columns that with the introduction of a large number of new fraternities at the Institute has come a tendency to obtain control of undergraduate organizations, without regard to their needs or true interests, but merely for the sake of the influence or reputation which can be gained from them. Such a policy can be only demoralizing to those who promote it, as well as its success would be injurious to the organization in which it obtained its objects. Combinations for political purposes only deserve to be defeated; and the broken slates of some of the managers of the "Technique" plan of campaign, indicate that some such schemes have received the proper reward.

Has not the time come when it would be feasible to have a track athletic team representing Technology? Every one must have noticed the universal interest of late in general athletics at Tech. Football is a very good thing; but many men are incapable of playing the game because they are of too light build, although they might be very good athletes if they took part in something better adapted to their physique. It is here that track athletics show up most favorably. Every man who takes any active interest in the subject can find something which he can do, at least, fairly well.

Track athletics have many advantages over football. First of all, as has just been said, many besides the favored few who play football are perfectly capable of doing themselves credit in field sports if a little regular practice be done. Secondly, this practice required is simply refreshing and excellent, merely for the exercise that it gives. Thirdly, the time expended need not be much. The time football requires is largely taken up in perfecting the concerted action of the eleven, i.e., "team work"; while in track athletics this is obviated, as all the work is purely individual. Fourthly and fifthly, the expense of running a track team would be small, and the training need not be severe. For all events, except the long-distance runs, only light training is necessary. By light training is meant that every man practices five or six hours a week, and avoids smoking and drinking. Strict dieting is not essential.

If a team were formed to represent Technology, there is no reason why it couldn't compete on an equal footing with Dartmouth, Williams, Bowdoin, and Stevens. Our records may not be so good as theirs are; but this is mainly due to the fact that we have never had good practice grounds, and that our meetings have been held where the track made it impossible to establish any good records. If the B. A. A. track could be secured for the use of Tech. men, matters would be far different from what they are now; more interest would be taken, and, of course, better results would be obtained.

From the large number of entries, and the great interest shown in the last indoor meeting of the Tech. Athletic Club, one might well conclude that track athletics were in the future to be more prominent here than they have been in the past. As is stated in another part of this page, running has many advantages over football when the men who take part have so little spare time as do the Tech. undergraduates. All things considered, it seems that if we are to succeed in athletics of any kind, we have a better chance on the track than on the football or baseball field.

Now, as nearly every one knows, the Boston Athletic Association will hold a handicap meeting on February 14th. The events to be contested include most of those usually given, and every man who has had any experience at all in athletics will have a fair chance of obtaining a prize in one of the events. The handicapping is done by the A. A. U. official handicapper; and each man will receive a start that will, as nearly as can be judged,