

Student Financial Problems Treated By B. Glen Smith

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As the opening of school approaches, thought is being given the problem of financing one's way through school. The Dixie Junior College is doing everything in its power to make available as much work as possible for students who need help. Application blanks are available at the college office for all who need this type of assistance.

There seems to be some misunderstanding in connection with certain phases of the work program. The following explanation is given in the hope the employment situation may be fully understood.

The college cannot supply cash jobs to students. It is not an industrial nor commercial concern. All it can hope to do is to help students with some of their school expenses. The policy here is to help the most needy students first, especially those who have the higher tuitions to pay. This means that little can be done for the student with only an eight dollar fee. The college administration realizes that all youth like to work, to be independent, that they do not like to be idle. At the same time, it is impossible for the school to act in the capacity of employment agency. If a student is undecided whether or not he is eligible for aid, the thing to do is to apply; but to take the decision of the employment committee graciously, unless an injustice has been done.

There are two sources of employment at the college. One is the work provided by the school; the other is the NYA, or Government work. Whenever work around the school can be given to the students, this is done. An example is the janitorial work. One man is employed to supervise this work, but practically all the cleaning is done by students, sometimes even at the expense of economy.

NYA work for college students must be given to students who could not attend without this aid. It is intended to be used for college expenses. The work is distributed according to the need of the students. NYA work for high school students unless a change is made this year, must be given to students from relief families. This is a Government stipulation, and the college authorities are required to live

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up to this ruling. Employment on the new Mechanic Arts building must be given to relief families, as this is a WPA project. The college is not empowered to employ others.

This statement has been made by many, "I shall not pay my tuition down, or I shall be unable to obtain work." It is true that a few have pleaded poverty, when they have been very well able to take care of their school expenses; but in general it is false economy to work or sign notes when the tuition could otherwise be taken care of. College students are given a five dollar reduction when the tuition is paid in advance, and all students save the payment of interest by handling accounts promptly.

This year the student who cares for his accounts promptly will receive every consideration in the way of employment that others receive. In addition he will receive all discounts and get the benefit of interest savings. The need of the student will be the only consideration in awarding work. Students doing work, but who have paid their tuition, will be given regular checks for their work.

Many students wish to open an account at the bookstore. Since the bookstore must be self-sustaining, and since it is a non-profit organization, it is impossible for the management to give credit. Arrangements must be made to pay for books in cash.

The college must also change its policy in connection with produce. It will buy necessary articles from patrons and will help prospective students find buyers for their goods, but it cannot store produce for future sale. The State of Utah must receive full value for goods bought; in the past the college has invariably lost in handling produce.

If patrons and students will take full cognizance of the above, there will be mutual understanding and co-operation.