Although the Lounger makes no personal claims to the glory and honor due to those mighty men of muscle who so nobly strive to exalt the name of the Institute and increase its fame, nevertheless the weekly efforts of the editorial columns have not been without effect in creating a considerable amount of enthusiasm for such sports in the Lounger's manly breast; and on this account he was deeply interested in the many improvements which have resulted (as set forth in the recent chef-d'œuvre of his friend, the editorial writer) from the generous efforts of the Advisory Council. What called for the greatest admiration, however, on the part of the Lounger, was the announcement, at the close of the editorial referred to, that "as an additional inducement to bring out the men, two individual excellency cups have been recently offered." This was the first note that the Lounger had heard of any such offer; but, nevertheless, the plan met his most hearty approval. What a novel and original idea! How simple, and yet how complete! Fancy how the staid alumni members of the council will rack their busy brains for new schemes of athletic improvement! Imagine how the Corporation and Faculty will be beset, and even the Bursar stirred from his usual sleepy habits, until the Technology Gymnasium shall become a wonder to behold! And then, if possible, picture the proud bearing of the winning members when at last they receive their coveted reward, the beautiful cups! Truly, the scheme seemed magnificent, and the Lounger hastened to seek his friend, the Editor in Chief, to propose that a similar inducement should be made to "bring out the men" of the Institute Committee. But, alas and alack! from the chilling reception which the Lounger's proposal received from that gentleman, who was looking woefully at the editorial referred to, and from the general odor of sulphur and blue air which was evident in the sanctum, the Lounger feared that "some one had blundered," and deemed it far wiser to let the matter drop without the slightest argument.

A significant fact which has been brought to light by the transfer of certain departments, in consequence of the Institute's recent policy of territorial expansion, from the Rogers to the Pierce Building (how strange it seems to include a new name in the list of buildings to which the Lounger has been so long accustomed), is the close connection between the Department of Biology and that of the Interior, if the Lounger may venture to so designate the lunch room. Even in former years when the occasional disappearance of a stray cur into the rear of Rogers corridor was closely followed by the appearance of hash on the menu, there was some talk in regard to the matter, but it was, as a rule, soon forgotten. At present, however, the simultaneous moving, enlarging, and reopening of the two departments has so preyed upon the minds of the architects (in spite of their Bohemian dinners in Chinatown), that the head of that course has strictly prohibited the opening of the door between the corridor of Pierce and the room referred to. From the samples he has had, however, the Lounger does not consider bacilli soup and microbe hash at all unwholesome, and, in accordance with his usual habits, he, at least, will believe no disagreeable facts unless they are forced upon him.

One of the most important requirements in a soldier—as was repeatedly shown in the late strife—is great endurance and the ability to stand all manner of hardships; and the Lounger is pleased to observe in this connection the careful training of his own Freshman warriors (particularly the officers that are to be), which is intended to produce these results. The Lounger refers to the recently announced examination system for the selection of those who are to wear upon their sleeves those stripes of honor, the envied badges of rank and authority. Let no ambitious aspirant for military honors think that these are to be lightly won, for now, forsooth, the rash youth who would be a lieutenant or a captain must do valiant deeds and slay many examinations. First comes an examination for the selection of as many corporals as there are officers in the battalion. Then another examination to choose sergeants from among these, and so on ad infinitum. Verily, the major, when he is appointed next June, will deserve great congratulation on his staying powers.