THE TECH

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DURING the Revolutionary War, General Washington conceived the idea of establishing a national university to make amends for the damage done in quelling the mutinies of the Black Horse in Harvard's dormitories. Unable, later, when President of the United States, to realize his conception because of a recalcitrant Congress, he left in his will fifty shares of Potomac River Company stock for a national university because of a "desire to see young Americans lose their lives in the service of the SAME national republic, and a desire to see a more general diffusion of knowledge about the sciences of the world." Among Washington's successors have advocated the organization of such an institution, his ideal has remained unfulfilled.

The recently announced inauguration of the National Institution of Public Affairs may be the first step in the eventual establishment of a national university. This organization, sponsored by the nation's leading philanthropists, is financed by private contributions, will offer in the future the benefits of Training in practical operation of government with traveling and living expenses paid to selected students chosen from among the various colleges and universities in the United States. The instruction will be given in the office of the Secretary of State and in the field of the subject chosen. The office of the Secretary of State will provide official and observation of the various governmental departments and bureaus in action, along with academic study of government in the abstract. The purpose of the Institution will be to train students of promise in public service, in accordance with the new trend of appointing experts in political science to important governmental positions.

There are many good reasons why students from technical schools should be represented in the group chosen to take advantage of the opportunity the Institution is offering. It is indeed only an extension of the student forum contemplated an extension of the theme song of the 8.01 and 5.01 lectures on the popular idea has fallen on the whole student body.

In opening its volume to letters addressed to the Editor, "Physics: Which does not govern..." does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed. Signed signatures will be preserved. However, if the writer desires, only the telegram will appear in publication.

OPEN FORUM

In today's column a letter from the Student forum has brought to light a fact which I was unaware and which makes a portion of my letter inaccurate. One of the articles of the constitution of the Debating Society provides specifically for the maintenance of such a forum. I was completely unaware of the existence of this provision and is so far as a comparison of purpose was intended by my proposal, I wish publicly to withdraw any such implication.

It does not cease to me, however, that there is basically no ultimate end and the suggestion which appeared in last Friday's TECH is indeed only an extension of the idea of the Debating Society.

It would be well, perhaps, to alter my suggestion that the "Union" start independently, and make the student forum contemplated an extension of the Debating Society and bear its name. The Debating Society, of course, an accredited and official activity of the institution as such a forum would not necessarily offend.

The sensible conclusion would seem to be then, a merging of the two activities—if indeed the merely student Union can be called an activity.

What will be the ultimate nature of the organization depends on the nature of the activities engaged in. If Congress could be induced to finance this institution with public funds and establish it on a permanent, full-time basis, Washington's dream would materialize to a most worthy end.

A RECEPTIVE MOOD

DEBATING CLUB SPONSORS UNION

The case for an open forum was put forward by the famed Oxford and Cambridge Unions in England, demonstrated by Theodore Smith in his letter to the Editor, has brought to light that we will bear out the need for such a Union and has already resulted in action indicating that the idea has found fertile soil.

As explained in today's Open Forum letter, the Debating Society, realizing that Technol-
gy students are interested in questions outside their relatively narrow sphere of undergraduate life, as illustrated by their large attendance at meetings of the Debating Society at which Colonel Samuel C. Vestal and Professor Charles F. Taylor discussed war and its proposed solutions, produced a forum basically similar to the proposed Tech-

With the experience that the Debating Club has already had in adapting the idea to the student forum contemplated an extension of the school's activities and the sponsoring of the combined activities will result in a stronger organization and a more rapid so-

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terred by a remnant of the board, still as possible. They have decided nobody will do. So, from the final despairing survey, Professor Sears announced the lot committee, that worthy took a brief glance at a ticket! the coiled the cord and threw the switch. The coils jumped a tone. The trouble had been in the coils themselves, a malfunction had been corrected.

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