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By Regina Kildee

"Go Out for" Activities

"WHAT activities are you going out for?" I suppose that question is asked freshman girls on this campus fully half as often as the time-honored, "How are you classified?"

When I was a freshman I never was sure how to answer it. In the first place, I didn't quite know how to "go out for" anything. In the second place, there seemed to be such a bewildering confusion of activities that I couldn't separate one from another. In the third place, there were so many things first quarter freshmen were prohibited from doing that I was afraid not much would remain. I had read, you see, the following two passages in Iowa State Colleges Official Rules:

"06. In order to take part in any public contest or exhibition (athletic, musical, literary, dramatic, oratorical, judging, or other), to serve on the staff of any student publication, or to hold or become candidates for any undergraduate office, students must meet the following conditions:

a. During the first quarter of attendance they are not eligible to participate in the above activities, exception being made in the case of officers of the Freshman class."

06b provides that after the first quarter freshmen with a quality-point average of at least 1.33 the preceding quarter may take part in "the above activities."

Probably 1933 freshmen have the same difficulty in answering this question as did those of 1930. But there really are interesting things freshman girls can do during these first weeks to get started in the activities which will furnish invaluable training and lots of fun all through their four college years. Something every new girl will want to do is to go over to the Y. W. C. A. parlors, meet Miss Grace Hoover (the general secretary of the "Y" for whom she's already heard much praise), and stay to join in the exciting activities that have been planned especially for freshmen.

The "Y" is one of the easiest places on the campus for the most timid coed to walk into and enjoy; it is also a grand place to meet other girls and to acquire that familiar high-school feeling of "belonging."

Then, of course, if you're a home eco-

nomics student, you'll want to attend the meetings of the Home Economics Club and get a better understanding of and new slants on your chosen profession. If you belong to the minority of girls who don't write "H. Ec." after their names on registration day, you will go to the Science Women's Club and meet others who have chosen as you have. Both these groups are anxious to have freshman members and will sincerely welcome you to their meetings. You'll be surprised how quickly you can become a real part of their activities.

If you have a yen for journalism, you'll have plenty of opportunity to display your ability on the pages of the *Student*, the *Homemaker*, the *Bomb*, or the *Green Gander*. However, according to rule 06a, you will not be eligible to participate in journalistic activities until winter quarter; then you can walk boldly up to the respective editors and request a job, which, unlike most jobs, there's not much doubt about your getting.

Of course, in the spring our big exposition, Veishea, will require the cooperation of everybody on the campus.

There's one activity you just can't help "going out for."

How to know when these meetings are going on? It's not the purpose of this article to advertise the *Student*, but really that's the best way of finding out what's happening on the campus. Then, often, announcements will be made in your halls and on bulletin boards. Get acquainted with the people on the campus who are active in your chosen activities. You'll find most of them not at all formidable, and they're all eager to help you start doing things you like.

No matter how limited the time you feel you can

put into these outside things, there is not much doubt about your being amply repaid for cultivating interests outside your regular scholastic and social schedule.



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PERHAPS you're musical. If your talent is of the vocal variety, try out for glee club or chapel choir. If, instead, you "play something," you may be just what the band or orchestra is looking for. Try and see.

If you prefer dramatics, the Iowa State Players will be glad to have you help on their committees and thus get a good start in their organization. During winter quarter a play with an all-freshman cast is given for Farm and Home Week visitors. You will want to try out for this.

Then, for the athletically inclined there is always something going on; many girls look to these extra-curricular athletics as furnishing a worthwhile and enjoyable respite from the press of studies. Going out for athletics is a grand way to make fast friends, also.

Church societies offer a profitable and enjoyable form of activity, too. There are friendly young people connected with each church who are always glad to welcome newcomers to their work and festivities.

My mind lets go a thousand things,
Like dates of wars and deaths of kings,
And yet recalls the very hour—
'Twas noon by yonder village tower,
And on the last blue noon in May
The wind came briskly up this way,
Crisping the brook beside the road;
Then, pausing here, set down its load
Of pine-scents, and shook listlessly
Two petals from that wild-rose tree.

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

Some of the newer pans have dark bottoms, which simplify their cleaning.