THE TECH

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:

Dear Sir,-I see that you editorially advocate that form of "voluntary" subscription for the support of athletics which is a close-approximation to the organised robbery known as "blanket tax" which I am glad to see, you think is somewhat "radical." I have often wondered at these constant attempts to change Technology from a beneminded school for acrassminded men, into a college for the propagation of athletics. 

Athletics should not be made a collegiate affair. Anyone who feels the need of exercise should be willing to take it without the inducement of a red letter to urge him on. All present organized athletics distract the attention of the team members from their studies, and, while they may benefit the health of those particular men, they are of no possible use to anyone else; consequently, we others should not be OBLIGED to support them. It forms no necessary part of an engineer's education either to be a "T" athlete or to contribute under voluntary subscription to the support of a team of "T" athletes. He should attend to his studies, and we wish to be let alone. I do not intend; however, to decry individual exercise such as needs no compulsory voluntary subscription to support it. This is a recreation which should be taken by every man as he needs it, and which should not be monopolized by a clique. Organized athletics defeat this kind of athletics.

I do not claim that athletics at Technology are yet in the condition which I describe, but I do claim that every compulsory voluntary subscription increases this professional tendency of our athletics. If our athletics need money, they should not try to get it with a club. The subscription should be truly voluntary, and no man should be individually approached.

I suggest that such a truly voluntary subscription be held. It should be well advertised and attention should be established at which each man might contribute his quota. Such a subscription, if heeded, should indicate the feeling of the majority of our students toward organized athletics. If the returns were large, it would be a proof that the majority of our students wish to have Technology continue to be represented in intercollegiate athletics; if small, it would prove the contrary.

Very truly yours,

HORACE A. BAXTER, '17.

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