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THE ENGINEERING SOCIETIES

The importance of becoming affiliated with an engineering society while in school cannot be over-estimated. It is perhaps a little difficult for one who has not attended regularly the meetings of his society to see in just what way he could benefit by such an attendance, but for one who has attended these meetings, listened to the lectures, mingled with his fellow classmates, and taken part in the social affairs of the Society, no further proof of the advantages enjoyed need be presented.

To learn by experience is all right, but to profit by the experience of others is better. By attending the lectures given under the auspices of an Engineering Society, one hears of the experiences of prominent men of the profession and learns of the problems which he himself may have to face in the course of his professional career. In this way he is enabled to keep in closer touch with the world of engineering, and gains valuable bits of knowledge which can be obtained in no other way, and which alone would justify membership in a society.

But in addition to this, there are the benefits which come from mingling with one's classmates in meetings and at banquets. The engineer of the past has not established for himself a reputation for being an ultra-social individual, but even to the engineer, the advantages of a more active participation in the social life of the community is becoming more and more apparent every day and for him to neglect this side of his development is to neglect a part of his education.

More especially in the past year engineers on the campus have shown a disposition to do things and that inclination has borne fruit. The best way to keep up the good work is to become a member of your respective society and do your bit toward pushing things along.

FAIRNESS AND SQUARENESS

The days when slavery was an institution in this land and the lash the principal persuader have, it is hoped, passed forever. No man can be expected to put forth his best efforts when his only incentive for doing so is the fear of bodily punishment. Our forefathers saw the evils, both economic and social, of this type of civilization, and when once seen in its true light, they lost no time in abolishing it. It was harmful not only to the slave but to the slave owner as well.

It is a generally recognized fact that to put a person on his own responsibility and honor is to give that person the best opportunity for self-development and incidentally to place him where he will put forth his best efforts.

The idea, conceived by H. G. Collins, president of Tau Beta Pi, and executed by The Engineers Council and Tau Beta Pi, of issuing tags bearing the words "Fairness and Squareness—All Engineers" was in agreement with this idea. It is deserving of much favorable comment as a step in the right direction.

Quite in contrast with this idea was that carried by the notice served on the student body by the cheating committee—that the maximum penalty would be imposed on those cheating. This notice provoked considerable wrath and criticism among the students and rightly so. Any improvement in existing conditions during examinations will not be brought about by the lash of expulsion, but rather by the promotion of the spirit expressed in the words Fairness and Squareness.

HUMANIZING ENGINEERING

The step taken by Dean Hitchcock recently in extending the engineering student the privilege of including in his schedule a more complete study of the humanities, is unquestionably one of progress.

Too many engineers have gone out into the world with only a knowledge of the technical side of their profession and found themselves handicapped and unable to "carry on" on an equal footing with men of other professions simply because of a too meagre knowledge of the inexact sciences—economics, sociology, etc.

Heretofore, the engineer's schedule has been too full of technical subjects to permit his taking anything outside, but by the new system he will be enabled to elect more work of this kind, and consequently be benefited by its broadening influences.

CO-OPERATION

Inability to understand each other's purposes and policies is the situation which had existed among the different campus publications until the formation of the Ohio State Press Association, honorary journalistic organization, whose

purpose it is to promote co-operation and understanding. Editors and Business Managers of the five major publications are eligible to membership.

There is no doubt but that such an organization will intensify the spirit of unity and co-operation which should exist between the different publications on the campus.

The Association has petitioned for admission to Pi Delta Epsilon, National Fraternity, whose aims and ideals are the same as those of the Press Association.

PROF. NORMAN TALKS ON
"PRIME MOVERS"

On Thursday evening, Feb. 16, Prof. C. A. Norman lectured to several hundred engineering students at the chapel. Prof. Norman is a graduate Mechanical Engineer from the Technological Institute, Stockholm, Sweden. He spent some time in this country with the General Electric Company, and since 1917 has been

in the Mechanical Engineering Department as Professor of Machine Design.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Engineers Council, and Dean Hitchcock introduced the speaker.

"Prime Movers" was the subject of Prof. Norman's talk, which was very well illustrated by the use of a large number of lantern slides. These slides showed the different stages in the development of the steam engine, steamboat, railway locomotion, steam turbine, etc. The speaker said that the engineering students were "Prime Movers," or so many would not have come to listen to a technical lecture. He remarked that the young engineer should not feel that everything has already been invented, but that the age of modern invention is still in its infancy.

The lecture was entertaining as well as educational, for Prof. Norman kept the audience laughing at his witty jokes throughout the course of his talk.
