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Fun, friends and new interests reward those who join campus activities, says Shirliann Fortman

Activities are a treasure chest for you, Freshman Miss with big ideas! Though you’re new to Iowa State and mighty busy, the lid of this chest is gradually opened to reveal riches of opportunities, friends and good times. Each year the bounty increases.

Adapting one’s self to college life and study is a weighty combination. So activities must be limited. From a wealth of selection a special committee chose which of numerous activities offered you, as a new coed, would find easily within your range.

From the realm emerged Glee Club, Home Economics Club and YWCA. Each is distinctive. Each offers real opportunities towards climbing the “big wheel” ladder. Each boasts a host of interests and friendly members.

Early in October the Glee Club enrolls new members. Then, too, the “live Y-ers” and the Home Economics Club swing into an all-absorbing membership drive.

Any girl who likes to sing can try out for the Women’s Glee Club. If accepted, she may even use her year’s activities to gain three credit hours. The Glee Club is noted for consistently fine performances, both alone and when singing with other groups.

“I joined the Home Economics Club as a freshman,” states Jeanne Moore, its present president. “During that year I really became interested in the organization through its meetings. So just before Christmas I applied for a position in the Freshman Home Economics Club. I was fortunate in being nominated and elected secretary.

“As an officer my interests widened even more. Because I was on the council, I helped plan the club’s meetings. Each step I took in the Home Economics Club heightened my enthusiasm for it.

“For freshmen I discovered it was a common meeting ground. We not only learned of the goals and activities in our chosen field but enjoyed meeting the faculty outside the classrooms. Personally, I met many new friends and just began to realize the importance of being a home economist.”

From this typical introduction to the Home Economics Club as a freshman, Miss Moore has assumed its leadership as she enters her senior year.

Such opportunities lie before any of you home economics freshmen with initiative, enthusiasm and interest. When your choice of activities is limited, your concentration upon your choice can be more intense. You may seek innumerable pots of gold in one field.

“You can’t be on campus long before you hear of the ‘live Y-ers,'” Beverly George, YWCA president affirms. “Through them and other Y girls, I became interested in this group very shortly after arriving at ISC.

“When a girl first comes into the Y, nothing is forced upon her. I liked that. So I just looked around a while, then decided the International Caravan was the group I wanted to join. Some of my friends joined the crafts group, others the music group and still more joined the religious discussion club or went into another phase of the organization.

“During my sophomore year I began to lead the singing of Y girls, and gradually my interests centered there. That year I was appointed music chairman. In addition to that office, I enjoyed being a member of the YW sextet last year. That was really fun in harmony.

“What the YWCA offers a freshman is limited to all the good things on campus,” Miss George emphasizes. “You get to know the leaders on campus in various fields. One also realizes there are many good times to be had in things to which you had never given a second thought previously. However, I believe the greatest benefit a girl gains from active membership in the YWCA is a broader outlook on religious life. In the world today this is a prime requisite.”

Both the Home Economics Club and the YWCA have their own freshman clubs. Freshmen elect all their own officers in these clubs and completely manage the activities. The Iowa Stater who begins her college life with interest in these organizations will find her list of interests and activities broadening as she goes on.

As you progress in college the lid of the treasure chest is opened wider. Opportunities in dramatics, radio, journalism, departmental clubs, sports and many others lie before you.

Individual churches also have their young people’s groups. Membership is handled through the group itself and is opened to any student of the denomination on campus. Here, too, is the chance to begin now to build a college life full of variable interests. In your individual church groups, you find a satisfaction difficult to obtain elsewhere.

If you partake in activities, your college days are bound to be happy and full.