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

The distinction between military 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 are the ones it must look to for this backbone of its future army. Every man whose military standing is determined beforehand will be an aid in dealing with the great mass of volunteers whose training and equipment, in the advent of sudden war, would cost so much precious time. Apart from the advantage 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 Technique 1918 is continuing its vigorous policy of getting its work done promptly and efficaciously. With the Art Staff selected the important positions still open are those of Business Manager and of Treasurer. All indications point to a full 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 charms. Do the students realize the advantages of the Union? In the old days when the class wanted to get together one would wander in the chapel, perform the sacred rites, and then leave with a few of his classmates. Next they would proceed around town, visiting the Old Howard, Charlie Worth's and the Gaiety. Needless to say the class would be enlarged from place to place, but it always happened that someone would be waiting for the bunch 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— exclaimed, "Why the ah-de-a." I guess he meant, "Why the i-deer," but Southerners don't speak correctly anyway. He told the Lounger his troubles in running the Institute Committee, how no one would get up on his feet and express his opinions and how easy it was to pass anything through the committee. The Lounger was very surprised because "in the old days" they would fight a couple of months before they would pass an appropriation for \$0.15. Those meetings in the old days were much like this year's Technique Electoral Committee 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 beautiful because of its simplicity. The remedy is to take half the budding orators of the Electoral Committee and put them on the Institute Committee and 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 germ of putting pep 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 also invites discussion of any nature. 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 4.15 o'clock in the Union dining room. Work on the Show music is progressing rapidly, as the opening chorus and ballet music are now being practiced daily.

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