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Make Yours an Imaginative Spread

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SURPRISE your guests with a super-spread. Last minute affairs are fun but even more exciting is a well-planned, original party. Weekend nights see recreation rooms, kitchenettes and bedrooms flooded with feasters. There is a hum of chatter and music and a teasing aroma of tasty foods. A clever hostess can make the occasion as individual as her name, as smoothly run as her mother’s bridge club.

As for any big party, the college girl can plan her spread with consideration for the occasion, theme, expense and work involved. The time may be set when the laundry bag brings a box of cookies. It may be in honor of a guest. Possibly it is the girl’s own five-pound party.

It’s a dull person who can’t find an exciting theme to make her party a success. But it takes a clever girl to pick an idea that is definitely hers in personality. If her name is Johnson and her hero is Leif, she won’t be serving crepe suzettes and grape juice at her party.

A coed who prefers “Union labs” to all others on the campus used the grill for her inspiration. Waitresses in starch foods uniforms took the orders for easily prepared mint brownies (mint cream sandwiched in chocolate nabsco) and coffee. The expense was slight. The food preparation and decoration demanded less than an hour.

The girl who is sent “thresher” cookies from her mother’s country kitchen may work out a party to include tiny straw stacks and pipe cleaner scarecrows.

One hostess learns through investigation that pancakes and baked beans are shown by survey to be the favorites in a well known cafeteria. She uses an approved recipe for chocolate pancakes and serves the college girls’ favorite drink, milk.

She may vary the recipe and mix canned blueberries into the batter and serve with coffee.

Girls whose grandfathers came from Europe can capitalize on their ancestry. Several varieties of tea, crackers (next best to crumpets) and marmalade make a spread as British as the dropping of an “h”.

An assortment of relishes and canapes added, and the Swedish girl’s spread turns into a smorgasbord. A western girl may borrow her theme from the Indians and offer baked beans, which were served in the wig-wam three centuries before they were in Boston.

Perhaps one’s choice amusement dominates her personality. The circus, with pink lemonade, popcorn balls and animal crackers, may suggest a spread. If there is to be an announcement, the two names might be hiding within balloons, waiting for discovery.

Remember heavy schedules and tired feet when planning a spread. Here is where common sense dominates. Pick recipes simple enough to insure success. Perk up the menu with failure-proof accessories—hot canned tomato juice or apple sauce.

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For sure success, have a party well organized and distinctive says Pat Garberson