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At the recent Alumni dinner, Major Briggs recommended that five dollars be added to the tuition fee as an assessment for cable athletics. The Advisory Council has long recognized the need of such a revenue, on which they could build their expenditures of cable athletics. Tech Show has furnished a considerable portion of the money but the profits of the different shows vary so much that the Advisory Council one year finds itself with a surplus and the next a deficit. As Major Briggs himself says, Tech Show is not primarily in the field as a money-making scheme. Profits have always been a secondary consideration, and it is not prudent under any circumstances to rush the Show for more money. The Tech appreciates Major Briggs' idea for a regular income, but believes, however, that the plan which he has recommended is impracticable.

In the first place, the plan is entirely one of line with the traditions of the Institute. It has always been the custom here to have the one fee—a fee that covers all expenses, excepting, of course, laboratory breakage, books, etc., which are other college have a fee for this thing, another for that thing, and so on; but the Institute's $250 covers all expenses. In the second place, not every man at Tech can afford to give up $5.00 every year for the support of something in which he probably has no interest. Tech is not a school of rich men; the man without a surplus of money predominates and it is this man that must be considered. Again, the Institute has never officially recognized athletics and this plan would directly violate the policy of allowing the students, with the aid of the Alumni, to handle their own athletic affairs.

However, The Tech welcomes Major Briggs' plan, because it is a step in advance. A regular income for the support of athletics is an urgent necessity and it is to be hoped that in the near future some plan may be evolved, by which the Advisory Council will be assured of a certain, regular income each year. Until such a plan is worked out, the Institute will never be run on that consistent policy, which is an important factor in athletic success.

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