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Richly Deserved Appreciation.

WHEN the summer Nebraskan was instituted on the campus in 1930 for the first time, a favorite plaint of the editor was to the effect that no thought was taken to make the rather drab life of a summer session student any less drab. Such student came and went thru the steamy atmosphere of the typical Nebraska summer days with his thoughts confined necessarily to his work in classroom and library, somewhat tedious, you must admit.

Three summer sessions have passed since then and we are moved to comment on the marked progress which has been made in that short space of time toward providing that element of recreation whose absence the 1930 editor of the summer Nebraskan so sorely lamented. Starting from scratch, as it were, the administrators of the summer session program have built up a recreational program, not yet complete, perhaps, but infinitely better than what existed in 1930.

Little more need be said to you who have enjoyed the advantages of this program. We call it to your attention, but more particularly we wish to specifically pay compliment to Prof. E. W. Lantz, who has directed this recreational program each summer with the aid of a group of students who give their time and effort to arrange affairs for the purpose of flavoring slightly the tedium of a summer session in Lincoln.

In brief this is what the student executive committee has done this year:

Sponsored six summer session mixers which have drawn an average attendance of between five and six hundred persons.

Sponsored an all student picnic at Capitol Beach and an all men's steak fry at Pioneer park.

Sponsored the presentation of a play by the University Players, the proceeds from which go to establish a loan fund for students registered in the dramatics department.

Sponsored a varied sports program for both men and women, which included tournaments in baseball, golf and horseshoes.

The word sponsored covers a lot of ground, however, for it means or at least has meant to the student executive committee the handling of a great many details and the expenditure of a considerable amount of energy. Already the student parties which have proved so popular and which have been so reasonable in price, have built up a fairly sizeable fund which the student executive committee has found necessary in taking care of many expenses which arise in the course of maintaining a well-rounded program which

holds appeal for nearly every student.

The Nebraskan, on behalf of the student body, congratulates the committee on the fine piece of work it has done and thanks the members gratefully for the time and energy they have spent.

Not Grieving; Just Citing Facts.

MICHIGAN university, frequently cited, by way of consolation, as a major university whose financial condition and lowered salary scale would be comparable to the hard-hit condition of the University of Nebraska is entirely out of Nebraska university's class so far as financial status is concerned. A recently published report following the action of the Michigan board of regents reveals that actually the Michigan school is in clover compared to our own institution.

But here is a comparison—judge for yourself.

1. Salary slashes of faculty members at Michigan apply only after a \$1,500 exemption is made. At Nebraska no exemption is made for salary curtailments.

2. An 8 percent salary reduction is to be applied on the first \$2,000 above the exempt \$1,500 at Michigan, a 12 percent cut is to be made on the second \$2,000 above the exempt figure, a 15 percent cut on the next \$2,000 and a 20 percent reduction on all salaries paid over \$7,500. At the University of Nebraska no exemption from salary cuts is provided for. All salaries, over \$1,500 will be slashed 22 percent and salaries below that figure will be cut to the cost of filling the positions with new people.

3. No previous salary slashes have been made at Michigan university. Nebraska university professors, receiving salaries in excess of \$1,000 have already taken a 10 percent cut on that portion of their salaries over \$1,000.

4. Altogether sixty-six men have been dropped from the teaching staff of the Michigan institution, which has a staff far larger than that of Nebraska university. At Nebraska seventy-two teaching positions have been made vacant.

5. Consideration must be given to the fact that the existing salary scale at this institution was in no way comparable to the previously existing salary scale at Michigan. In other words the average salary paid at Michigan was far higher than that paid at Nebraska.

6. In addition to the above curtailments the University of Nebraska was obliged to discontinue the granting of any tuition scholarships. The school of fine arts was consolidated with the arts and science college. A 25 percent reduction was made in graduate scholarships and assistantships. No such provisions, nor any other provisions of dissimilar nature, were decided upon by the Michigan board of regents.

The point in this comparison is simply this, that it is idiotic to blind ourselves to the fact that

Nebraska has taken a hard blow financially, harder than can be sustained without loss of prestige. There need be no unnecessary grieving over the fact. What is done is done and cannot be helped.

But the effort to take consolation in the fact that other colleges and universities in the country are similarly hard hit is a rather futile attempt to make things look bright and cheery. We have presented here only the facts relating to one other major university. But we felt it was a peculiarly apt comparison because Michigan university has been so frequently cited as a companion in misery, from whose condition Nebraska students and faculty members could take condolence.

We have no disposition to be holding a public mourning spectacle over Nebraska university's pathetic case, but we feel that it is better to know the facts than to resort to Pollyanna philosophy. In the future it may help this institution's financial situation if there is a more general understanding of its comparative standing with other major institutions, and if the citizens of the state realize more fully that a first rate university cannot be maintained in competition with other state and endowed colleges and universities where greater thought is cast before a program of cutting and slashing educational activities is entered upon.

Our Part Is Done.

THE present issue of the Nebraskan is the last issue which will be published this summer. Altho school work continues thru-out another complete week, activities on the summer campus will be almost at a complete standstill during the last few hectic days when students are rushing about completing last minute duties, getting ready for final examinations, and preparing to leave Lincoln.

Despite changes in the personnel of this publication, the Nebraskan hopes that it has performed its function of supplying information to the student body.

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on the various happenings of importance at least passably. You who have participated in the various extra-curricular activities, the recreational program sponsored in your behalf, and heard some of the special speakers who visited the campus, we believe will assent to our assertion that the Nebraskan serves a valuable need in providing an informational medium so that you may the more conveniently take advantage of these affairs.

For the present issue, Phil Brownell is serving as editor, in the absence of Jack Erickson who is in Chicago for a brief stay.

DAVE HAHN'S BAND TO PLAY FOR LAST DANCE AT COLISEUM (Continued from Page 1.)

the same group which sang in the Kosmet Klub spring show.

Prof. E. W. Lantz, faculty adviser to the student executive committee announced Wednesday that an attendance averaging between five and six hundred had been maintained at the five all student mixers. Nearly six hundred attended last week's party for which Joyce Ayres and his twelve Melody Kings played, assisted by Marjorie Whitney, vocalist. The student committee is expecting an unusually large attendance at the final mixer.

The student committee expressed

its satisfaction with the response the student body has shown to the need for summer recreation by supporting the parties as well as the other recreation events planned by the committee. Because of the large attendance the committee has been able to schedule first class orchestras and at the same time keep the admission price at the ten cent figure.

A slight profit made at the parties from year to year is kept as a reserve fund to pay expenses of the first party sponsored each summer. Other expenses of the summer recreation program, such as the purchase of trophies for the winners of various sport events, are paid from the fund accumulated from the parties.

FORMER EDITOR VISITS.

Eugene S. Robb, former editor of the Daily Nebraskan in 1929, and of the summer Nebraskan in 1930, is in Lincoln for a brief vacation visit. Mr. Robb is associated with the Hearst newspaper organization, being located in New York City at the central offices of the organization.

STUDENTS COMPLETE WORK.

Three hundred and fifty-eight students completed work in the summer session last Friday at the close of the six weeks session. 281 students partially finished their work, having registered for a combined course of both six and eight week's duration.

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