Here's to Your Job!

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Summer is a fleeting passage of time. Whether you crave the special atmosphere to be found only in a resort area where hundreds of college students work together as bellhops, waitresses or clerks— or whether you would like a peek into the world of business holding your first position in your chosen field, now's the time to get your summer job!

What shall I do this summer? Sound familiar?
The summer job-hunting season has arrived, so apply now if that extra special job is to be yours. "First come, first served," means you get the highest paying job, too.

When you interview for a professional position after graduation, the practical experience you have had in your major field will put you a jump ahead of your competition. A preview of your career lets you see its many aspects, and at the same time earns for you an invaluable professional reference.

Where Shall I Start?
First, decide definitely in what field you want to work. Try a summer job connected with your major as these women did: If it's Textiles and Clothing, a job on the college board of a department store may be your goal. Jerita Douglas, H. Ec. Sr., held such a job in Minneapolis last summer. She wore the latest in college styles while on the job, sold clothing and offered tips to freshmen on the proper dress for college students.

You Child Development majors might find a wealth of experience waiting in recreational playground or summer camp work. Interested? Check Cerebral Palsy Centers in such places as Kansas City, Missouri, for a real challenge to your abilities.

Exciting and colorful New York was the summer laboratory for Mary Lamson, General Home Economics senior, who worked last year in the YWCA- YMCA Seminar College Summer Service group. Her work as a day camp counselor amounted to 8 hours a day—salary, $300.

Institution Management your major? Howard Johnson's summer training program for college students explores the realm of restaurant work from waitress to hostess. Or consider the job of Jo Marie Walsh, Institution Management junior, who earned $40 per week last summer working in a factory cafeteria in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

And don't forget the old West and its fascinating Dude Ranches. College help is their biggest source of employment. Shirley Patterson, Home Economics education senior, worked at a ranch near Cody, Wyoming, preparing meals for 8 to 23 people every day. The 3-month job involved 12 hours each day and paid wages of $125 per month including laundry, room, board and entertainment.
YOUR JOB!

What Next?

Act now! Choose one or a combination of the following three possible alternatives: (1) Visit the Home Economics Placement Office, Room 120, Home Economics Hall. (2) Send letter of application. (3) Arrange for personal interviews.

Mrs. Irene Buchanan in the Home Economics Placement Office handles requests from employers all over the country. In her files are records of jobs held in previous years by students and their comments—good or bad—on these positions. If you have no luck here, check other employment bureaus such as: The Camp Counselor Referal Bureau, Chicago Camping Association, c/o Mandel Brothers, One North State Street, Chicago 2, Illinois. For secretarial jobs—Russell Kelly Office Service, Detroit, 619 Free Press Building, Detroit, Michigan.

Think Before You Leap

1. Do you want a high salary? Summer resorts often prove a gamble if the weather is not cooperative. Usually in resort set-ups, waitresses are hired on a small salary plus tips basis. It has been possible for college women to save in the neighborhood of $400 during a summer waitress job.

2. Will the work last all summer? Many jobs start the day after Memorial Day and continue until Labor Day. Summer recreation jobs in home towns may run for a period of six or eight weeks. If you can work the full length of the season, this is a terrific talking point in your favor—use it in your application.

3. Will the summer of work cost you anything? Living expenses may prove to be higher than wages. Board and room paid by your employer would solve this problem. Camps or resorts sometimes pay transportation expenses to and from the place of work, so check that contract.

4. Then, you can think to yourself, “Am I going to make the most of my job? If I do sign the contract, will I carry out my promises?” Employers assume that contracts will be kept.