COMMUNICATION

To The Editor of The Tech:

Referring to your editorial in last Wednesday's issue on the Point System, I would state that there is one point which I think you have overlooked, both at this time, and in your editorials of previous years.

I have followed the Point System since its inception, and believe thoroughly in it, not only because of what I have seen since its institution, but because of previous difficulties and their consequences. The idea was in the beginning to prevent some men "hanging" on, and, incidentally, to draw a larger number of undergraduates into the various activities.

Way back, some men would be willing to take every office in sight, and, as originally proposed, the Point System would prevent this and give an opportunity for men who were really and truly interested in some activity to get recognition. The idea was that it would amplify and increase the interest of the undergraduates in activities, forcing more men to give some attention to something beside the old nursery of study.

Track men or Show men or "The Tech" men have opportunity to work in one or two minor activities on the side, but no man should attempt to be associated at once with Track, Tech, Ape, Show, etc., simply because he has not got the moral courage to stand up and say "No" to two or three of them. Therefore the Point System forces the student to this, namely, that he selects the activity most attractive to him and incidentally gives some other capable man a chance to serve the student body in the line in which the latter will accomplish results as good if not better. In other words, SPECIALIZATION is the keynote of our work at the Institute, no matter to which branch of engineering it is applied.

We are fortunate in being able to publish as expert an opinion on the Point System as that voiced by Major Briggs. It is those who had experience with the disastrous state of affairs that formerly existed here who realize more fully than anyone else that the observance of the regulations of the Point System must be more closely watched than almost any other undergraduate affair.

ORCHESTRA NOTICE

Try-outs for the Technology Orchestra will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. The management requests that all music taken out at former rehearsals be returned before Wednesday at the Cage.

HOCKEY MANAGERS

All candidates for Assistant Manager of the Hockey team will report in 16 Rogers at 1:00 o'clock, Wednesday. The competition is open to all members of the class of 1918, and will last through the first month of the hockey season.