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Several courses have been open to those who are in control of the team; first, to continue the present policy, relying, as we do upon $2.50 per man from the student tax, and upon the generosity of Alumni and the second rate teams; third, to cut down the number of teams which we support; and fourth, to secure more revenue to athletics so that it will be possible to afford better training facilities for training and coaching our teams.

Our present status is untenable, and some change must be brought about in the near future. It will not be in keeping with the traditions of Technology to cut the teams large universities and colleges whom we have met in the past from the sport.

The view of the "T" and are reminded of their present activity, we need only to think of Walker Memorial with its gymnasium so essential to many sports, to remember that they have been active in the past.

Racking on a par with the erection of the Walker Memorial, the project is given in building Tech Field. Without the help of our alumni财税, any power was an impossibility. It is useful in getting men into trim for other sports, and although the alumni were not called upon to bear the entire expense of constructing this field, so great is their share in it, that it may be considered as one of their contributions to Technology sports.

When the Institute was still on Boylston Street, and it was necessary to build a field in Brookline, the expense of the project was borne largely by the Alumni graduates. At times when the expenses of a team have exceeded the amount awarded to it by the budget committee, and too little remained to carry the team through the remainder of the season, generous contributions from alumni were usually forthcoming to defray the expense still necessary. At the present time, each graduating class is contributing to an emergency fund to be used to supplement the awards of the budget committee when the amount allowed proves insufficient.

Financial aid, however, is not the sole reason for the indebtedness of our alumni. Looking back several years, we find those men instituting Field Day as an annual event in the year 1901. Not only is this affair valuable in satisfying class rivalry, but it draws many new men into athletics and is beneficial to all the teams. The Advisory Council has been of inestimable service as a controlling power in the management of athletics. By the provision that all measures of importance must be passed by the Council before being effective, these men are able to exert a restraining influence upon incautious managers, and in their capacity as advisers are able to make their experienced judgment an aid to men new in the work of directing sports.

With the growth of athletics we hope to see more and more of our alumni giving their aid, not necessarily financially, but by lending needed enthusiasm by their presence at games and meetings, by boosting our teams outside and by giving the valuable advice that we feel very many of them are well able to do.

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