

CALTECH AND THE CONFERENCE

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Some of our alumni seem to be wondering why Caltech is playing but two or three of the Conference Colleges and why we have two football games with Pomona, one dual relay meet and one track meet.

To clear up those who are puzzled, I will state these facts:

(1) Caltech and Pomona withdrew from the Conference two years ago. The reason for withdrawal was a change in the Conference of eligibility standards, especially entrance requirements for freshmen. Of the Conference members, some of the colleges refused to keep Tech and Pomona in their regular positions on their schedules. We were offered the open dates after the Conference schedule was completed.

Tech this year was offered the same date in football by three of the colleges, but this date had already been filled with another team which we customarily play at this time.

(2) In track we are hit the hardest, as no one this year would meet us except Oxy, and then we were asked to go in with Whittier in a three-way meet.

We are shut out of the Conference relays. As a result, Tech and Pomona hold a dual relay on the same date as the Conference relays, and of course, we can not enter the Conference track meet.

Competition with junior colleges, to which we are chiefly confined, does not arouse the interest of the athletes. In this type of meet there are always three or four boys who find reasons for not showing up.

In football we are offered plenty of games outside of the Conference, but in every instance, we compete out of our class. We play the game the best we can, but can not expect to win against colleges whose athletic facilities are so much better than Tech's.

Will we go back into the Conference? Hardly likely unless there is a strong demand for it in the student body or by the alumni.

Will a new Conference be formed which will include Caltech and Pomona? I can not say.