

School Relations

ning panels and programs on selecting and entering the University.

Further contact is maintained with the high schools through literature sent to the guidance departments. Counselors are kept abreast of changes in admission policy, the University calendar, scholarship, and other pertinent information. Literature is sent to prospective students and their families when they request it.

Besides this contact with schools at their local level, contact is also made when the students visit the M. U. campus—for a variety of reasons. An estimated 15 to 20 thousand high school students visited the University last year to participate in competitive athletic events, University Day, music, speech or drama festivals, Band Day, 4-H Club weeks and other interscholastic events. Here, they get the opportunity to perform in competition or be evaluated in accordance with nationally recognized standards of achievement, as well as to become acquainted with the University.

University Day, in October, a non-competitive event, gives them further contact with the University. During University Day the students get a chance to see, through conducted tours, the many facilities, the administrative and academic operations and the various social and cultural aspects of college life at the University. They also get a chance to see displays and demonstrations and to hear about courses and work performance in the different divisions and departments on the University campus. They get another chance to obtain information about admission and enrollment procedure as well as information on college and university costs and sources of financial aid. Last year, some 3,200 high school juniors and seniors took advantage of University Day to learn more about their State University.

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Aids

The University of Missouri provides an opportunity for a fine college education within the financial reach of the average family. Fees paid by its students are among the lowest of any of the major universities. However, rising living costs have increased the cost of obtaining an education, and the conservative student finds that it costs about \$1,150 a year to attend the University at Columbia. A majority of the students are sharing with their parents the responsibility of financing their education and a few work their way through college entirely by their own efforts.

The average student can work up to 15 hours per

week and still accomplish good academic work. If more outside work is necessary, the student is advised to lighten his academic load so that his scholastic record will not suffer. The diligent freshman can expect to earn about \$35 to \$45 per month, and the upper-classman a little more than this.

The University provides many jobs for students and assists them in finding employment in town. This is done through the Office of Aids and Awards, of which Allan W. Purdy is director. About 2,200 students are working in various campus jobs. (There are about 400-500 jobs for students in downtown Columbia.) Students who do not need financial assistance are advised to devote their time to their studies and leave the jobs open for others who need them. Women students do stenographic and clerical work, library work, serve in cafeterias, and numerous other jobs. Men work in research laboratories, on the farms, in cafeterias, and assist with general maintenance of the University plant. They also work for numerous business firms downtown.

Some students need to borrow during the first or second year but more frequently students need a loan in the third and fourth years. Loan funds are available at the University for students who need to borrow a normal amount. (At this time, \$1,500,000 is out on loan, and available funds are light. Although there is no deadline, applications for loans for next September should be made by June.) Small emergency loans for short periods may be had with no security being required. Larger loans for longer periods require the co-signature of the parents, guardian or other responsible adult. Most of these funds are loaned at 4% simple interest, but some are available at 2% interest. Loans are also available at the University under Title II of the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

A number of scholarships are available to high school graduates and to college students who do especially good academic work, and who are in need of financial assistance. The Board of Curators has established approximately 500 freshman scholarships and awards, 100 sophomore scholarships, and 32 scholarships for graduates of accredited junior colleges in Missouri. In addition many other scholarships and awards have been donated by business firms, public organizations, clubs, friends and alumni to assist worthy students. Most of these scholarships carry a stipend equivalent to the Incidental Fee for the period designated in the award.

The University of Missouri Alumni Association in the past year has contributed \$4,000 to be used for student loan purposes; the money, deposited with the United States Student Aid Fund, increases in value to guarantee a total of \$50,000 for use by University students as they apply to local banks for educational loans. The alumni, through the University's Achievement Giving program, also maintain 40 scholarships at an annual cost of \$6,000. Inquiries about part-time employment, student loans and scholarships should be addressed to the Office of Aids and Awards, 123 Jesse Hall, Columbia, Mo.