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Your Dream Man

by Margret Wallace

A MAN AT Iowa State can be 6 feet 4 inches or 5 feet 7—he may be blonde or brunette—farmer or engineer—but if he has plenty of plus personality he's in with the women.

This was the unanimous reply of 130 Iowa State women to the question, "which would you prefer in your dream men, outstandingly good looks but little personality, or average looks and more personality?" As a matter of fact, it was the only question on which all agreed when The Iowa Homemaker decided to find out just exactly what Iowa State women want as future husbands. In other words, their dream men.

As far as appearance is concerned, the details are immaterial, many said, but because they were asked—the man who is 6 feet or over is definitely at the top of the wanted list. To match the 6 feet, a majority of the women want their husbands to weigh between 170 and 200 pounds. Almost as many, however, would be content with a thinner variety—140 to 170 pounds.

The brown haired man is slightly favored over a blonde. Men with black hair aren't quite as much in demand and only five women preferred red hair. Perhaps they were afraid of the proverbial temper involved. In fact, when asked, two thirds of the women said they dislike a quick temper. Butches are definitely not favored by the women. According to the poll, twice as many prefer curly hair.

As for eyes, brown was voted the favorite color. They named blue next, then grey and, decidedly at the last, black.

They don't care too much whether or not he's the life of the party or has a subtle sense of humor but he definitely must be between the extremes of shy and forward.

They would like their husbands to be mildly critical but they don't want to be treated as subordinates. He must consider her his equal and share family responsibilities with her.

We want the casual type, the kind who prefers sport clothes, when he can get by with them, they said. He should be neat, though, at all times. His grades should be higher than ours, but as far as activities are concerned, they said, he doesn't have to be a campus wheel to stay in our good graces.

The old adage, "Silence is golden" bears weight too. The silent type has a distinct advantage over the constant talker with these women.

He must like to camp, hunt or fish and if he doesn't like sports, he's near the bottom of the list. He need not play a musical instrument but he must enjoy music, both popular and classical. He should read broadly, both light and serious books and have an interest in world affairs.

We'll be better satisfied if his religious views are the same as ours, a majority of them said, but he doesn't need to be a fanatic—only moderately interested.

For recreation he should like dancing—not necessarily jitterbugging—movies and bridge. He should be easily entertained, preferring to sit and talk rather than always on the go. He can count on being able to argue politics often because, according to the survey his political views don't have to be the same as hers.

He should be essentially a realist but he must nevertheless, be on the romantic side, they emphatically stated. His family background is important, but not so important as the way he gets along with her family.

It doesn't matter what his occupation is. He may be anything from a doctor to a flyer, although doctors, farmers and executive managers were frequently mentioned. He ought to have an income of more than 4800 dollars a year, nearly half of them said. The other half, not counting 17 who said they'd take even less, would be content with an income between 3600 and 4700.

Iowa State women apparently want a family man because they're looking for a husband who'll be happiest with three or four children, or even a few

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friendliness and all the warmth a woman has to give. You just can’t coast on the job!

And there are so many good things, too. For a girl with vitality and knowledge, and a real love for people, the scale tips way over. The surroundings are unusually pleasant. Freedom from routine means a lot. Working at top capacity with people of the community and at a job you are interested in means more. The biggest thrill, however, is being able to see the results in better informed folks, better fed families, in more convenient homes, in happier communities and in the growth of farm folks themselves to take their rightful places among the citizenry of the country.

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more. He should want to live in a house rather than an apartment and in a city about the size of Ames.

He’d better keep away from cigars and flirtations with other women if he wants the approval of more than half of these members of the fairer sex. The others said they could overlook such habits.

But for the benefit of any male readers who’ve decided they just can’t meet these qualifications, remember the women said personality counts first. And just to speculate a bit, it is probably a good guess to say that if the poll had been reversed, the men might have said they’re looking for personality more than looks in their future wives, too.

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