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REPORT FROM THE MEMORIAL UNION BUILDING

OCTOBER 1942 to MARCH 1944

The Memorial Union Building on account of the transfer in part from civilian to military enrollment at the University has undergone a marked change in its general use. This change will be indicated more completely in the financial report which is presented at this date.

Since July 8, 1942, the messing of Machinist's Mates, later augmented by the Navy V-12 contingent, has placed a tremendous strain on the food handling resources of the building. The contract for this use of the building by the Navy was handled through the University as a whole at the request of the Naval authorities with a designation by the Navy as to what rental for building use should be allotted to the Union Building proper. According to this contract, starting in July the Navy agreed that 43% of the construction cost of the building, namely \$86,430.00 is used by the Navy and the Navy arbitrarily set up 4% of this sum as the use rate. This makes, therefore, a net rental of \$3,457.00 per annum for the use of the space by the Navy in the Memorial Union Building. An additional \$843.00 per annum was allowed for loss in rentals of the ballroom during the year, thus making a total of \$4,200.00 a year total rental.

Beginning July 1, 1943, the contract was renegotiated with an allowance of 50.3% of the building as in use by the Navy and the Navy stipulated a payment of \$338.68 a month as the total rental for the use of this fraction of the building, giving a total net rental of \$4,064.16 per annum. To date, therefore, the total rental received is \$7,248.12 for twenty-one months of occupancy.

The private dinners and banquets have been practically abandoned except in cases where university guests are being entertained. This has been necessitated by the acute shortage of available help of all kinds. The social activities of the building have been very much curtailed but have been carried on as far as feasible by the Activities Committee now under the