ALTHOUGH the subject may be rather trite, we still feel justified in calling attention to the little enthusiasm and spirit which the majority of the students show in regard to encouraging athletics.

This fact was forcibly illustrated in the last Tech.-Harvard game, where the number of Institute men present was very small indeed. It seems a great pity that the foot-ball team, for instance, should not be able to arouse enough enthusiasm to make it almost a duty to attend the games. Foot-ball being the most popular game at Tech., may be taken as the representative sport, and even then it lacks proper encouragement. One could not find so much fault if the game were played in a distant city, but when it takes place within a half-hour's ride from Boston, there certainly should be a better showing of Tech. men.

Of course, no one expects that the Institute will attain, at least not for many years, a national reputation as foster-mother of athletics. A good start has, however, been made, and its further progress will now be in proportion to the hearty support it shall receive.

There is hardly a student, no matter how hard he may work, whom a little exercise, and if not participation, at least an interest as on-looker in the games, will not benefit. Out of eight hundred students a better showing can surely be expected.

It will certainly be obtained if every one henceforth will consider it an obligation to promote by his presence the success of all Tech. athletics.

IT has been customary for the cheering to be led by the foot-ball police, but individual enthusiasm often carries a certain fellow away so that he attempts to raise a cheer himself. This is commendable enough, only this fellow generally gets his cheer in at the wrong time. It is important that the team should always have a spoken signal from the captain, and if fifty fellows are exercising their lungs within a few yards of the rushline at the time the ball is snapped back, a wrong play is very liable to result. The cheering should always be done after the ball has been put in play, and before the rushers have lined up for the next play, or when the other side has the ball. For the field the short yell is a great deal better and livelier than the long-drawn-out Institute cheer.

IT is encouraging to hear from the Harvard men such very favorable opinions of our foot-ball team. Many of the prominent foot-ball men have expressed the opinion that the present team is the best that the Institute has ever produced. They say that the vim and snap which is put into the team play is something to be proud of so early in the season. If the men only show up in the championship games as they did at Cambridge, victory is assured. We are proud of our team, and are sure that it will be in the van, as heretofore.

NOW that we are assured of the torchlight procession, it would be well to say a few words about it. In the first place, we want as many men as possibly can come; this is necessary to the success of the plan. In the last campaign four hundred men paraded; and now, with our much-increased numbers, it is not unreasonable to expect at least five hundred. But we cannot have this amount unless the Freshmen go in full force. Out of their total of over three hundred men, only about a hundred have promised to go. Now this is not as it should be, that only one third of our largest class should turn out. This is largely due, we think, to the want of acquaintance among the Class of '92; the class feeling is not so strong as it will be later, when the members of the class are more closely bound together by the ties of friendship and common interest. But there can be no close relationship unless the members show a desire to come together as often as possible, and to