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### Debating Engineers

The Engineers' Council is sponsoring a series of debates between the various departments of the College. It seems to us that far too little publicity has been given this worthy enterprise.

People who have our professional interests at heart are continually reminding us of the crying need for the ability to speak before an audience. Almost every department recommends public speaking courses as desirable electives. We often hear of the numerous occasions where engineers are called upon to present plans before some group. In such cases as these, the future of whole careers may depend on the impression created in the minds of the listeners.

In addition to the speaking practice obtained, there is another material advantage to be derived from this sort of activity. Today the fabric and structure of society are undergoing marked changes. Economics and politics are undergoing more rapid development now than any of the sciences more closely allied with the Engineering profession. In preparing for a debate, the speaker must do a certain amount of research and study. He must prepare a speech on some subject of timely interest. In this way, both he and his audience profit, for he learns through his study, while his listeners profit from the facts and ideas he has unearthed.

### Foolish Mistakes

Following is an excerpt from an editorial in the February issue of *The Purdue Engineer*. The time for thinking about finals is sufficiently close to warrant the space to reprint this bit, which, we think, offers very excellent advice:

The best advice for anyone suffering from "pre-exam" nervousness is to keep from thinking about it; write your girl a letter, go to a show, light a Murad, or do anything to divert your mind. Do everything to keep yourself calm before a test—sleep is more important than cram-

ming—a shower helps—don't rush to class even if you're late. Read "givens" twice before starting a problem. It's better to find a mistake before working it than after you are finished. See that you have answered all parts of the question before checking. Do not hand in your paper hurriedly; take all the time you are allowed and budget so much time to each problem before you start.

### S. R. Beitler

Meet our new member of the Advisory Board! We present to you Assistant Professor Samuel R. Beitler, Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Beitler has kindly consented to serve as one of the three faculty advisers to the OHIO STATE ENGINEER. He has had considerable experience in the preparation of technical papers and has already shown a great deal of interest and a splendid spirit of cooperation. The staff of the ENGINEER takes this means of extending him a hearty welcome.

### Pharmacists' Publication

It has been called to our attention that the Pharmacy Council is contemplating publishing some sort of magazine or newspaper. While plans are still somewhat nebulous, it seems that the members will begin by distributing a mimeographed newspaper at cost to the students of Pharmacy. This paper will contain all sorts of news of interest to those in that College—research, departmental news, and scandal.

We always watch with interest our campus contemporaries. We would be more than pleased to welcome another magazine to the fold. While we feel that the economic conditions will make it difficult to develop their publication rapidly, we wish them all the luck in the world!