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By adopting the plan providing for a "Committee on Activity Finances," the Institute Committee has materially added to the welfare of the various student activities here at Tech. It now remains for the activities to give it their support. The need for such a committee is obvious, not that there has ever been the slightest question of the righteous expenditure of money, but that the experience and ability of competent, successful business men would often have prevented financial losses.

More efficient business methods and more efficient and unified methods of keeping accounts will certainly follow the formation of such a commission.

In a short time you will be on a week's vacation. During that time you may want to know where some of the interesting places around Boston are. Points of interest as described in the issue of the Tech, just prior to Christmas vacation are well worth going to. If you haven't a copy of that issue, call at the Tech office and get one. A few left.

Don't forget to plan to patronize the Union Dining Room next term. The improvement in attendance must be kept up to make the Union clear expenses.

Have you paid up your bets on the mayoralty election?

Yale University has recently received the mummy of one Rha, said Rha being supposed to have lived and flourished in Egypt some little time ago. Let us hope that the sudden change of climate agrees with the gentleman.

ENGINEERING SOCIETIES

Three of the leading engineering societies of America—the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Boston Society of Civil Engineers, and American Institute of Electrical Engineers have arranged for a reception and dinner on Friday, January 21st, at the Hotel Somerset, Boston. The dinner is to be held on the occasion of the visit of Mr. George Westinghouse, President of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, to Boston. A number of distinguished guests are expected to be present, among whom are the incoming president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Mr. L. B. Stillwell, and the president of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, Mr. George B. Francis.

After the dinner Mr. Charles B. Edwards, of the Fore River Ship Building Company, will read a paper on the "Main and Auxiliary Machinery of the Battleship 'North Dakota.'" Addresses will also be made by some of the invited guests.

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three-fourths of the activities concerned.

By a mistake of the stenographer the following provision was omitted. It will be passed on later.

These accounts may be published if with the consent of the activity concerned, or at the request of the Finance Committee.

The above plan will give the activities the advice of competent business men, who take an active interest in undergraduate affairs. This will result in more efficient business methods and more efficient and unified methods of keeping accounts.

It is suggested that the report to be made to the above commission, be as simple as possible; that is, consisting of cash on hand, receipts available, and outstanding bills. For activities making contracts, contracts to date should be put in as a separate item; for course societies and classes, number of men from whom dues have been collected and number of men who still owe dues should be reported. The object in making these reports simple is to relieve the Finance Committee of a large amount of detail work.

By bringing accounts to a head once each month, activities will be prevented from running up large bills where there is little prospect of anything with which to meet them. This would prevent loss of credit with business firms and discredit cast on student activities as a whole. In the case of these activities like the Tech Show and Technique, which have to run heavily in debt before receipts begin to come in, the fact that explanations are made to men who are familiar with the way these activities have to be run would prevent undue criticism.

The provision of filing the reports is a means of developing continuity in activities with less lost motion. Future managers will find these records a ready source of information on how to conduct their work and how to judge their condition.

DOPESTER'S LAST SPASM

Records broken, but we got some new ones.

That thirty-five yards dash, ending at the stone wall of the Gym., is about as hard a race and about as dangerous as any fellow wants to run.

Pead was the only one in sight in the hurdles and Allen the same in the pole vault.

The running of Mills last night was certainly a revelation; just think of running the mile in record-breaking time and then defeating the half-mile champion of the Institute in another record-breaking race.

The attendance at the Indoor Meet was a disgrace to the sporting men of the Institute, and shows to what a low place the spirit of the Institute has descended in regard to athletics. What is the matter, fellows?

Important Notice—The "Dopester" hereby announces that after today he is officially DEAD.

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