

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

May 5, 1919.

*To the President and Senate
of the University of Michigan:*

In behalf of the Committee on Student Affairs,* I have the honor to submit the annual report, covering the period from May, 1918, to the present time.

As was set forth in our last report, the Committee's policy in this trying period was to encourage established student activities of a wholesome and dignified character, but by no means to permit the inception of new ones. This aim was conformable with the purpose of the University to continue its useful life in as nearly normal manner as might be possible amid the unsettled conditions created by the war. It will be remembered that the students in the mass responded admirably to this program and cheerfully forewent most of the more frivolous avocations that are supposed to be dear to their hearts.

In the opening months of the present academic year, student activities were almost completely remitted. This unwonted phenomenon (which did not, strangely enough, impress the Faculty as millennial in its import) may be briefly explained by reference to the mystic symbol, S. A. T. C. The one distinctly useful and important by-product of student life that survived the tidal-wave of militarism was the *Michigan Daily*—this by grace of the succour afforded by the patriotic women of the University and of the dispensation from eligibility rules granted to freshmen under military age.

With the demobilization of the army and navy units following the signing of the armistice, the student body promptly turned its attention to the rehabilitation of its cherished institutions and traditions. The various publications, dramatic and musical organizations, fraternities, house clubs, honorary (campus) societies, etc., rebuilt their shattered forces with impressive celerity and were soon in the full tide of operation—even dancing was not neglected. With the opening of the second semester the work of reconstruction had been so thoroughly effected that the casual observer would have difficulty in realizing that grim-visaged war had ever invaded this peaceful Campus.

To be sure, all has not proceeded so smoothly as appears on the surface. While the Faculty sleeps, the Student Council has been mightily troubled about the University's degeneration from the good old times of one year ago: they find the Freshmen woefully ignorant or unmindful of college traditions and have gravely pondered many admirable, though impracticable, measures for improving the manners and morals of the rising generation. Some of the fraternities and house-clubs have found themselves in serious difficulties, on account of their depleted membership: and at least one house-

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