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EDITORIALS

"CONTRIBUTIONS"

"You get just as much out of a thing as you put into it." How many times has that been said to you? The college engineering magazine should be a part of the student body, supported by and contributed to by it, not only for the welfare of the magazine, but for the opportunity extended to the student to write something, to learn to be able to express himself on paper. This accomplishment should be part of an engineer's education, and since our engineering course does not give us much instruction in English, it being touched upon briefly only through our freshmen English and some senior English courses, why should not the student take the opportunity offered by his college magazine to write?

When you read this copy of your magazine, give it a criticism, think of it, and ask yourself, "How could this magazine be improved, and what could I do toward that improvement?"

There are many phases which you can contribute toward. "The Bookshelf" offers the opportunity of reading a book and learning to review it in brief, so that the important parts are brought out. Humorous articles, technical articles, poems, stories, jokes, are all different types of things which would appeal to different individuals. Pick out your phase and contribute something on it to "The Engineer." The magazine will, without doubt, benefit and you surely will. The editor invites your comment on any subject of interest—campus activities or otherwise.

ENGINEERS' DANCE

The second annual dance for the Engineers will be given in the gym on April 28. Last year it was attended by over 200 couples and was very much of a success. The dance is sponsored by the Engineers' Council, not as a money-making affair, but as one of the means of bringing the Engineering student body more closely together. The admission price is \$1.00 a couple, which is a reasonable price.

This affair is bound to be an annual affair, looked forward to by the engineering students, so don't miss this one; for as surely as you do, you are going to have someone tell you what a good time he had at the dance, and you're going to be sorry you didn't go.

STUDENT LOAN FUND

Very often a man is forced to discontinue his college career because of "financial difficulties." Why would it not be worth while to have a Student Loan Fund, upon which such a man could draw, with approval of the dean of his college? Such a system is in operation in many universities and is a decided success. Such a system would not only aid the student in finishing his course, but it would no doubt benefit the college, inasmuch as it would be repaid by the student after he had left, possibly not only in dollars and cents, but in gratitude and a more keen interest in his alma mater.

THE FACULTY DINNER

On Thursday evening, March 15, the Engineers' Council gave a dinner to which all of the faculty of the Engineering College were invited. It was the first of its kind and was a great success. Besides the faculty, active students were invited, such as the officers of the various college societies. There were about sixty men present and the fine dinner was followed by a bunch of non-serious talks. Music was furnished by the Lyric Quartet.

The Federated American Engineering Societies are interesting themselves in the matter of the history of engineering, and are co-operating with joint committees of a National Museum of Engineering and Industry, which has been found by the Four Founders Societies, each of which has appointed a committee on this subject.

All engineers and particularly the constituent engineering societies of the Federated American Engineering Societies are requested that any constructive thought in relation to this matter should be written directly to Mr. H. F. T. Porter, 24 West 39th St., New York City, who is chairman of the joint committees.

This joint committee is actively at work formulating a plan for a National Museum for Engineers and Industry, which shall consist of a central institution with branches in different sections of the country as necessity requires. The joint committee desires to have all engineers interest themselves in this movement and urges that if they have ideas for such a plan to the end that such a museum may be evolved as will be fit to grace the greatest industrial nation of the world.

PRIZE COMPETITIONS

The J. Walter Thompson Company of New York City offer a first prize of \$1,500, a second prize of \$800 and a third prize of \$500 for the best paper on the following economic subject: "A Statistical Index of the Purchasing Power of Consumers in the United States." The competition is open to any one and will close September 30, 1923.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals offers two prizes as follows:

Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for an apparatus or device for casting and securing animals prior to slaughtering.

Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for an apparatus or device to be used in the humane slaughtering of animals for food purposes.

No device or apparatus will be accepted which will not prove of practical use. The design may be submitted by means either of drawings or by a model or both, together with such description as may be necessary to a proper understanding of the apparatus. Proposed details of construction may be shown by a supplementary drawing of the section or by typewritten description.

AWARD OF EDISON MEDAL

The Edison Medal for the year 1922 has been awarded by the Edison Medal Committee of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers to Dr. Robert A. Millikan of Pasadena, California, "for his experimental work in electrical science."