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THE NEW STAFF

The 1928-29 staff of The Ohio State Engineer retires with the publication of this issue. The advisory board has announced their selections for the coming year and we feel that it has done well, for each man has shown by his previous work that he is well qualified for the position he is to fill.

The Engineering College can look forward to a successful year with the following staff:

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The retiring staff leaves with a sincere appreciation and respect for the loyalty and cooperation of the engineering faculty and student body, and we sincerely regret that such pleasant relations must be broken to a certain extent because of our leaving. Our aim has been to create a spirit of good will between the engineering group and The Ohio State Engineer. If we have succeeded in this, our year's work has been worth while.

The Ohio State Engineer should be better next year than it has ever been in the past, for the staff-elect is competent and the campus is backing it. We leave with a sincere hope and best wishes for its success.

WHERE SHALL WE WORK?

The engineering graduates are besieged about this time each year by a flock of men from various firms who wish to hire a few men. It seems to be a case of "come early and get the choice morsels."

The majority of the offers made are unenticing yet they seem to be the only jobs in sight. These employment men will admit that the only redeeming feature of the offers is the promise of a future. The average graduate certainly realizes that he needs practical training and seasoning but most of us feel that a decent living wage should be paid for valuable services.

The employment systems seems to be pretty well perfected. Forty men come for interviews

and each one of them offers just enough to live on if you are careful. There is not much choice, yet some give the impression that they are doing you a big favor if they hire you.

Some plan should be worked out whereby a senior could get in touch with a large number of firms, both large and small, and then possibly he could sell his services with more satisfaction. This problem of selling your services should be worked out in two directions. At the present time, a large corporation buys a batch of graduate engineers at wholesale prices, keeps those whom it can doctriate and discards the rest.

Practical experience can be acquired in any engineering firm. It is not necessary to go to a company hiring 25,000 men to get this experience but many men are hired by the organization who can afford to maintain large personnel forces because the graduates feel that there are no other jobs available. There are certainly other openings for the graduates if they only had some way of getting in touch with other firms and many would no doubt do better if they never saw an employment manager at the University.

INSPECTION TRIPS

Junior and Senior engineering students are required to take the spring inspection trips to observe the general operation and layout of various industrial plants. Some students, however, lose a great deal of the value of these trips by taking detailed notes of everything they see and hear from the guides.

It is impossible to write a detailed description about every plant you may visit and if anyone attempts to gather minor information in order to write a set of notes he is very liable to miss the points of major importance. We should not take these trips to gather notes for a written record but to attain a store of general information.

These trips are potential sources of information but we should not waste time by trying to pick up all the minor details.