

## KANSAS MEMORIAL UNION

Report for the year ending June 30, 1940

A survey of the Kansas Memorial Union for the year 1939-40 shows a highly gratifying condition from the standpoints of physical and financial conditions and of the use of the building by students, faculty, alumni and other groups. For the sake of brevity and emphasis all of this may be summarized, in part statistically, under the appropriate subheadings.

<u>Numbers of persons using the building:</u>	1938-39	1939-40
Lounges (for reading, resting, studying, etc.)	75,000	116,200
Scheduled meetings, forums, dances, etc.	58,700	59,350
Total persons served in food units	196,572	210,870
Total additional persons served at special parties teas, luncheons and banquets	25,450	26,280
Average number of persons using recreation room per day		80-100
Average number of persons using the music room per day		40
Average number of students served in cafeteria per day		350-400

### Completion of rooms in the building.

During the past year two new rooms have been added to the building on the third floor. The Kansas room was finished at a total cost of \$3816.55. This room is in a conservative modern style illuminated entirely by concealed fluorescent lighting and was designed by Mr. Edward Tanner of Kansas City. The popularity of the room has been attested by the fact that it has been booked up for almost every available night by student groups during the past year. The tentative bookings for the coming year indicate that it will be impossible to satisfy the total demands made upon it. The uses of the room are multifarious including parties, dinner dances, lectures and banquets.

The other room completed is the music room which houses the Carnegie Endowment gift phonograph of a value of 1500 dollars. With this gift is included 600 classical records. To these, accessions are made from month to month. The room is under the supervision of an NYA student librarian and it is open daily in the afternoons and evenings. Persons using the room may have any record played on request. From time to time special request programs, whole symphonies, operas, concertos, etc., are played. The room was completed and furnished with lounge chairs at a cost of \$839.02.

In addition to the above a much needed Director's office was completed on the Cafeteria floor at a cost of \$321.72.

### Library and Magazine services.

A library and magazine service has been maintained on the lounge floor under the supervision of the hostess. Fourteen magazines and four newspapers are available. The rental book service covers a wide and catholic taste in new and well chosen fiction and non-fiction. These services are a popular and widely used feature of the lounge floor.