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The War Department is extending an opportunity to Technology graduates and graduating students for becoming commissioned military officers in the United States Engineering Corps, on a basis comparable with the graduates of West Point. The requirements are that the applicant pass two special examinations, one given at intervals of several months, neither of which should present any difficulties to technically educated men. The importance of this step needs no emphasis, but that warnings from without and air apropos to this within both confirm the need for military preparation.

The distinction between power and the mere enthusiasm of crowds is, that the former is supported by the organization of trained minds. This organization the government is putting forth efforts to secure: the men of university training and once it must look to this backbone of its future army. Every student who is doing military standing is determined beforehand will be able to fit along with the great mass of volunteers whose training and equipment, in the advent of sudden war, could cost so much precious time. Apart from the advantages in prestige gained by possession of a military command, the fact that their technical education carries with it the obligation to serve the state should be an incentive to Technology men to fit themselves for this most essential service.

The Electoral Board of Technicians 1918 has just announced its names public policy of getting its work done promptly and efficiently. With the Art Board selected the important positions still open are those of Business Manager and Treasurer. All indications point to all board by the end of the month, an unheard of phenomenon in recent Institute annals. Such beginnings augur well for a creditable technique for the class of 1918.

The Lounger visited the Union yesterday and was captivated and enthralled by its charm. Do the students realize the advantages of the Union? In the old days when the class wanted to get thick, one would wander in the chapel, perform the sacred rites, and then with a few of his classmates. Next they would proceed around town, visiting the Old Howard, Charlie Worth's and the Galaty. Needless to say the class would be enlarged from place to place, but it always happened that someone would be passing by. At lunch one would call for a punch at some new place that was unknown to the others and he would lose out on the class spirit. Now all that is changed with the advent of the Union and The Lounger recalls those famous lines of the Roman poet, Socrates, "In Union there is strength."

The Lounger's reveries were broken by the advent of B——. You probably know him but the Lounger had never heard of him which B—— thought, was strange, in fact B—— claimed, "Why the de-ad? I guess he meant, "Why the devil," but southernmen don't speak correctly anyway. He told the Lounger that troubles in running the Institute Committee, how no one would go to board, and express his opinions and how easy it is to pass anything through the committee. The Lounger was very surprised because "in the old days" they would have their laces oki the Electoral Committee filled by the adven in the Institute Committee and this sared's Tecs, anique Electoral Cowith.

The old days in many ways were much like this year's Technicians Election meetings. The Lounger suggested a remedy which is really wonderful. Of course the Lounger admits that his ideas are all really wonderful but this was also possible because of its simplicity. The remedy is to call half the members of the Executive Committee and put them on the staff of the Institute Committee, have their places on the Electoral Committee filled by the men in the Institute Committee who are always willing to vote but who haven't the term of putting pen into a meeting B—— said that he had done his best and has asked the Lounger to come around to the next meeting, which is tomorrow. B—— has also extended an invitation to everyone else who desires to attend and he has invited some of the faculty members. The Lounger will be there and his presence will prove to be just what the Institute Committee needs.

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

The regular rehearsal of the Technology Orchestra will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Union dining room. Work on the show music is progressing rapidly, as the singing chorus and band music are now being practiced daily.

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