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Dad’s bank account may need a little boost from you while you’re attending classes at Iowa State. Part-time work is one solution when you really need financial help. Or perhaps you are going to work for the experience. Whatever your reasons, remember that outside activities take time away from studying. You’ll have to learn to utilize every spare moment.

Margaret Boyer, institution management graduate, worked as a waitress in one of the local restaurants. Besides her hourly wage and tips, she received her meals free during working hours. Although 25 hours on the job each week didn’t leave her any time for activities, she feels that the good study habits and punctuality she learned more than compensated for not being able to attend club meetings and special events. Margaret came in contact with many students and faculty through her work and has gained poise in meeting people. She feels that she appreciates college life more because she helped pay for it.

Nancy Johnson, education junior, is working in the history department to gain experience in grading papers. First year workers are paid by the hour, but are placed on a salary basis the second year. Nancy keeps up her many activities and a well-above-average grade point while spending 7 hours a week at work. She doesn’t advise you to accept employment during your first year in school unless it is absolutely necessary. "Wait a while and see what you can do with your studies before trying to work," she suggests.

Budget Time

Shirley Norman, technical journalism senior, agrees with Nancy about waiting for those first grades and suggests that you get employment that correlates with your major or minor. She has strengthened her interest in foods work by acting as dining-room hostess in Freeman Hall for the past 3 years. Shirley is used to budgeting her time and squeezes 21 hours a week into her schedule without too much conflict of interests. She also eats her meals during that time.

"Best job on campus," say both Colleen Jenkins, experimental cookery senior and Jeanne Sorauf, textile chemistry senior. They enthusiastically refer to their work in the dormitory dining rooms. Jeanne is a waitress in Elm Hall. Colleen sets tables about 18 hours a week, and although it subtracts from her study time, she likes the off-hours of 4 to 6 o'clock because she can eat during the regular hours. Both women feel that another advantage of dormitory work is that you eat your meals there. In some places you are paid cash and may be tempted to skip meals for that dream dress.

Ruth Ann Behnke, technical journalism sophomore, is behind the loan desk in the library about 10 hours a week. Her job and schoolwork don’t leave much time for activities but she feels that she is gaining valuable experience while doing work that is pleasant.

Working students will welcome the new wage scale that went into effect July 1. Under this revised scale, workers are classed as professional and technical, clerical, skilled, semi-skilled or unskilled. These are further subdivided into advanced workers – thorough experience, intermediate workers – some experience, and beginners. For example, listed under Class C of clerical workers are library employees. Their listings and wage scales are: book pages, 55 to 65 cents per hour; junior library assistant, 55 to 65 cents per hour; messenger, 55 to 70 cents per hour; book marker, 60 to 75 cents per hour; shelve, 60 to 80 cents per hour; and senior library assistant, 70 to 80 cents per hour.

Accurate Listing

Another important study has resulted in accurate listing of the type and amount of work involved in each job. For instance, "shelver," refers to the person who will shelve books in the stacks and in the storage building, keep the books in both places in good order and perform duties as assigned by the loan desk staff. If you intend to work, investigate the various jobs and their educational opportunities as well as their salaries. The College Employment Service has placed many women in positions on the campus and can help you find similar work.

Serving frosted malts in the Union provides an opportunity for you to talk with others and make friends besides adding to your extra income.