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WAYS AND MEANS

EVERYONE interested in undergraduate affairs at Technology should become acquainted with the substance and detail of the Ways and Means Committee report, which is printed in full in this issue. The summary is comprehensive and praiseworthy on account of its insight into the status of the problem with which Technology is presented.

The feature that is forcibly brought out is the necessity of perfecting some scheme to efficiently regulate the financial affairs of the Undergraduate Association. Briefly, the Committee points out that the Undergraduate Association (of which every student at the Institute is a member) should pay the expenses of the Institute Committee, of the classes, of athletics, a portion of the maintenance of the Walker Memorial, and should subscribe to health insurance.

These figures are quite properly balanced. To the one who must be shown the apportionment may appear askew. But let such gentlemen reflect that the outlined project is to be acted upon by those higher up, and many changes may be introduced before any such plan is put into operation. The idea must be followed, however, until the settlement is reached. In pursuance of the smoothly-running mechanism of student self-government at Technology, the undergraduate affairs must be regulated by a student committee which will effectively carry out suggestions and create benefits.

A change should be brought about in athletics at the Institute. It has been pointed out time and again that M. I. T. has a too-concentrated and time-gorging curriculum to allow of much time for sports. But there is time for certain events, such as baseball or track, which should be made more of in the line of interclass and intercourse competitions.

Walker Memorial should, without a doubt in anybody's mind, become the student social center in a manner to completely overshadow the admirable position filled by the old Union on Trinity Place. Every student should have unrestricted right to participate in all the joys such a memorial has to offer.

Health insurance is a matter which is awakening state and national action. It is still worthy of some discussion. Whether or not the Institute authorities have a more embracing plan to offer in this, as well as in the whole matter investigated by the Committee, is to be learned in the near future.

The duty of the student body is, however, clearly outlined. The report demands attention and respect. It proposes what vitally affects the future of student affairs. It should be studied, pondered upon, criticised. Let the students venture a view or two, and apprise the Corporation of the consensus of opinion. After it is shown what is wanted, it will be in the hands of the Corporation to give us what we can get.



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