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What a Big Difference . . .

By Ruth Cook

MISS FRESHMAN and her 234 counterparts now at Iowa State will never be the same after 4 years of college. Statistics say so. As a senior she'll have entirely different ideas about life. That is what Opal Lynn, home economics graduate, discovered when she made a survey of the differences in the attitudes of girls who were just beginning their college work and those who were soon to finish. The survey was a part of her graduate thesis.

What are these freshman friends of yours like? Have you ever thought about their ideas and attitudes or how they may be changed by college life? Select some typical freshman girl whom you know and see if she doesn't fit these qualifications. They are the ones that Miss Lynn found to be characteristic of freshman girls on the campus last spring.

No one can evolve a beautiful thought on the spur of the moment. So just because you don't hear Miss Freshman going around spouting any of the finer sentiments is no sign that she doesn't have them. Miss Freshman has a much more satisfactory philosophy of life than she had when she was Miss High School Student, Miss Working Girl or Miss Whatever-she-was. Even a few months of college work have helped her to form some definite ideas about life.

College has made her want to be more like the other fellow. It has added social conformity to the list of her desires.

Making friendly contacts with instructors is one part of her college career that Miss Freshman has neglected. She hasn't time, she doesn't think that instructors encourage it and, besides, she doesn't think it is important.

CONTACT is an overworked word among young hopefuls, but contacts are still important in influencing one's attitude toward life. As her friend you have a greater influence on Miss Freshman than anyone else. She will even prefer to follow your example rather than heed the precepts of college chapel speakers. Religious speakers are second in importance. Miss Freshman upsets the old idea that the influence of an instructor's charming personality has a lot to do with student character. She drops them down to third place in influence upon her.

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Just a Few Years Make

Miss Freshman loves a chummy chat off in some corner with her dearest friend. Her girl friend is her closest confidante. Next comes mother, but then you know how it is when you are far from home.

A feeling of her own lack of social grace worries her some. She sometimes feels ill at ease when talking with young men.

That isn't her greatest worry, though. It's studying, plain, homely, old, everyday studying that bothers her more than anything else.

You wouldn't think much of a home economics course that didn't make you itch to improve something at home. Most of all, Miss Freshman would like to see the family group having more good times together. Then, too, she would like to rearrange her home and buy new furniture and improve such things as the family table manners.

MARRIAGE or a career? What magazines haven't discussed this question? Miss Freshman will compromise, if you please. She would like to have a marriage and career together. If you insist on a choice between the two, she'll take marriage.

That is Miss Freshman, 1933 model, but what will she be like in 1937, when she has become Miss Senior? This is the kind of person that Miss Lynn found the senior of Iowa State College to be:

In the first place, Miss Used-to-be-a-Freshman still has a philosophy of life. Not only that, but more of her classmates have acquired philosophies since their freshman days.

She has overcome that desire to be just like everybody else. She now feels that college has increased her desire for individuality.

Miss Senior sees the value of forming friendships with her instructors. She would do it more if she had time and if teachers were a little more encouraging.

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anyone else. Religious speakers are not so important as they were when she was a freshman. Instructors have moved up a notch so far as influence is concerned, and they now hold the position that chapel speakers did when she was a freshman. College has taught her the value of books, for she now ranks books third.

Miss Senior has allowed her church attendance to lapse. She doesn’t attend as regularly as she did when she was Miss Freshman. More of her classmates go to church occasionally, however.

As far as friendships and confidences go, she still feels the same about them as she did when she was a prep. She is not quite so self-conscious. Talking to masculine classmates doesn’t bother her as often as it did.

Balancing the budget has become a problem now. It’s even a bigger worry than studying.

THAT home economics course is going right along changing her taste. She would like to rearrange the pictures at home and even to discard some of them after taking art appreciation. She is still dissatisfied with the furniture and wants to discard some of it and buy new.

Miss Senior is a tiny bit less positive about that marriage and career business.

Oh, she feels even more positive that the combination will work, but in her own particular case—um, that depends. (Perhaps she has met some interesting ‘Ag’ or engineer.)

What do you think of Miss Freshman as she will appear four years from now? Of course, there are senior classes and senior classes. The women who are freshmen now may be entirely different when they graduate from seniors of last year.

Packing Lunches
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atop the school stove. Sixty minutes later, crumbly under butter and salt, they will taste . . . let the children tell you how.

For something fresh your simplest resource is a fruit or plump tomato. The luncheon may use the knife for this. On hot days crisp, chilled slaw or tangy punch may fill the thermos bottles, and pickles or a relish will top off the meal.

With your bill of fare thus far complete, you have probably squeezed in that bit of special goodness, that snack which is going to tempt. Experience will show that in the average lunch a sweet is present by demand. At this point you may leave originality for old, secure traditions, of which each age has its own. For father, apple turnover; for mother, jelly roll; for the very young, cup custards; and for a healthy, hungry person like yourself, filled cookies, nut fudge doughnuts—let instinct be your guide.