

The
**AMHERST SUMMER
MUSIC CENTER**
*on the beautiful campus
of*
THE UNIVERSITY of MASSACHUSETTS



1960

. . . a *vacation-with-music* for
young people of school age . . .
a pre-college adventure in the sur-
roundings and atmosphere of a
great University.

To the young musician who would like to spend six weeks of the summer — living with music — and with a happy, enthusiastic group of young people with the same interests.

The Amherst Summer Music Center was established to provide the finest possible living, working and recreational facilities for the greatest number of young musicians at the least possible cost. We believe that the boy or girl who is willing to give a considerable part of the vacation period to music is entitled to every opportunity to improve his musicianship under ideal living conditions and expert, experienced direction.

We believe, too, that the family which — usually at some sacrifice — makes such an experience possible for a gifted son or daughter is entitled to every economy that can be provided by a great institution which, through the college year, cares for thousands of young people.

The University campus provides ideal conditions for living, study, performance and recreation — all at economies which put the program within reach of hundreds of young people who, otherwise, could not afford it.

The University of Massachusetts is probably the fastest growing campus in America. Most of its buildings are new and have been planned to accommodate many thousand future students. During the summer these splendid facilities — dormitories, auditoriums, dining halls, classrooms and recreation areas — are in only partial use by the University students. They have been made available to The Amherst Summer Music Center.



The ASMC orchestra in informal concert

In this way it is possible for ASMC young people to enjoy their own separate, modern dormitories, dining commons — with food from the college kitchens, and the use of the beautiful Student Union.

Auditoriums ranging from intimate recital rooms to the huge University Cage are at hand for public performance — on which we place considerable emphasis. Comfortable, well ventilated lecture, practice and rehearsal rooms are provided for our use.

Amherst, Massachusetts, in the foothills of the beautiful shires, is the very heart of an area which has been concerned with culture and education for more than a century.

The Amherst area, with its many great colleges and preparatory schools — more than a dozen within thirty miles — is the permanent home of many of America's foremost music educators. It is the summer home of many of them. Within a range of fifty miles there are three full symphony orchestras and several large and well known choral groups.

It is from this wealth of educators, conductors, clinicians and musicologists that The Amherst Summer Music Center is able to choose its personnel. Our convenient location and our splendid facilities for teaching and performance make it possible for us to secure faculty of a professional level ordinarily available for summer music programs at remote places.



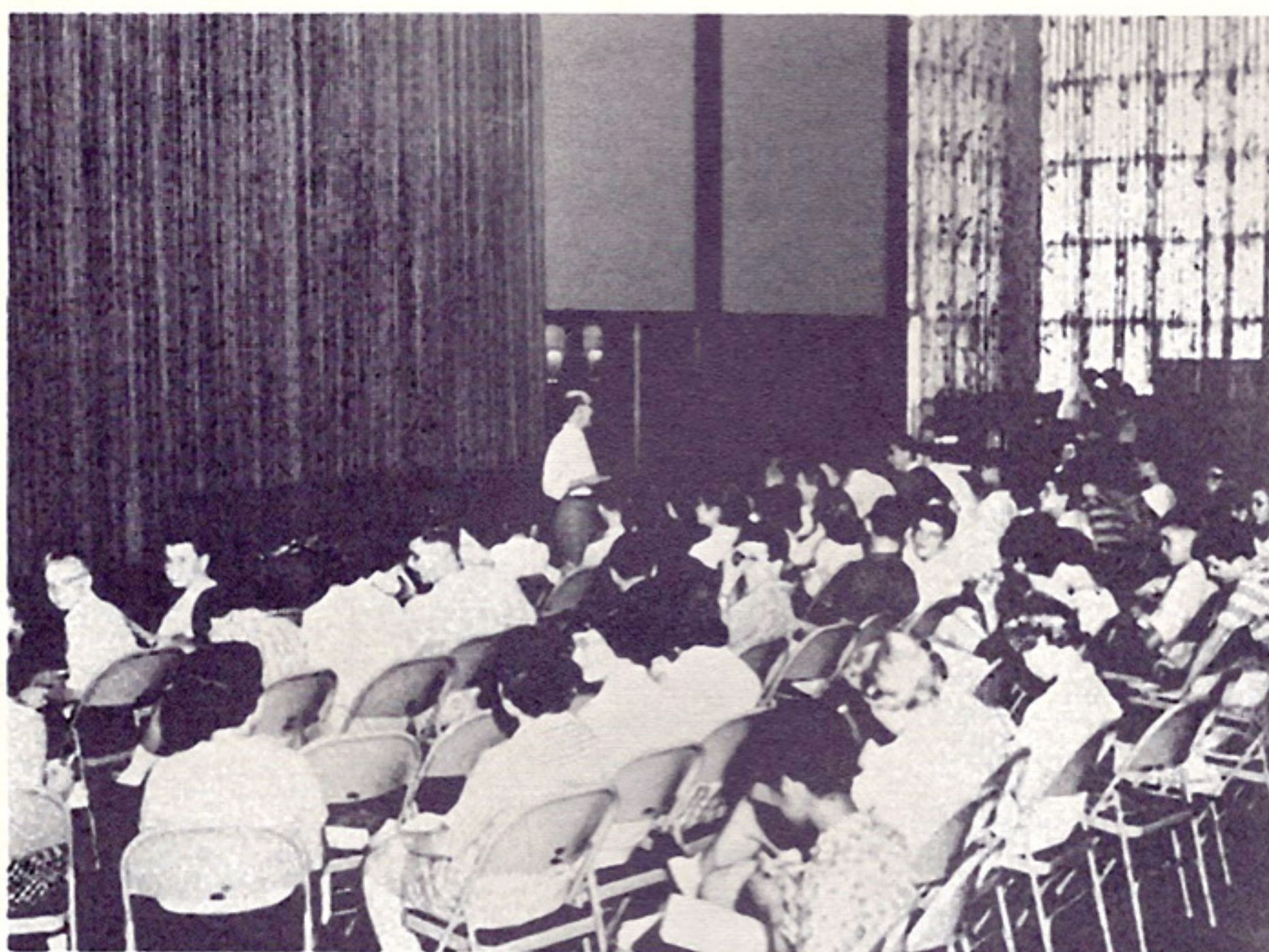
Individual instruction by highly qualified teachers

In both the academic and applied fields of music, The Amherst Summer Music Center offers a distinguished and able faculty and a broad choice of subjects.

We wish to emphasize that, in our selection of instructional personnel, we have chosen **teachers** who are performers, not **performers** who teach in part of their time. To any music educator, the difference is valid and important.

While we offer unusual opportunity for the study and demonstration of applied music through our bands, orchestras and groups, we believe that **basic musicianship** cannot be achieved without **basic study**. For this reason certain fundamental academic courses are required.

Which courses will be required will depend on the student's previous training in academic (basic) music as reported to us before the time of registration.



Class in Theory

The Curriculum . . . Academic Music

The following courses are offered and will be scheduled. In either their elementary or advanced divisions they will be required:

Theory	Sight Reading
Ear Training	Dictation

These additional courses are available and will be scheduled if desired by a sufficient number of students:

Harmony	Musical Form
History of Music	Music Analysis
Arranging	

The Curriculum . . . Applied Music (Group Activities)

The major performing organizations of each session of The Amherst Summer Music Center are, of course, **The Orchestra**, **The Concert Band** and **The Chorus**. Under the direction of nationally recognized educator-conductors, each of these groups plays a series of well attended concerts either in one of the large University auditoriums or, in beautiful weather, on one of the broad lawns of the Campus.



The concert band plays for university crowd

It is traditional at ASMC that, to some extent, **everybody** sings. We have found that even the most hesitant instrumentalists find themselves enjoying this most natural form of expression and thrilled by participation in the great chorales with the specialized singing groups.

The Curriculum . . . Applied Music (Individual Activities)

Every student at ASMC receives, without additional cost, one private lesson — vocal or instrumental — each week. This teaching is not done by the resident conducting or lecturing staff but by the finest specialists available in the area — recognized symphony and concert artists and college department heads.

Concert, stage and broadcasting techniques are coached, and, through solo appearances before the group, confidence is encouraged. Private practice rooms are always available. Tape recording for self criticism and group comment is available.

Basic Applied Music Courses Include

Instrumental Instruction*
Woodwind — Brass — Strings — Percussion
Piano — Organ
Voice — Harp

Life at ASMC provides ample time for participation in smaller, specialized music groups such as string quartet, woodwind, brass or string ensembles, madrigal singing groups or a dance band. These enterprises are often the products of student enthusiasm and individual leaders.

Such activities are encouraged and faculty members gladly assist in organization, procurement of literature and supervisory help as is needed.

**Private instruction on students major instrument only. Experience has shown us that far more progress is made if student's effort is "spread too thinly."*



The chorus in concert at the Student Union

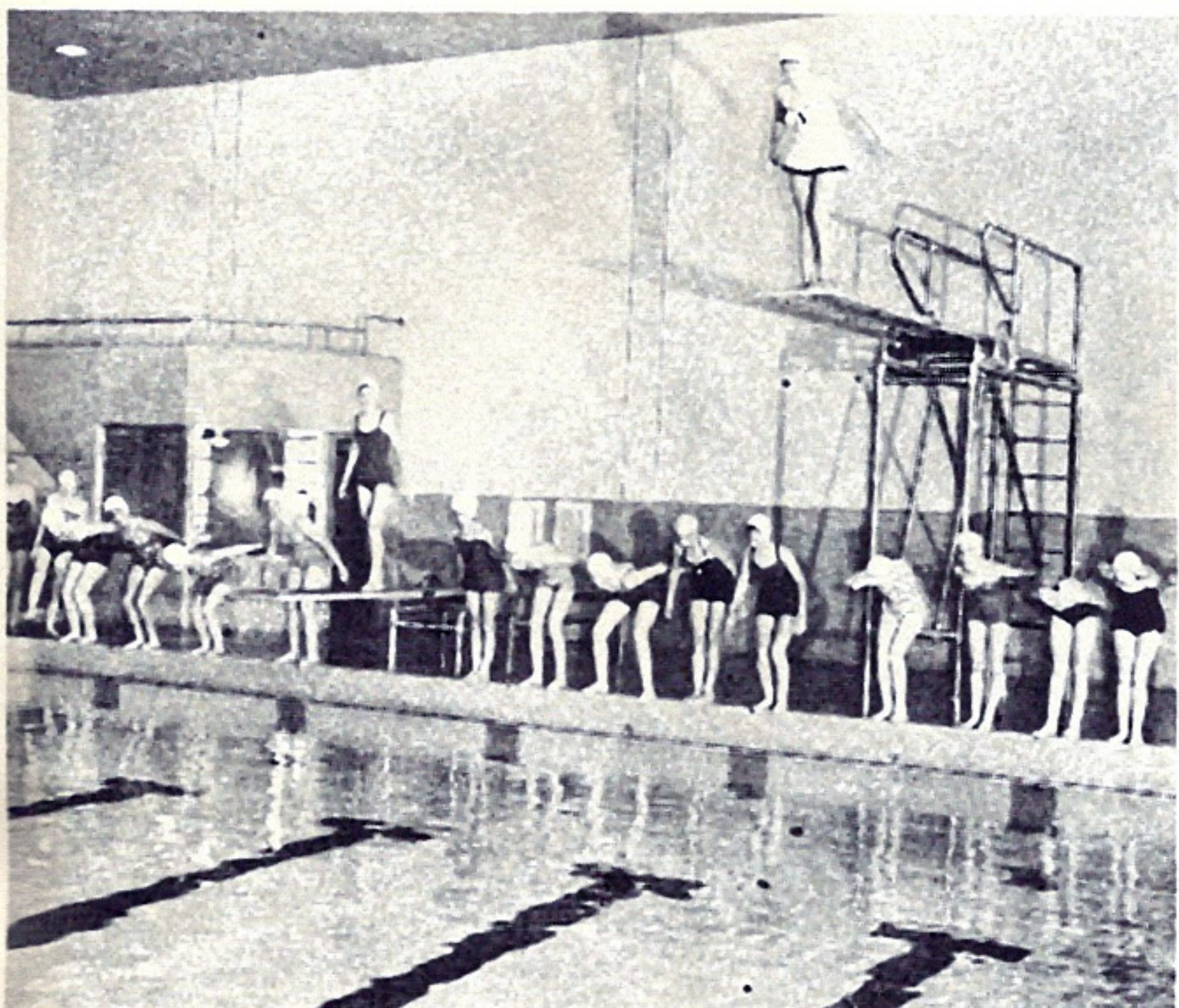
The Amherst Summer Music Center provides a full and exciting recreation program for all.

Under expert professional coaching and supervision every recreational facility you would expect to find on the campus of a great state university is available for our summer student-guests.

Swimming, baseball, tennis, softball, archery and other sports activities are included in a regular daily program. Competition with outside groups marks a frequent high spot of enthusiasm and special athletic awards are given for excellence and leadership.

Musician-athletes who wish to get into condition for their autumn sports will have the help of an expert coach.

Cook-outs, barbecues, field trips, informal dances, movies are all included in the recreation program.

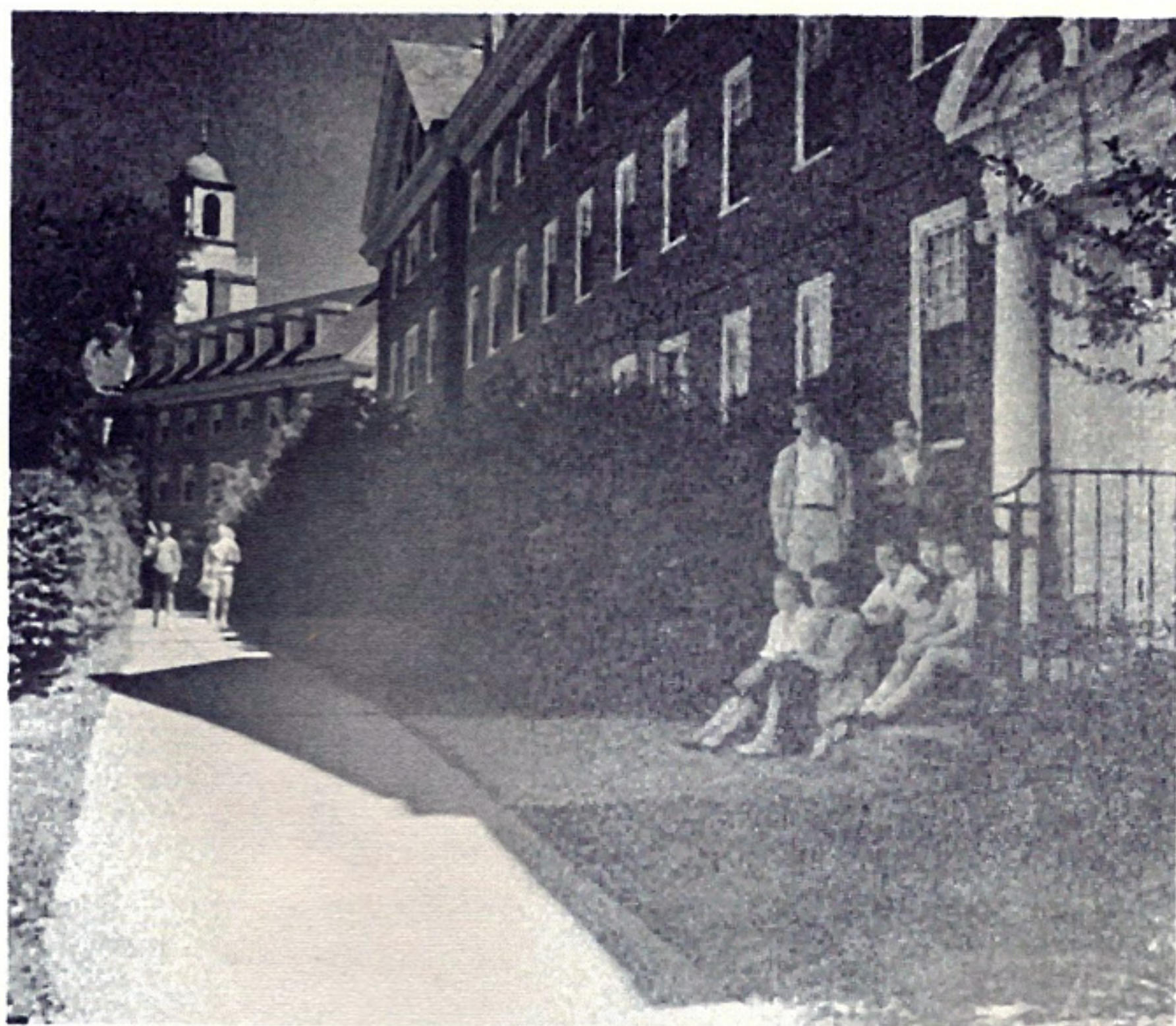


Everybody swims at ASMC

There is a carefully planned program of social as well as athletic recreational activities at ASMC. Without the sense of "being herded" into group entertainment, there is always "something to do"—ranging from a spontaneous talent show to a visit with another summer music group. A number of very special events are chosen, each year, by the students such as a trip to Tanglewood to "sit in" on a symphony rehearsal or an evening at a summer theater. In these cases, ASMC arranges transportation and tickets at a minimum cost to the student.

Thorough health and medical care is provided by the University of Massachusetts.

The University Infirmary, open and staffed throughout the year, is available to ASMC students at any time. Ordinary out-patient service is provided without cost. In the event of an emergency or more serious illness, complete medical care is immediately available twenty-four hours a day.



Beautiful dormitory facilities exclusively for ASMC use.

A well balanced diet and the guarding of day-to-day physical welfare is a primary concern of the resident faculty. While we encourage as much freedom of movement and decision as the student is able to accept, we do not hesitate to advise when it seems necessary in such matters as sleep and diet.

World Travel Scholarships with the internationally known "Kids from Home."

Youth Music Associates, the group responsible for the operation of The Amherst Summer Music Center, is the same organization which founded, produces and manages the Department of Defense's great non-professional company, "The Kids from Home," which, in eight years of summer touring, has covered more than a half million miles and entertained over a million armed services personnel. They have appeared in almost every section of the world—from North Africa to Formosa—from Iceland to Tokyo—All of Europe including the World's Fair at Brussels.

This year again, specially talented students will have the opportunity to be selected for membership in this exciting group for the summer tour following their ASMC attendance.



Archery is a popular activity at ASMC

