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Members of the YWCA gather in the lounge to discuss plans for the next meeting of their interest group

YWCA On Review

AS ONE of the two activities in which first quarter freshman women may participate, the YWCA fulfills an important need. Through the Freshman "Y" program new students make valuable acquaintances and learn to fit into campus life. During fall quarter the group is guided by a sophomore cabinet which shows new members how to carry on the traditions of the group and helps them make the adjustments with which they are confronted.

From this introductory group, those who are interested continue on in the more specialized "Y" for upper-class women. With its membership of more than 600, the organization finds it most successful to have meetings of the entire group only for important events. Consequently it is divided into ten individual interest groups which carry out the program.

The various interest groups pool their talents several times each year for larger events. The best known of these, Religious Emphasis Week, sets aside a week early in January in which Iowa State students have the opportunity to hear a series of talks by one of the country's outstanding religious speakers. Thanksgiving Day is now observed on the campus with a special Thanksgiving Service which is supported by the YWCA.

The international caravan, a relatively recent addition to the interest groups, helps promote a better understanding of our European, South American and Asiatic neighbors by discussing their ways of life. Whenever possible students from the country which is being discussed are invited to present a first hand account of the people and customs of their home lands.

The social committee is responsible for arrangements concerning teas, picnics, firesides and joint meetings with the YMCA. The publicity group informs members of the organization and others on the campus of the YWCA activities through newspaper articles and posters.

—Frances Kerekes