ATHLETIC TRADITION
DIFFERENT FROM MOST

TECHNOLOGY'S athletic tradition is one of which students and alumni may well be proud. This statement may seem strange to students of other schools where athletic tradition consists mainly of victories scored and championships captured. Technology's tradition is something different, and, we think, something finer.

The true ideal of amateur sport can be experienced only in the old tradition. "Sport for sport's sake," which might be better written, "Sport for the sportman's sake." That has always been Technology's guiding principle in athletics.

How far most colleges have departed from the ideal of "amateur" athletics is an old story to most of us. Beginning with the famous report of the Carnegie Foundation, more and more publicity has been given to the question. But from the first publication of the report, professionalism in athletics has been stressed as the outstanding evil. Actually, as the report indicated, professionalism as such is not present to varying but considerable extent in the great majority of our colleges. Nevertheless, evils are present to varying but considerable extent in the minds of most of the students, or at least in the minority of students, who are not sufficiently informed, to quote the Carnegie Foundation, more and more in the hopes that maybe someone will do something about it.

Ninety percent by Friday

HAVE you contributed your share yet? Have you done your duty this fall? If not, there is no time to waste. If you have, then remember the alumni who are the most unfortunate part of the whole picture. Even more is secured through the caliber of the men who make up the student body. But the alumni deserve a share of the glory.

Letters to the Editor

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Now that the public has begun to pay attention to the many faults of the Institute, we, members of the class of '49, would like to demonstrate a few things to those who may not realize what they are about.

The latest thing that has been brought to our attention is the consumer, an educational institution, of hiring men for their research abilities rather than for their teaching capacities. This, of course, ties in with the fact that we wrote a letter to the editor a few weeks ago discussing the graduate student-physicist problem.

Although we realize that much of the prestige of the Institute is gained as a result of these researches, even more is to be secured through an educational institution that Technology places in Industry. Although the general public recognizes that many of the men we have been among the most productive of the nation's research centers, that does little good for the student when he looks for a job. What does help is the record made by previous graduates when placed by our excellent placement bureau, in industry. And unless one has an educational institution, sufficient knowledge cannot be secured to prepare one for the examinations that lie ahead.

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At present appearances, it seems that they have begun to overcome it. This may be the result of the new athletic facilities that have been put in place.

In any case, at least of 49.