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Look again at that girl who sits next to you in class or passes you on campus. This summer she may have demonstrated a home appliance in Hawaii, judged a beauty contest in a small Midwestern community, or rescued 60 steaks from the bottom of a Maine lake.

She is one of the Iowa State University coeds who joined the two to three million people hired annually in off-school months.

Margaret Okuna, H. Eq. 4, returned this summer to her home in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she participated in a special two-month training program in the home service department of the Hawaiian Electric Company.

Miss Okuna's job consisted of an orientation in the use and care of all household electrical equipment, recipe experimentation, and kitchen planning. The job took on the aspect of school, as assignments and tests were given the trainees.

For June Kruezkampf, H. Ed. 4, a job as extension trainee in Eldora, Iowa, included organizing a 35-voice 4-H Girls' Chorus, judging two local beauty contests, and helping conduct magazine interviews with farm women regarding the need for coffee breaks.

“Most rewarding” was the description June McCalley, C. D. 4, gave of her summer job as director of the nursery school at the Jane Boyd Community House in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Miss McCalley had a group of 15 to 20 preschool children for eight weeks.

A summer diet of hot dogs and canned spaghetti (“Hamburger was a delicacy!”) was compensated for by the opportunity to learn about department-store organization, according to Paulette Mitchell, T. C. M. 3.

Miss Mitchell was a member of Macy's College Board in Kansas City and participated in a six-week, non-paying merchandising training program. With 13 other girls who represented Midwest colleges, she did sales work and modeled in a fashion show.

Helping give shock treatments was one of the duties of Gretchen Hunsberger, Diet. 3, who was an attendant at the State Mental Hospital in Apple Creek, Ohio. During the summer she helped care for 400 mentally ill women.

Miss Hunsberger, who worked at the hospital last summer, took the women to sewing and swimming classes and was responsible for distributing personal supplies to them.

Linda Dockendorff, Diet. 4, found herself in an unusual position as one of two cooks for 50 people in a private camp near Bucksport, Maine. The camp was located on a two-acre island in the middle of a lake.

The cooks’ job included not only planning and preparing the menus, but also shopping for the supplies and transporting them in a rowboat across the water to the camp.

On one of these occasions, as the day’s meat supply was being transferred to the dock, Miss Dockendorff was amazed to see the piece de resistance of her noon meal fall into the lake. With a quick thought to the problem of feeding 50 hungry people, she jumped into the water and successfully retrieved all of the steaks.

These stories prove that summer jobs needn't be dull. An ambitious girl who applies early may find herself in England next summer picking strawberries or in Montana scrambling eggs for hungry campers.

Let's see... finals are over May 25. I could pack in two days, get there in three and work until...