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**MIXERS.**

SUMMER school at Nebraska ordinarily is devoid of all—or nearly all—means of social contacts among the heterogeneous mass of students who congregate here for four, six, nine weeks of intensive study.

A few women, happening to get rooms in the same lodging establishment, get acquainted. Men, gathering nightly under the same roof, develop a small coterie of friends. But on the campus there is a conspicuous absence of any cordiality among students. Most walk from class to class, from building to building, without meeting more than one or two acquaintances enroute. They don't know each other.

That is not as it should be—as it could be—as it can be. The first move in the direction of building up a wider set of acquaintances and friends came with last night's mixer in Grant Memorial hall. Enjoying the informality of games and a general good time, a large number of students also enlarged their vocabulary of acquaintances and started real friendships.

Poorly advertised, the mixer Thursday night cannot be taken as indicative of the true spirit in the university summer session. Many students, a bit timid, did not want to come to the first one. More did

not even know about it, at least enough in advance to set aside that evening to attend.

Crowds at future mixers may be expected to grow. Diversified programs, dances, and perhaps a picnic to culminate the proposed mixer series, should make them immensely popular.

Students who fail to attend them are failing to get the most from their summer school activities. Friends, they should realize, are equally as important in life as scholarship. Acquaintances and wholesome fun, they should know, can do more than anything else to brighten an otherwise dull and listless campus life.

It is the social duty of the university to emphasize these gatherings. If student interest flags, which seems improbable once the programs are really under way, the university is bound even more to offer something that will stimulate that interest in something outside the classroom, to offer something that will create in the brief time these students are here some feeling of university consciousness.

A school is remembered by the things one learns, by the professors who generously share their stores of knowledge, and by the friendships that are cultivated there. And the last of these is fully as important both to the univer-

sity and to the individual student as the other two.

**SUMMER EXCURSIONS.**

TEN TRIPS to places worth visiting in Lincoln and hinterland are being offered this summer to all students by the de-

partment of geography.

As many students as possible should take advantage of them. Already the state capitol and the college of agriculture have been terminals of summer excursions. Tomorrow several bus loads of young people will take an educational

and recreational tour of the lower Platte valley stopping at noteworthy points of interest.

When such a service is offered by a department in the university, students should not be slow to recognize its merit.

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