

Page Charges

It has been necessary to adopt for the *A.I.Ch.E. Journal* a system of page charges. Although many authors whose articles are under current consideration for the *Journal* already know of this, it is undoubtedly desirable to acquaint all our readers with this decision through this announcement. The amount of the charge is \$25 a page or fraction of a page. It must be paid only by those who are willing and able to pay it.

The decision to adopt this system was made by Council. The need for the charge is apparent: the publication of the *Journal* is costly, and this cost is not covered by subscriptions and advertising. The deficit has been borne entirely by the Institute. Certainly, the Institute should be expected to bear some of this deficit, since one of the primary functions of a professional society is the publication of original and pertinent work. That the Institute should bear all is quite another matter.

The benefits of chemical engineering research are not confined to the chemical engineering profession. Industry, government, and the universities profit from these studies, and it is only fair that they bear some of the cost. Most industries and some branches of government, such as the National Science Foundation, have already freely expressed a willingness to do this. Since a very considerable portion of the research reported in the technical and scientific journals is supported by industry or government, it is clear that publication can be and should be considered merely another item in the cost of research. Certainly, it is a very minor item.

It should be noted that other Societies have adopted this same procedure, and the cost of publication has risen so much that most professional organizations probably will come to this eventually.

It is highly important to make one point clear. The page charges are applied only after an article has been accepted for publication. The editor will never know who is willing or not willing to meet these charges. Payment or nonpayment will have no bearing on the acceptance of papers for publication.

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