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by Jan Dodds, Diet. 3

I feel abused. I’m neglected. Home economics students give me away every fall and then don’t pay any more attention to me.

I may only be a dollar bill, but it is possible for me to travel to many different places — any one of which is useful to the giver. I’m the dollar bill of the $1.50 you pay out each fall to become a Home Economics Club member.

Do you care what your money does? I’m sure you do, if for no other reason than to answer your father’s irate question, “And what was this $1.50 for!”

There are many roads along which I may be sent, each with a different destination. I might serve other people by being part of one of the three tuition scholarships Home Economics Council gives each year.

Home Economics Council helps defray the expenses of delegates to the National and Province Convention and usually I go toward traveling expenses.

I may be part of the $20 dollars each departmental club receives each year.

The National College Club section of the American Home Economics Association gives a scholarship to an international student each year, and I might be a part of the $10 contribution to it.

I don’t always go off campus, so instead of one of these exciting adventures, I might be used for club operating expenses, which are necessary — but rather dull. I may be part of the $50 audit fee or the $15 for the installation of Home Economics Council or the $20 for gifts throughout the year. Or maybe you see me as money spent for supplies and publicity.

Each year our home economics clubs affiliate with the American Home Economics Association to receive the benefits of this organization through services and information. This costs us twenty cents per member or $110 per year.

Often I get back into your hands, but in a different form. When you go to a meeting or seminar and eat available refreshments, or when you go to the United Nations Tea or Home Economics Recognition Dessert, you eat me and, in addition, receive information the speaker and guests give to you.

Freshmen receive a special benefit when the Home Economics Council sponsors the kick-off to orient them to Home Economics activities. Whew! I’m glad I don’t have to decide where to go.

The Home Economics Council budget for 1961-1962 comes to $1,281. (That one dollar is me.) You have seen the many different places I can go. Each of you who are members give to this total budget, and your $1.50 contributes to the operation and continuation of Home Economics Council. “Now when your father asks you that frequently recurring question “And what about this $1.50!” you’ll have an answer.

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