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THE ENGINEERING CORPS

BY AN ACT of Congress, dated June 3, 1916, provision was made for a reserve to supplement the regular army of the country. Consideration is given to the establishment of the reserve officers' corps, the enlisted reserve corps, and the reserve officers' training corps. It is the latter that we should be interested in.

Any university or college which takes action, has the right, under the law, of specializing in one of the divisions of the training corps, i. e., the signal, ordnance, or engineer section, or a unit embracing all of the departments may be formed. Technology should be the leader among the engineering schools to turn out a first class engineers' unit. Much has been done to attain this end, and to carry it even further.

Before undergraduates are eligible as reserve officers they are required to perform a definite amount of military study. The demand is five hours per week for a period of four years, and as this is more than would be feasible to include in our already overcrowded schedule, Dr. Maclaurin has taken up the matter with the War Department in an attempt to have certain regular studies count as part of the stipulated time. Such a step is unquestionably fair, since much of the work of the Institute is in direct coincidence with that performed in military operations. If this measure is granted it will mean that men who carry out the requirements will receive \$85 a year and at graduation will be credited as reserve officers.

Last year, through the agency of Major Cole, U. S. A., and energetic student officers of the Battalion, an Engineering Corps was founded at Technology. It prospered materially. This year it is again very much in evidence with Captain Downing, U. S. A., detailed to direct the work. Students who are interested should apply for membership now. It is not necessary to think of war when this optional military training is mentioned. This is not the all-important aspect of the affair, for discounting the evident good the existence of such a corps could eventually be to the country, great personal gain will accrue to those who develop themselves in a practical way through the means offered. Even though official recognition is not yet given, the government probably would, in event of war, give the members of the organization an advanced standing because of the results accomplished in complying with the spirit of the law. More men should investigate the manner of conducting this military order, and appreciate the benefits that may be derived from association with it. Let those who are alive to the times attend the practice this week.

OUR SWIMMERS

WHILE the hockey team still strives for perfection and is to be admired for the perseverance of its backers, hats should be doffed to Captain Gays' mermen for the phenomenal success they have attained. The swimming team is comparatively new, this being but its third season. Last year six meets were entered and six victories brought to Technology. So far this year five contests have been held and five more laurels obtained. Unless the unforeseen happens Technology will have a grand opportunity to capture the big prize at the Intercollegiate meet next month. We are proud of our swimmers!

Only fourteen weeks to the beginning of final examinations. Do your cramming early.



As he sweetly slides from class to class along the smooth corridors of our beloved and slippery Institute, The Lounger ever and again is greeted by that happiest of sounds, the moan of the Professor confronted at last with his many iniquities. From his offices high and low project waiting lines of indignant students, each clutching in one vibrating fist a dog-eared report and in the other an overwhelming mass of evidence directed against the sixth letter of the alphabet; at the same time may be seen the triumphant exit through the window of those who have made their demand for a place in the sun. The general upheaval of the times is productive of conversations like the following, which The Lounger overheard while waiting to offer some needed suggestions regarding his own marks:



Student—It isn't fair to give me an F. You didn't make the principles clear.

Prof.—Why, I thought I explained everything in the lectures.

Student—But in the lectures I couldn't hear you.

Prof.—Then we are even. I couldn't see you. (Prof. is now alone.)

Second st., entering—Why did I get an F?

Prof.—Didn't you copy your problems?

S. st.—I did not.

Prof.—Did you copy this problem?

S. st.—No!

Prof.—Are you sure?

S. st.—Certainly; Jimmy wouldn't bring that one in, the crab: (crash, followed by silence.)

Third st.—Professor, I want my L raised to a P.

Prof.—Just a minute. Have you an L on your report?

Th. st.—Yes.

Prof.—In my records it is an F. There must be some mistake. (Sound as of heavy body falling backward.)

Just at this moment The Lounger bethought himself of his many duties and responsibilities elsewhere, and of the correspondence it was necessary to answer; and tactfully eliminating himself from the line where he was next in order, he placed his report reverently in an inconspicuous pocket. He had wished an L raised to a P.

FENCING TEAM NOTICE

The Boston Sword Club has offered to the prospective Technology team the use of their club and apparatus until May 1. The leaders in the sport at Technology intend to have a meeting in the near future at which all those interested in fencing may learn the details of the offer, and the prospects of the proposed team.

R. R. R. BOOKS

The February list of books which are purchased from the Walker Memorial Fund, under the title of Recommended Recreational Reading, is now out. Each month under the auspices of the T. C. A. a number of books are purchased which are to become a part of the Walker Memorial Library. These books are recommended by different members of the Faculty or by some member of the Alumni.

The following books, which were suggested by Dean Burton, Professor Pearson and Professor Aydelotte, are some of the best modern publications: "Mr. Britling Sees It Through," by H. G. Wells; "England's Effort," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward; "The Painted Scene," "Hillsboro People," and "The First Hundred Thousand," by Ian Hay.

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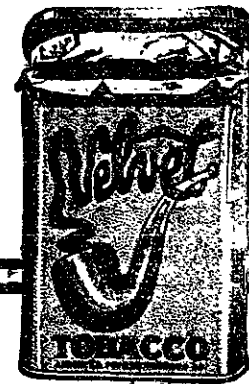
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