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Freshmen Are Versatile . . .

By Vera Tiede

At last the day of reckoning has come for the upper classmen! Preps have ceased to be "just Preps," and my advice to those who do not know it is to look about them a bit. Wouldn't you be proud if your mother were one of the first May Queens on the Iowa State campus? We have one girl, a freshman, too, who can boast of just that. Does she do it? She does not!

Mary Lou Donald comes from Promise City, Iowa. Mary Lou's mother, née Osce Jane Wilson, is a very good friend of Dr. Nellie Naylor of the Chemistry Department. She entered school here 28 years ago and was a member of the Mortar Board. Mary Lou has evidently decided that she shall live up to the ideal set by her mother. "I shall be interested in activities later on, but my studies shall come first," she says. In a way hers is a healthy viewpoint for everyone in school to hold.

If any of you should chance to meet a girl on the campus dressed in practical overalls, that will undoubtedly be Alice Churchill. Alice is most unusual, since she is one of the two girls enrolled in electrical engineering. Catherine Peak is the other electrically-minded girl. Both of these girls are preps. Who knows? Perhaps in a few years the Electrical Engineering Department will rival the Home Economics Division as a drawing-card for girls.

Alice has rather a double problem. One hour may find her working in the forge class, while the next she may be toting food at the Alice Freeman Hall. Of this she says, "I like the cooperative dorm very much. There is a nice atmosphere and plenty to eat, but I feel inexperienced in cooking."

Now, you upper classmen, if you are still dubious and aloof, let me tell you about Doris Heron. Doesn't it seem exciting to many of us who consider leaving for school a simple matter of loading the family car to the top and bringing everything from jam to lamps and tables?

Because of time and space, two limitations with which the human race must contend, it was not possible to interview all the girls. But it was fun meeting them.

There was one outstanding similarity in their answers to the question, "Why did you choose Iowa State?" Invariably the reply would include the renown and high standards of the school, coupled with the counsel of alumni.

Dorothy Ann Nordberg, from Evanston, Ill., questioned nurses in Chicago hospitals. They were most unanimous in recommending our own Home Economics Division.

A great number of girls come from Illinois—Martha Packer, Beth Hayes, Ruth Hu-san, Mabel Morrell, and Betty Straight. For those of you who would enjoy hearing about "dude ranches," I would say to see Frances Carpenter from Wyoming.

Minnesota also contributes a nice list: Florence and Mildred Hinicker, Lucille Skog and Joy Forbes. From South Dakota come Elizabeth Robertson and Betty Blanco.

Catherine Warmack comes from St. Louis, Mo., and Betty Bahmeier from California. Betty has relatives in Oklahoma who advised her to come to Iowa State. She's not taking home economics, by the way, but is an industrial science woman. But she, along with several other "scientists," is living in a cooperative dormitory, where she cooks like a "hee."

Most of the preps are under the direction of Miss Katherine Phelps, assisted by several able senior sponsors, in Mary B. Welch West. Here they learn to conform to college rules, keep regular hours and eat things that are good for them.

Most of them like it and have already overcome the first feeling of homesickness.

Doris can tell you things in a much more interesting way than I can, so I shall not attempt too great detail. We shall be a little extra proud to have her, since she transferred from Oberlin College, preferring Iowa State. Even her future sounds interesting, for she plans to touch applied art in the Methodist missions at her home.

With a little further skirmishing about we shall find quite a number of girls from out of the state.

FURST, I suggest acquaintance with Martha Stangl. I shall give you an introduction to her by telling you that she is from Flemington, N. J. Here again, to find a girl who came to Iowa State for purposes other than a good, sound home economics training very nearly left me floundering. Martha said, "I came here because my father makes these," and she pointed to a beautiful green lamp on her study table. She is interested in ceramics, for her father has a pottery factory in Trenton, N. J.

Martha has an uncle, J. E. Van Liew, president of the Des Moines Steel Company, who is an alumna of Iowa State. He, also, was slightly influential in her choice of schools. To make the trip less tedious, Martha came by plane from New York. This seems exciting to many of