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HAVING a hard time making that budget balance? Chances are that just a few extra dollars are all that you need to make both ends meet. If your biggest problem is finding those extra dollars, a part-time job is the perfect solution.

Janet Green, H. Ec. So., is one of many girls who earn their pin money at Memorial Union. Janet's job as waitress gave her the experience she needed to find a resort job last summer. She is especially happy with her work for she believes that the ability to serve and meet many different kinds of people will be an asset to her in any job.

Working part-time need not interfere with fun, studying or activities. It can help supplement your college education as well as finance it.

A student who has found that working part-time can give her special preparation for her career is Carroll Carlson, a junior majoring in institution management. Carroll assists the second cook at the college hospital. Working 2½ hours a day for her board, she helps with the preparation of salads, desserts, fruit juices and cold foods. Her job enables her to supplement her education with practical experience in her major field. She has worked with several special diets ranging from liquid and diabetic to fat-free and ulcer, thus getting plenty of lab experience in diet therapy. Carroll maintains a B average and still finds time to participate in many college activities.

Work as Hostess

College women can find jobs setting tables or acting as hostesses in the women’s dormitories, too. Marjorie Sickles, H. Ec. So., manages to work 21 hours a week in among her activities acting as dining room hostess in Lyon Hall. As hostess Marge takes care of the books, sees that service is good and helps the head waiter keep the other waiters on their toes. Marge is secretary of Wesley Foundation, music chairman of the YWCA, a member of Iowa State Singers, Home Economics Club and Archery Club. Next year she will add the presidency of Welch Hall to her list of activities.

Jobs that don't require as much time as Marge’s does can also be found with a little scouting in Home Economics Hall. Pat Murray, H. Ec. Jr., waits on tables in the Institution Management Tearoom one hour a day. She finds this job pleasant work and not at all tiring.

If you have a flair for office work just look around you and you’ll see plenty of opportunities for a spare time job.

Many women find themselves behind the desk in various dormitory offices. This is a job at which you can work as few or as many hours a week as you want. By watching the want ads in the paper you might discover possibilities to earn a few extra dollars typing. Offices of the Home Economics Division hire college women to do part-time work, too.

Jean Jones, H. Ec. Jr., spends from 12 to 15 hours a week at the College Testing Bureau. She scores test and computes percentiles and profiles for the Vocational Guidance Program. When her part-time work is over for the day Jean still finds time to act as chairman of the college Red Cross Executive Board, serve on dance committees and act as Panhellenic representative for her sorority. She is also a member of Delta Phi Delta, art honorary.

Experience in TV

Betty Zmolek, H. Ec. So., has a real part in helping television grow at Iowa State. She works in the TV office of WOI 18 hours a week. Betty has been in on the groundwork for Iowa State’s TV station. She helped set up the records when she began her job in February. Now Betty checks incoming and outgoing films and occasionally helps in planning the programs. She also carries on the correspondence with companies which handle TV films.

Eloise Drake, H. Ec. Fr., claims that she would probably just waste the 8 hours a week she spends doing inventory typing for Radio Station WOI if she weren't working. With careful budgeting there can be enough time for everything.

For farm women with strong right arms there might be work at the agriculture barns. Norma Strong, Ag. So., fit this job in with her animal husbandry major when she was a freshman. She says the work was heavy but fun. Cattle and horses had to be rounded up, marked and cleaned for classes. Norma says that next to the sheep and hogs, horses were easiest to handle.

Working for room and board is one way to finance a college education. Theresa Kelleher, Ag. So., is doing just that and finding time for activities, too. Theresa does light housework and works at mealtime to total 27 to 30 hours of work a week. Evidence that her work doesn't interfere too much with studying can be found in her 3.5 grade point.

While you're scouting around digging up job possibilities don't forget the library as a place for future employment. Being a "book chaser," as Joan Pletcher, S. Jr., terms her job as librarian, is a good way to see how the most frequented building on campus is run.