editorials

Field Day Gone?

"What policy, concerning Field Day, can the Athletic Association formulate which will serve the best interests of athletics in general?" This is the question which Daniel J. Holland '58, president of the Athletic Association, asked of the members present before the meeting where the Field Day sports were abolished.

The question which arises is whether the Athletic Association can formulate a policy concerning the best interests of athletics or the best interests of the student body as related to athletics. It should be realized the Athletic Association did not consider several points that their decision involves.

Interclass sports constitute a major portion of the Field Day events and without these events the Field Day will at best remain a void. The Athletic Association, in its constitution, an organization composed of team captains and team managers appointed by the Athletic Association, has something to do with the interest of the MIT student body as related to athletics.

In the past few years there has been a change in the attitude of all organizations and the development of loyalty ties. The 1955-56 Institute Committee, the one which officially abolished hazing, commented on Field Day saying that it should "remain as an interclass spirit building competition." The Athletic Association, an organization which, as everyone knows, was the first Progressive Education college in the United States, should consider and reinstate Field Day.

It is realized that with the abolishment of hazing there is a need for some form of spirit building competition. With the removal of athletics from the Field Day program there is only a void. The Athletic Association is interested with respect to class spirit and as a partial aid to the replacement of hazing, and it is realized that the athletic teams are an integral part of Field Day.

It is hoped that Institute Committee will reconsider the Field Day policy, thereby giving the student body to the whole of the MIT student body and not the intercollegiate athletes, as the Athletic Association has done.

letters

To the Editorial Chairman, The Tech:

The abolishment of Field Day football has caused a great deal of concern among the players of last year's freshman team.

In the first place, we want a chance to play next year. Secondly, we are disappointed and feel that the Football Association, of all organizations, would take such a step toward making the Institute a one-sided technical school. The two Field Day football games this spring gave every fellow a chance to participate than any other sport, with the exception of lacrosse and soccer. Interest was certainly low last year. Our team was a holler of over twelve men; the sophomore, very few less.

Certainly it is disappointing to quit a game you love after four years, but we must agree that we would rather play two years than none at all. The Athletic Association leads variety competition as the only worthwhile good of freshman or sophomore alike—we are we are competition.

A professional coach would be a definite asset to our teams and would cost money. However, the A.A. seems to find only a football coach to be a luxury. Our equipment last year was certainily adequate, and, in most cases, better than that which we had in high school.

In short, we urge the Athletic Association to reconsider and reinstate Field Day football.

Sincerely,

G. H. C. Blume, Football Team Captain, Freshman Football Team

The THUNDERING MARCH OF PROGRESS

Today, as everyone knows, is the forty-sixth anniversary of the founding of Grinnell College for Women, which, as everyone knows, was the first Progressive Education college in the United States.

Well do I recollect the tiny in the academic world when Grinnell first opened its portals? What a battle there was, what a revolution that was! The first thought that came to mind was, what a rattling of teacups, when Dr. Agnes Thudd Siga- was the president of Grinnell, lifted her shaky wobble and announced defiantly, "This here is not stuffy, old-fashioned college. This here, by gum, is Progressive Education!" We will teach the student, not the course. There will be no exams, no requirements. We will break the iron mold of orthodoxy.

Well sir, forward-looking maidens all over the country can talk with and write to Dr. Agnes Thudd Siga, 1842-'53 Fords, to enrol at Grinnell. Here they found freedom. They transformed their lives and, in most cases, they changed the way of its true tobacco taste.

But all was not Morris and coed. There was work and study too—neatly in the ordinary sense, for there was no formal bell, no dress code, no curfew. There was a broad approach to enlarging each girl's potential.

The TECH makes use of the class called Basic Information.

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