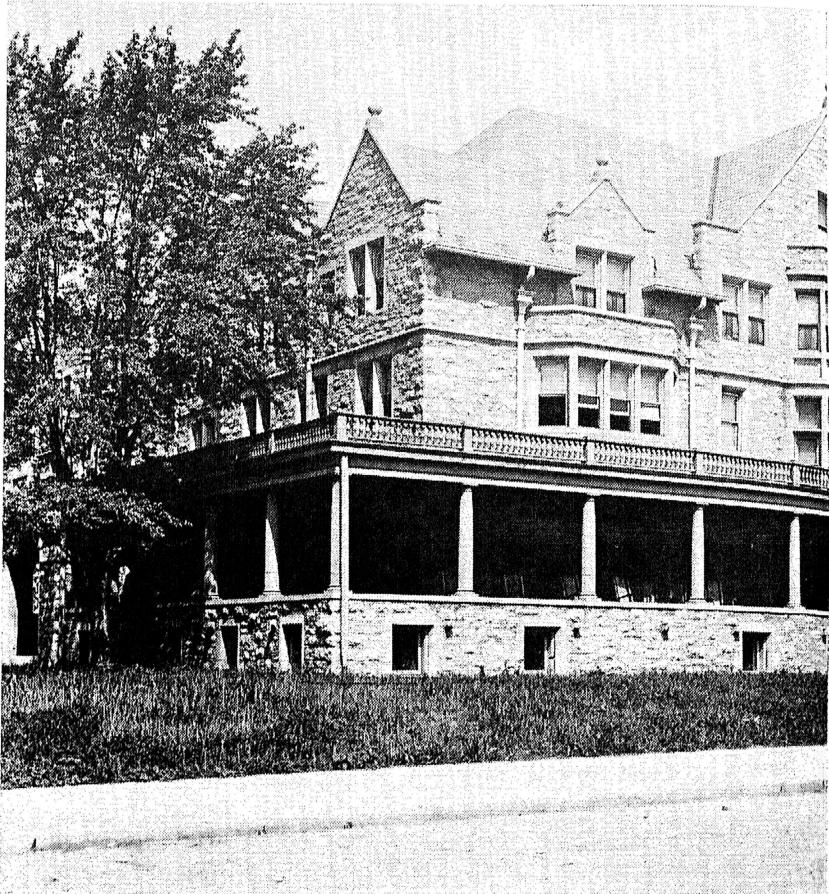




Roy G. Smith, A.B. '33 (second from left), general secretary of the YMCA in Lima, Peru, presents recognition awards to (from left to right) James Felty, Quentin Ciceron and Susan Sternberger, three of seven M.U. students who worked with the Lima Y last summer. Group leader Vevona Clark is continuing work in Peru.



NO. 75 FOR THE "Y"

The University of Missouri YMCA has been in existence for three-fourths of a century, and while the organization has taken time out to commemorate its 75th anniversary, it is not dwelling on the past so much as it is looking to the future.

Since its beginning on the campus in 1890, the Y has had its ups and downs; it has known the meaning of austerity. For a quarter of a century its offices have been tucked inside buildings and therefore practically out of sight, but there was a time when it had a definite identification that stood out—the stone building pictured on these pages and which many readers will recall; it is now an apartment house. As a depression liability, it had to be sold by the Y in 1936—for about \$14,000. It is said that the building was offered to the University as a student center for \$12,000, but no such funds were available. The YMCA offices were moved to Lowry Hall and in 1940 to their present location in Read Hall. Throughout its history, the Y has had the support of University faculty members who served on its official board and in other capacities.

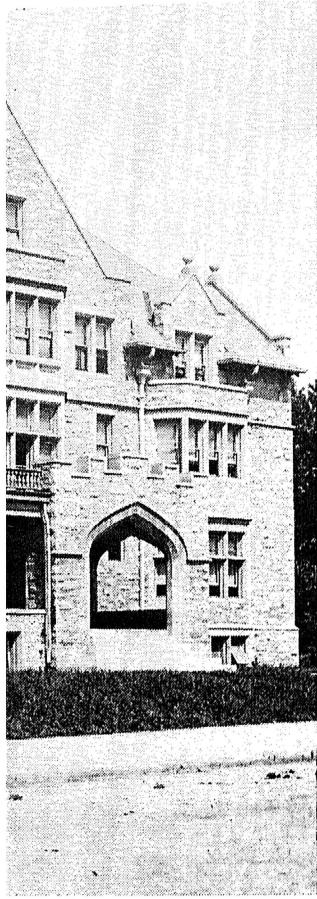
In addition to pioneering in the field of religious work on the campus, the Y founded the Student Em-

ployment Service to help students financially. This program was taken over by the University in the early 30s. The Y secretary, Earl Gordon, handled the employment program and was paid by the University. When he left in 1942 to become general secretary of the Y in Gary, Ind., the University did not wish to continue the arrangement, which called for a period of "basic reorganization" if the Y was to continue.

In a sketch presented at the anniversary banquet one of the narrators quoted from a script: "The YMCA has little to fear from adjustment. Our history is one of creative adjustment." At another point the narration paid tribute to the work of "men like Fred McKinney, Fred Stroeker, Carl Wheaton, L. F. Thornton, G. E. Huggins, and Richard Stirling." Executive secretary of the Y is Farley Maxwell.

In the early 20s the Y organized the Student Religious Council. Speakers of all denominations were brought to the campus. A weekly show presented at the state prison in Jefferson City was another of SRC's programs.

Tracing the history and work of the organization, Kathy Deem has written: "The post-war growth of



Above: Missouri Y students at Estes Conference last June. Left: This was the Y building from 1909 to 1936. Right: Emeritus Professor Carl Wheaton, honored for distinguished service at 75th Anniversary Banquet.



the Y began under Professor Carl Wheaton, chairman of the board, and Alumnus G. E. Huggins, '98. The YMCA's activities have increased, encompassing almost every phase of University life. One of its programs, the Model United Nations, acquaints students with the structure and function of the U.N. Also on the international level, weekend retreats to the Ozarks are offered for the benefit of both foreign and American students. On the community level, the Y has instituted a volunteer student tutoring program for pre-schoolers, thus putting the accent on prevention of the child's educational problems. Still another community project involves students visiting the State Hospital and the School for the Deaf at Fulton on Saturdays. On the college level the Y helps new students adjust to the University campus. The New Student Camp provides an opportunity for students to set their college cultural and spiritual goals. Student-Faculty Firesides, held weekly, stimulate students in informal discussions on controversial subjects. The International Challenge for Americans is the culmination of the YMCA's 75th year. Through INCA, Y leaders go to Lima, Peru in an effort to promote U. S. and South American relations."