THE NEED FOR MORE SPIRITED SINGING

The Boston Globe in one of its columns Monday morning commented on Tech Nights at the Pops to the effect that it was nothing like 25 years ago when Technology students thought more of college songs than of the orchestra and drowned out the orchestra singing Tech songs.

While we think highly of the Boston Pops Orchestra and hence don't fault such extreme measures, it is certainly desirable to develop a little more spirit when it comes to singing Tech songs. In "Sons of M.I.T." we have an original song of as high caliber as any of the other college Alma Maters. All that it would take is a little spirit and perhaps well-known at least in this area. There is no better way of arousing a feeling for one's college than by a song to associate with the school.

Otherwise, we found Tech Night at the Pops as usual one of the highlights of the social season at Technology.

EDUCATION—BOOM AND 'BUST'? The Boston Globe conservative estimate of Tech students entering the nation's colleges and universities. They will enter the job market in 1978, out of a total of about 500,000 new workers. This is 10% of the college graduates of that year. In the past, only a fraction of one percent of them have been admitted to M.I.T.

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