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**E**XTRA-CURRICULAR activities play a major role on the Iowa State campus. Participation in the various organizations gives experience and training which proves invaluable during college years and after graduation.

The program of the Freshman Home Economics Club, which is devoted to the interests of the freshman, helps promote closer relations between the student and faculty, aids the new student in choosing her major and discusses the common problems of freshmen. When the students have chosen their major they may join one of the eight departmental clubs: applied art, child development, education, foods and nutrition, household equipment, institution management, technical journalism or textiles and clothing. Each club sponsors activities which relate to its special interest and help develop a professional attitude.

Prominent on the list of college activities is the YWCA. Freshman "Y" orientates the new student to college life and features speakers from the college and community. Every member can find her niche in one of the special interest groups which include Crafts, International Caravan, Live Y-ers, Marriage, Music, Radio and Religion. The groups work together and sponsor firesides and other social affairs.

The Collegiate Press Building is the center of activity for aspiring journalists. This is headquarters for the *Bomb*, *Daily Student*, *Green Gander*, *Homemaker* and *Sketch*. These publications offer practical experience to students who want to do newspaper or magazine work.

Music groups, including the orchestra, band, glee club and chorus, give everyone who is interested an opportunity to participate. Throughout the year the organizations present concerts in Ames and sometimes they make trips to other cities. The chorus annually presents "The Messiah" at Christmas, and "The Crucifixion" at Easter.

Radio Workshop and Radio Players are primary extra-curricular activities for potential radio actors, writers, musicians and engineers. The group meets once a week to learn more about the basic principles of acting, writing scripts and producing sound effects.

The Iowa State Players promote interest in dramatics and present one play a quarter. Each member of Players participates in the acting, properties, lighting or stage setting.

For students interested in sports, favorite clubs of the Women's Athletic Association are archery, bowling, dancing, field hockey, swimming, tennis and camp counseling. Most of the groups choose their members according to their skill in the sport. Special projects of the WAA include the annual Amphibian water show and the Dance Club revue. Members of Archery Club participate in national contests. Bowlers started a program of national telegraphic competition.