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## Call Your Campus Sister . . .

By Ruth Cook

She's a Freshman Life-Saver

CAN'T you just see them? Here they come, a group of enthusiastic freshman women all ready to begin their college courses in the year of 1919.

A sailor hat sits square atop the head of more than one smart coed-to-be as she steps from the train. Someone else is more than likely sporting one of those chic new broadly-striped skirts with the lighter color on the under part of each box-pleat; and you can rest assured that in almost anybody's trunk you'd find a neatly folded georgette waist for "best"—probably a beaded design on it, too.

There's another group of girls at the station—girls a year or two older, who have come to meet the trains on which freshmen arrive. They are members of the first Campus Sister organization of Iowa State College. They called themselves "Big Sisters" then. Before then the Y. W. C. A. had aided the newcomers in their freshman troubles, but these girls belonged to the first organized movement formed especially for such a purpose.

It takes little imagination to picture these first Big Sisters as they helped the excited beginners out of their many anxieties. They were real anxieties, too. There were not enough rooms to go around that year, and one of the biggest jobs the new organization had was to find rooms for their girls. There was so much to be done of a practical nature that there was no time for entertaining the Little Sisters. One dormitory, however, gave an informal Hallowe'en party for its freshman girls.

THIS first organization was under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. and the Women's Guild. Genevieve Callahan was chosen by the Guild to be the first Big Sister Chief. Ten captains were chosen, and each captain was put in charge of ten Big Sisters.

As soon as each freshman enrolled in college she received a form letter telling the purposes and plans of the new organization. Later she received a letter from her own Big Sister. Each Big Sister, by

the way, had two Little Sisters under her care.

The first year was successful, and that spring girls of the sophomore class took up the cause. They elected officers and enlisted sophomore girls to act as sisters. This year each Big Sister was assessed 25 cents to defray expenses. The Wo-



Florence Williams

men's Guild had financed the movement during its first year. The first Campus Sister party was given for all freshman girls on a Saturday afternoon at the beginning of the school year.

In 1922 a Junior Advisory Board was formed by the girls in the junior class. A Big Sister Chief and other officers were elected. Girls wishing to become Big Sisters signed pledges to that effect and paid a fee of 50 cents.

A Big Sister Week was inaugurated by the Junior Advisory Board. During this time all the Big Sisters wore conspicuous cardinal and gold buttons, and captains wore additional ribbons. Trains were met, cars offered for transportation, and girls were even taken through the

lines and helped in registering. A Big Sister table was maintained in the Y. W. C. A. rooms during registration. At this table lost Big and Little Sisters found each other and help of all kinds was given. A form letter of welcome was in every freshman's room when she arrived.

The following year the Big Sister movement was again under the joint auspices of the Y. W. C. A. and Women's Guild. The Chief, according to the new ruling, was chosen from the Sophomore Council and the Guild once more financed the organization.

The movement continued under this system until 1928, when seniors took the place of junior women as Big Sisters. An honorary group known as Senoritas was affiliated with the movement, and the president of Senoritas automatically became Big Sister Chief. This year the Big Sisters cooperated with the Freshman Days committee in helping freshman women to adjust themselves on the campus.

In 1931 a Freshman's Question Hour was established. MacKay Auditorium was "packed" for the occasion. A permanent committee was named, which selected nominees for the new Chief. Last year the name Big Sisters was changed to Campus Sisters. Campus Sister Keys were a new addition. They were assigned dormitory corridors, and it was a part of their job to check up on orphan preps and transfers. With the help of the Keys, new students entertained their Campus Sisters at teas.

Florence Williams, H. Ec. Sr., is our new Campus Sister Chief for the year of 1933-34. For assistants she has 11 Keys and 21 Captains.

Her Campus Sister Keys are: Isabel March, H. Ec. Jr.; Janice Stillians, H. Ec. Jr.; Helen McCollough, I. S. Sr.; Evelyn Covault, Gen. Sci. Sr.; Marcia Dancey, Gen. Sci. Jr.; Dorisdean Draper, H. Ec. Sr.; Lucille Freeh, H. Ec. So.; Jo Kennedy, H. Ec. Sr.; Maxine Lewis, H. Ec. Sr.; Louise Mohr, H. Ec. Sr.; and Polly Poor, Orn. Cer. Sr.

The Captains are: Vera Tiede, H. Ec.

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With the pastry, cut rounds of the dough with a small cutter, planning three for each serving. After baking, spread a tutti frutti filling between two of the rounds and a lemon filling on the last one, which is placed on top. Decorate

with whipped cream and a candied cherry.

## Call Your Campus Sister

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Sr.; Margaret Elaine Larsen, H. Ec. Jr.; Ruth Studeman, H. Ec. Sr.; Betty Lee Sparling, Chem. T. Jr.; Delilah Bartow, H. Ec. Jr.; Marjorie Countryman, H. Ec. Jr.; Cleo Hurley, H. Ec. Jr.; Bernice Borgman, H. Ec. Sr.; Mary Jane Crowley, Chem. T. So.; Elizabeth Brann, H. Ec. So.; Thelma Austin, H. Ec. Sr.; Ruth Bowman, H. Ec. So.; Ruth Hicks, H. Ec. Sr.; Marvene Howes, H. Ec. So.; Sally Jones, H. Ec. Sr.; June Remington, H. Ec. Jr.; Birdell Solbeck, H. Ec. Sr.; Lucille Oak, H. Ec. Sr.; Dorothy Acklin, H. Ec. Jr.; Grace Lied, H. Ec. Sr.; Virginia Larmer, H. Ec. Jr. Each of these captains is in charge of ten Campus Sisters.

“THE biggest changes being made this year,” says Florence Williams, “are the method of signing up to be a Campus Sister and the plans for the party.”

“Before,” she explains, “sheets of paper were sent to various places and then the girls who were interested signed these.”

Last spring representatives from each organized house met and after learning the duties of being a Campus Sister presented the issue at their house meetings. Girls wishing to take part were asked to register on cards.

“I have discovered this summer,” says the new Chief, “that advertisements that have you *print* your name on the coupon know what they’re about. It takes an atlas and the whole family to decipher some of the addresses that were put on those cards.”

It is planned to hold the Campus Sister party, Question Hour, and W. S. G. A. Get-Wise Meeting all together. Regina Kildee, Gen. Sci. Sr., and vice-president of W. S. G. A., will have charge of the party.

Miss Sims, as faculty advisor for W. S. G. A., is advisor for the Campus Sister Movement.

Florence expressed her appreciation of Miss Sims’ valuable assistance when she said, ‘Miss Sims is with the organization each year, and it is she who helps us to profit by the mistakes and suggestions of the years before.’

“The main purpose of the Campus Sister movement,” Florence says, “is to help all new girls in every way possible to begin happily on a successful college career. And I am beginning to find out what many others already know, that working with people is one of the most interesting things you can do.”

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