No one's paid to run IMs

To the Editor:

I would like to reply to the complaints by Joseph Blascomb (G), Bukvic (G) and Trexler (G) printed in the Nov. 3 The Tech. The first complaint concerned IM Football referees, the second, IM Tennis.

Our referees are self-scheduled, that is, they sign up during the week for specific hours on the weekend. The manager makes assignments based on these signups. If there aren't enough people signed up, he must call and convince someone to work until all his games are covered. Once a ref is assigned, he is expected to keep his commitments.

The manager is present each morning to make sure the games are started on time. If an official doesn't show, the manager must find a replacement at the last minute, often having to work the game himself.

We have had a chronic shortage of officials in all sports, especially football. Normally, if an official is late for or misses assignments, he is not scheduled again. This is not possible when there are not enough officials available.

This year, in a means of raising funds, the Club Football Team has provided us with half of our funds, the Club Football Team has provided us with half of our funds, the Club Football Team has provided us with half of our funds, the Club Football Team has provided us with half of our funds, the Club Football Team has provided us with half of our funds.

The decision to go to a tournament format in tennis was discussed in previous Council meetings and no strenuous objections were heard. The change was made to see if a tournament would be more popular, since there were complaints last year about the short season.

No tournaments exist to provide structured competition, usually leading towards some sort of championship, and not just as a means of getting reserved court time. It was felt that playing a three game season did not give the sense of being in an organized league.

It is unfortunate that these people felt the need to write angry letters to The Tech rather than present their problems directly to us.