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## S.A. Fee May Drop

If the Athletic Committee's proposal to relieve Student Council of the financial support of athletics goes through, the Student Association fee will be lowered. Each student will pay a \$12 Athletic Fee to the Institute under the new system.

When questioned by the Reporter, in regard to the lowering of the Student Association fee, Joe Burroughs, Council Vice-President and head of the financial division commented, "It is up to the Budget Committee of Council to evaluate Council's financial needs, minus athletics, and present to Council its proposal for a new fee." Burroughs continued that the new association fee will not necessarily be a \$12.00 deduction in the present \$32 fee.

In this year's budget, about \$10 of each \$32 went to athletics. The athletic fee proposed by the committee is \$2 more than this because the Athletic Committee is figuring its financial needs for a long term basis.

Burroughs related that he was unable at the moment to give any arbitrary figure as to what the new Student Association fee might be.

## Student Council Surrenders Control Of Athletic Financial Responsibility

In five minutes Monday night Student Council made a motion to turn over some \$20,000 to the administration.



**Stanley H. Witmeyer**  
Athletic Committee Chairman

A unanimous vote approved the suggestion that the administration establish an athletic fee and

Student Council relinquish all responsibility for financing the intercollegiate athletic program in its entirety.

Council approved this motion after hearing a memorandum from Mr. Stanley Witmeyer, Chairman of the Institute athletic committee, who spoke for his group.

Mr. Witmeyer's committee composed of five faculty members and two students, had in the past supervised the athletic program of the Institute using the finances allocated from the Student Association fee by Student Council.

The athletic committee made three recommendations:

1. That the Student Association relinquish the responsibility for financing the Intercollegiate Athletic Program in its entirety;

2. That the Comptroller's Office establish an Athletic Fee of \$12.00 per student per year.

3. That the Student Council re-evaluate its needs, minus those of Athletics, and establish a new Student Association fee.

Some of the more important reasons given by Mr. Witmeyer were:

1. As Student Council changes from year to year, the money allocated to athletics changes, making it extremely difficult for Mr. Louis Alexander, Director of Athletics to plan a schedule which must be done sometimes two or three years in advance.

2. That the Comptroller's Office and the purchasing department had more experience and knowledge regarding the equipment needs and costs.

3. In order for the intercollegiate athletic program to expand, more money than is now being appropriated must be made available.

Mr. Witmeyer pointed out that students would still have a voice in the athletic program of the Institute. This voice would be through the two students who are members of the Athletic Committee. Under the new allocation system there would be no change in the functioning of this group.

## Editorial

### Separate Athletic Fee Beneficial

Mr. Witmeyer's point that Student Council did not really know enough about athletics, to regulate the funds for it, must have been a correct assumption. This was shown when Council heard his plan for a new and separate fee and only asked two or three questions and then passed the motion unanimously. As one council member stated, we passed judgment on the athletic budget in five minutes while we haggle for an hour over the chess club.

With a separate and definite athletic fee the Institute's Athletic Director, Mr. Lou Alexander Jr. can now expand the RIT program and include colleges of a higher athletic caliber in our schedules.

### No Regular 'Reporter' This Week

It looks like Techmila and the Reporter just can't get together. When the Reporter originally scheduled a centerspread on the activities of the yearbook staff they ran into mechanical difficulties and had to postpone it.

Reporter Editor Leslie Greenberg faithfully promised the Techmila staff that their story had not been dropped and would run this week, however the Techmila story did its job again this week.

Due to illness of Mrs. Mary F. Crocker, our teletype keyboard operator, and a breakdown of the Web lab Press on which the Reporter is printed there will be no regular issue of the Reporter this week.