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But, Spend It All Wisely

By Marjorie Griffin

Save on food

JUNE brides and college freshmen have a complaint in common—budgets!

To the college freshman it means more than the budgeting of money. Time and energy must also be considered.

During Freshman Days the new students have everything scheduled for them. The days are given to seeing the campus, attending meetings and conferences, meeting new people at social functions, and getting acquainted with college in general. Nights are spent in well-earned sleep—this is one time in her life when the student goes to bed with the first blink of the lights.

After the excitement of the first few days has passed, it is up to the student to plan her own time budget. With the aid of a counselor a time plan is worked out. It's a plan that leaves ample time for play and fun and will pull you through them without adding too many wrinkles to your brow.

A truly beautiful plan so long as it is followed to the letter—a fairly flexible letter, at that. But budgets, like Princess Eugenie hats, grow out of date in a week, and unless one constantly adjusts to the new interests and activities that continually crop up, the freshman's lovely little time plan is soon outmoded.

Yes, something can be done about it. There is usually about one of three things wrong with an out-of-date time schedule—you've found new and interesting things to do since you made out the schedule; you've found by actual experiment that you need a little more time here and there than you thought necessary at first; and other people won't let you follow it.

For the latter—the only remedy is "Don't let 'em." When it's time to study throw everybody out of the room and get to work. Don't let them stay on the promise of quiet—they probably won't keep their promise. If they act hurt and call you a sissy for your action, quote any "all A" student on the campus and invite them to come in later when you've more time. By all means don't give in.

If the doctor diagnoses your time schedule ailment as one falling in the second category, the method of treatment is very simple. Maybe you'll find that the two hours allowed for the study of chemistry don't get you to first base in that subject. The answer is—steal a little time from the study of English that always was easy for you. Only, don't let that English extra time go wasted—of course it's much easier to stretch out and catch a few winks or run in on the girls down the hall—but stick to your knitting.

It's the business of adding new activities to your schedule that really breaks matters up. In most schedules the time from 4 p.m. until dinner is left vacant on the college time plan. The student may fill this blank with whatever recreation she prefers. Two hours a day for outside activities isn't much time, but it'll stretch to cover a few well-chosen ones. Of course, you may spend four hours on extra-curricular fun one day and none the next—but remember to even up the study between days too. Hash sessions and dates shouldn't be left out, of course—but if you look closely you'll see your budget leaves plenty of time for both.

Making the allotted money cover the allotted territory is no small problem for the college student. Women who have belonged to 4-H clubs should have little trouble, for they have probably kept one of the regulation expense accounts entitled "Beat Your Own Record." Since its set-up didn't fit her college needs perfectly, one Iowa State Woman drew up her own little budget on the 4-H plan.

She kept her record in a medium-sized notebook, with each double sheet divided into eight columns. The first column was left for entry of the date and the last two headed "Money from Parents" and "Money Earned." Inbetween columns were headed with all possible expenditures such as clothing, clothing repair, health, amusements, food, church, registration, board, room, transportation and books.

She double-ruled these columns and subdivided them into spaces for the name of the article and price. One column was left for totalling expenditures.

Well-filled wardrobes at the beginning of school make clothing expense negligible until the middle of the year, when it is necessary to replenish and add a piece here and there. An expense account, incidentally, is a good way to check on the durability of your favorite brand of hose.

Repair and laundry call for occasional cash. Since finger-waves and toilet goods are essential to good-grooming, it is well to set aside a certain sum for these each week. Health expenditures should be at a minimum.

School expenses such as board, room, fees and books should all be taken care of in the first few weeks with only small supplies such as paper and pencils carrying over through the year. Transportation may be omitted if you plan to stay here weekends and don't mind tak-

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Money spent for amusement sometimes wrecks the beauty of more than one student's budget. With social functions carefully and inexpensively planned by the Student Social Council, this is unnecessary. If your allowance permits, it is well to lay aside a set sum for especially good screen and theatrical productions both here and in Des Moines. However, the activities fee will take care of all of the average college student's need for amusement.

Food as set up in bakeries and fruit and candy stores is most intriguing. But after their first quarter in school, students thus enticed are often found diligently following a college hospital diet, and this item does not worry them further.

It is a good idea to carry a small purse-size notebook around with one for entering small expenditures at the time they are made. This will save much needless brain-teasing over a missing 15 or 20 cents.

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ence for a wayward prep, for Mary Lib's friendly smile betrays a happy disposition that makes knowing her a sincere pleasure. Her dramatic black eyes and hair and warm complexion, which she sets off with clothes of gay, bright colors, make her one of these people you turn around to look at a second time. Both the Y. W. C. A. and the circulation staff of the Homemaker count her as a right hand man.

Sports Prexy

SINCERE, straightforward, frank—that's Betty Taylor, a tall, curly-haired, athletic person whom you've surely seen around on the campus. Betty is president of W. A. A. and the right one for such a job since skill in athletics is one of her major accomplishments. You don't have to be a Georgia Coleman or a Helen Moody to go out for W. A. A. sports, and even if you can't bat a ball, it's fun trying after classes.

If you want Betty, look for her on the playfield behind the dormitories, in the gym, or down in the swimming pool. And sometimes she's to be found over in the Homemaker office. Everyone considers her an all around good sport.

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