn in a simple coiffure: not swept up, with a little doodad on the top of her head, and copious curls around the sides and back.

Miss Lawson is a Columbus girl, a graduate of North High School. At nineteen, she is now studying in the School of Fine Arts, as a sophomore. Her sorority is Alpha Phi. Those who know her are always glad to see her pleasant smile of greeting. Never a depressing spirit, she can always find a kind word to say, and is consistently charming. Under stress in a crowd, or on a stage in front of too many people, her shyness gets the best of her, but then we all get stage fright.

Possessed of the artistic touch, the queen does a great deal of hand work at gift giving times. Bored by anything monotonous, she has that artistic patience which can repeat an operation again and again as long as the effect is something new and different. The artistry runs in the family, for it was Mrs. Lawson who herself made the lovely white dress Virginia wore.

But the prom was successful in other ways than just the selection of the queen, too. Jack Spratt's music was considered danceable by all who attended, and the crowd was congenial. This made the prom one of the most successful dances we have had. If every forthcoming Engineers' Prom can be as great a success as this one, and if every queen is as gracious and beautiful as this first one, there is no reason why the Engineers' Prom should not be one of the most important of campus social events, with students from all colleges attending. Perhaps it will open a new relationship between the College of Engineering and the rest of the University, drawing us engineers out of our shell of perpetual work and isolation, and bringing to others the realization that as engineers, we too, can old social functions and pick ourselves a queen. It is hoped that in the future, we can have even better dances, with the same happy, friendly, crowd.