

## Dean Stout Tells of Many Successful Grads in Engineering School

It is intensely interesting to note the range in the degree of success attained by engineering graduates of the University, and to undertake to discover traits of character and features of training which may have exerted a determining influence.

In what follows I shall not attempt a comprehensive statement or analysis, but shall describe a few of the men as they appear to me. I shall try, however, to obscure their identities so that even the men themselves may not perceive them.

A is one of the older graduates. As a youngster he was brilliant, but not inclined to seriousness. Even now, as a high salaried chief officer of a large corporation, his responsibilities do not weigh upon him. I attribute his success to a cheerful but not driving industry, his mental quickness, and the fact that he early adopted a specialty and perfected himself in its practice.

B is an early graduate, although somewhat later than A. After a year or two of miscellaneous work covering a wide range geographically and otherwise, he entered the employ of one of the larger concerns. He now ranks high in that organization, and his work although of a difficult and exacting nature, is interesting. He is of the cheerful but deliberate type, and has developed as an executive, especially as an organizer and systematizer.

C is of still later vintage. As a student he was in good repute with the faculty, in spite of the fact that he was not at all good in purely analytical work. Was a leader in student affairs. Is of aggressive temperament, natural mechanical aptitude, has executive ability, and has accomplished notable results in special lines for his employers. Is at this time engaged in a development which promises to make him one of the well known men of the country.

D and E are classmates who met early responsibility in a field which was distinctly new. Although the period since their graduation is relatively short, they have become indisputably the leaders in that field. I am not sure that either of these men would by this time have distinguished himself if he had gone into an old established line. Both, however, were quick to recognize and develop the opportunity which was thrown in their way, and D is to continued exercise of this quickness of perception, coupled with energy and tact, that I attribute their success.

F is a man who would have succeeded under any reasonably normal circumstances. He was a brilliant student of theory, and a leader in student affairs, practical and intensely energetic. His career was demonstrated that he possesses also executive and business ability of a high order. He has been successful as an employee and also on his own account. His courage in meeting the most formidable aspects of men and things is one of the traits which was conducted materially to his success.

G and H early decided to break out of the hired man class. They took up, on a scale proportionate to the little capital they could then command, a business in which engineering training can be applied. Today they are

well established in that business, with incomes amounting to several times that of the salaried man who has been out for about the same length of time. They have won chiefly through conservative and honest procedure, and attending strictly to business, but the engineering training has also helped to turn the scale in their favor.

I, dating back to the nineties, was gifted with energy and brilliancy. During his University career, however, talents were to a noticeable extent misdirected. Upon graduating allied himself with the commercial side of a well-known manufacturing enterprise which is one a refined engineering basis, and is now the chief directing officer of his company.

K is several years older than his brother L, and has from the start taken a serious view of his work. He is a good all-around man and engineer, and is in a highly paid position which calls for both technical and commercial discernment of a high order. The substantial view of life did not at first appeal to L, and I doubt if he would have made a success in a purely professional way. But he has made a distinguished success, based on his talent for the commercial side, even though it has been necessary in this connection for him to perfect himself along certain technical lines.

M and N have been engaged almost wholly in foreign work, in which they have both distinguished themselves. Their graduation dates back to a time when the opportunity for a good start for men with their preparation was exceptional. They did not rest, on this first opportunity, however, but steadily and continuously developed themselves as engineers and business men.

P is now about forty years old. He was an intensely earnest student, but not an especially capable one. His first employers on engineering work did not rate him very highly in respect to ability. After he had been at work for a few years he encountered a series of rapid promotions, and has been ever since in eminently responsible positions, both domestic and foreign. His success seems to be due to an endowment of tremendous energy and a highly developed engineering and commercial imagination. The distinction of being the highest salaried engineer from the University can probably be claimed either by him or by M or N.

At the other end of the list are a few complete failures. But there is a larger number who are merely relative failures. Apply this term to men who are capable in many respects, and who but for the absence of some quality or the presence of some fault, might have attained rank or position which now seems beyond them. One such man made a very promising start, but through a desire to plunge and through practices not wholly honest, reduced himself to a lower level, from which he has thus far been able to rise. Another who has ability and technical judgment is held down by the fact that his output of work is never up to standard in quantity. He is faithful, and the quality of his work is excellent, but his processes are slow. Three of the keenest and most capable graduates, men who after all are successful, still fall short of the full measure to which their industry and ability entitle them, because of personal characteristics which displace others.

## STATUS OF THE BLUE PRINT Basement Fire Rudely

### Arouses Commandant Bowman Yesterday

Second Issue Will Be Out the Middle of May.

The Blue Print should need no introduction to the Engineering students. It is the magazine intended primarily for them and is published by them. But strange to say it lacks the support that they owe it. The Blue Print subscription list should contain the names of 100 per cent of the Engineering students of this institution, but it does not, and from it. The business manager feels elated over the fact that his subscription list contains but 46 per cent of the Engineering students. Is that a representative showing? It appears to be, and at any rate it shows the loyalty of the college to things concerning it. It seems strange that the minority should find it necessary to send out a criterion that the college should be judged by. But such is the case. Now if the 54 per cent of non-subscribers would show that they are engineers in the true sense of the word, Nebraska would have a Blue Print that the whole school would be proud of. If each one of the 54 per cent would take a good long look at themselves in a mirror, they would probably hand over that flick and shiny dollar.

The first issue has been published and is meeting the approval of the subscribers, alumni and student. The second issue will make its appearance about the middle of May and is going to surpass the first in size and material. Mr. H. B. Wright, acting editor in chief, is the author of articles by the following men:

- O. J. Ferguson, author of Elements of Electrical Transmission.
  - J. D. Hoffman, author of Handbook in Heating and Ventilating.
  - B. C. Yates, assistant chief engineer of the Homestake mines.
  - C. E. Mickey, professor, Applied Mechanics department.
  - J. C. Porterfield, vice president and general manager Paris Construction company.
  - E. E. Dale and E. Polk, Thesis.
- Wright is especially proud of its up-to-date alumni directory, that he has spent considerable time compiling. It contains the whereabouts and occupation of all the engineers that have graduated from here.
- The Blue Print staff is made up of the following men:
- G. N. Carter, E. E. '13, editor-in-chief.
  - H. B. Wright, C. E. '13, acting editor in chief.
  - Edw. J. Kraus, C. E. '13, business manager.
  - E. C. Lichty, M. E. '13, staff editor.
  - Glen Walker, E. E. '13, staff editor.
  - J. A. Waters, C. E. '13, staff editor.

### A RUMOR.

It has been rumored that several of the head professors (not mentioning any names) have been waging to a considerable extent as to the abilities of the respective ball teams.

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## Basement Fire Rudely Arouses Commandant Bowman Yesterday

Fire which broke out in the basement of the residence of Lieut. E. N. Bowman, 3270 Starr street, threatened the structure for a short time Monday morning. Lieutenant and Mrs. Bowman awoke shortly before 3 o'clock to find the house full of choking smoke and it was with difficulty that they made their way out of the house.

The flames were confined to the basement of the house by the prompt action of the fire department. It was necessary to use a hose line to extinguish the fire, which is believed to have started from a furnace pipe. Considerable damage to the household effects was sustained from the smoke.

### ENGINEERS CELEBRATE.

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- Swanson, E. E. '13, Wirt
- Hart, E. E. '13, Thompson
- Kranek, E. E. '13, Beckoff
- M. E.'s
- E. E.'s
- Morley, E. E. '13, Jones
- Shank, E. E. '13, Wilson (capt)
- Evans, E. E. '13, Versaw
- Leubs, E. E. '13, Carrier
- Polk, E. E. '13, Parker
- Toney, E. E. '13, Phares
- Bailey, E. E. '13, Walker
- Chowins, E. E. '13, Gramlich
- Lachty (capt), E. E. '13, Schink

Did you ever see an Irishman lead a bunch of Dutchmen? You will have the rare opportunity Thursday at 11:50 a. m. if you happen to be at the entrance to Memorial Hall. Captain Sullivan and his "Old Dutch Band" will render (?) several classical selections.

After the concert the crowd will retire to the interior of the building where they will listen to Prof. Tuckerman, well known as the "Watchdog of Student Finances." Several other features are promised. Dean O. V. P. Stout will preside.

In the afternoon, we will all go to the State Farm and find out which brand of engineer is the best.

The events scheduled for Friday are a basketball game between the mechanical engineering society and the electrical engineers, and, in the evening, a lecture by Prof. Skinner on "Static Electricity." This lecture is given each year. It is principally a demonstration of the most interesting phenomena of static electricity.

On Saturday, for the first time in many moons the Engineers will meet the Laws on the athletic field. The long pent-up rivalry between the two professions will find an outlet at this game. Many are the taunts which are being flung back and forth this week between the rival camps.

The grand climax of this gay week comes at 6:30 Saturday evening when the Engineers will gather at the banquet table at the Lindell Hotel. Last year there were 300 men at this banquet. It is the big event of the year for the Engineers.

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