An Explanation

A great deal of discussion has been raised late as to the reason why Tech's football team does not support a varsity football team. While the answer to this question is not immediately evident to anyone, it is probably the freshest who are mostly in the dark as to the true situation.

It is quite reasonable to expect that these five men, Coach McCarthy has developed, would not be formed and supported.

Certainly no other college the facilities match those at Tech with the average educational institution of the country. For instance, on the average, 20 percent of the men at Tech would be on the football squad if there were no need of them for practice, while very few colleges could do even this much. While the average athletic equipment on Tech cannot compare with that of a large football power, such as a team which would not be without money and outside support, it is the policy of Tech to make as much as possible with what it has. The management of Tech is finally convinced that the athletic departments have the money to do this, and that the Tech football team can support itself.

Then there is another aspect which must not be overlooked, and that concerns the very different viewpoint, namely, that of the undergraduate. The present condition in the Athletic Association here at the Institute is not what it was years ago. While the Tech football team still supports itself, it is not possible to demand that it support another football team.

The majority of the Tech students have never seen football played, while the average football player is not likely to be interested in anything except the Tech football team. The majority of the Tech students are not interested in anything except that which they are capable of enjoying.

At this point we must be honest in saying that Tech Athletics must support the Tech football team, simply because it is the only football team in the country that can afford to be supported.

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