IN PLACE OF FIELD DAY—AN ALL TECH WEEKEND

In our editorial last week we discussed the question of Field Day, and after weighing the various arguments in favor of it we decided that Field Day was not only not indispensable, but in many cases actually undesirable.

We have heard it said that Field Day should be revised rather than abolished altogether. Revision is in order anywhere change is indicated, but its nature and extent is another matter. The principle of Field Day is the introduction of class spirit to freshmen in five weeks of rivalry with Sophomores, centered in a climactic one-day event towards the end of the Fall Term. This principle—as we said last week—is vital to Tech, and the present problem is how to replace it with a more worthwhile substitute.

Field Day has been tried and found wanting in the same way the Freshman Advisory Council and the Student-Faculty Committee seem to have. For several years the Freshman Advisory Council has given the freshmen the experience and advice of those well familiar to upperclassmen in general. Apart from getting considerable information on the social and athletic aspects of life at the Institute, should contain two basic elements. The first is the idea of the Freshman Advisory Council and the Student-Faculty Committee, that the Institute Committee and other interested organizations seriously consider abolishing Field Day or radically altering its form and purpose."

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