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THE exchange notice has just been posted. Are you one of the enthusiastic persons who signs up or do you just hang back and leave this exchange business to someone else? An exchange can be just what you’ve been needing. The ratio of women to men at Iowa State is common talk. But you haven’t heard much chatter on how to meet all these desirable men, have you? Exchanges offer the opportunity outside the classroom and the blind-date categories.

You can enjoy exchanges. You might not meet Perry Como’s stand-in or Cary Grant’s younger brother. But you can polish up your dance steps while meeting new friends. You can’t begin to count the number of fellows you’ll be speaking to on campus after a few exchanges. You’ll be dating exchange acquaintances, too. Yes, you will, once you begin taking exchanges in your stride and having fun.

If it’s troubling you what to wear to Friday night exchanges or Saturday afternoon tea dances, relax, it’s simple. One of your dressy suits, a dress or an attractive blouse and skirt combination is all that’s needed. Don’t forget hose and heels. If you feel too tall in heels, wear low-heeled shoes and hose.

Once you get to the exchange, the next point is—what to do. That’s easy, too. If it’s at the men’s
house, let them take over. They're expecting you and will treat you royally, rest assured. However, if the dancing is to be at your dormitory or house, you are hostess. Meet the men at the door smiling. That's most important.

Remembering names is an exchange problem. There's no definite formula to guarantee success. But if you make a point to remember your partner's first name when you're introduced, he won't mind repeating the last name when you're handling introductions.

Exchanges are a great opportunity for you. They are just what you need to brush up on social pointers, practice dancing or maybe meet the big moment in your life.

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