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## Need Money and Work Experience?

# A PART-TIME JOB

## May Be Your Answer

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**C**AN YOU MANAGE to work 6 to 20 hours a week in a part time job? You can, say Iowa State officials and working students, by decreasing either the amount of classes each quarter, activities or wasted time.

The college administration discourages working during the first quarter at college. Because of the extra load, students who must earn a large share of their expenses are advised to carry less than the normal 16 credits.

Many coeds have found that with careful time management, the choice of the right kind of job and the selection of a balanced schedule, they may work, study and participate in campus life.

Cathy Watson, Mortar Board member, has proven that activities and high scholarship need not be sacrificed if time is carefully managed. Since her freshman year, Cathy has worked in the dormitory food service making salads and setting tables. "When a girl works and enters activities," Cathy said, "it is necessary to select only those activities which are most important to her. She must learn to say 'no' to others. When time is limited, activities may easily serve a double purpose. Meetings at the Union or coke dates provide relaxation combined with accomplishment."

### Free Time First To Go

Elimination of some non-essential pleasures also saves time. "Let's face it," said one working student, "jobs do take time and some concessions must be made." Free time is the first to go—followed by time to attend interesting lectures and forums. Bridge and "unionizing" were mentioned high on the list of discards, along with some loss of sleep before tests.

Working girls agree that the kind of job makes a difference. Most of the campus jobs are flexible, allowing the student to adjust working hours to her class schedule.

Any job that requires hours around mealtimes is ideal since these are often the "wasted hours." Using noon and some evening hours, Dee Wagner, child development senior, found she could work at the Oak

Room, Memorial Union, while carrying 17 hours a quarter, dating, participating in church and YWCA activities and serving as vice-president of her dormitory. "It was a rush sometimes," admits Dee. "I found myself becoming very time conscious, hating to waste a minute."

### Some Hours Easier To Work

Jill Anderson, mathematics junior, is scheduled to work 7 hours a week as research technician in the atomic research department. She said that she chooses to work from four to six in the afternoon and on Saturdays because it is easier to work these hours than to study.

Classes should be carefully planned by the working student. A balanced schedule of laboratories and study courses is helpful. Often a laboratory class, such as clothing construction or applied art, can be a relaxing break from the grind over books. It may be necessary to take a lighter schedule, conclude working girls, in order to maintain the high grade point which is so helpful in obtaining scholarships.

Girls find their work to be a stimulating and learning experience. Many journalism majors learn while working on the Iowa State *Daily* staff. Donna Schneider, technical journalism junior, earns \$40 a month as production manager of the *Daily*. Girls also said they felt more independent because they were helping with expenses. All agreed they met many new friends through their work.

### Variety of Jobs

There are a variety of jobs offered to Iowa State students. Dormitory women may work as dining room hostesses, salad girls or table setters. These jobs pay the complete board bill of \$130 a quarter. Each dormitory also needs receptionists to buzz for dates and answer the telephone. This job pays 35 cents an hour and provides a place to study while working. The college library, Memorial Union, local merchants and the book stores also hire college girls.

Students from Ames have many opportunities be-

cause they may continue working during vacations. Martha Parrish, home economics sophomore, has worked for Mid-West Travel Agency in Ames since her high school days. She helps plan European tours for Ames and college residents and maps out interview trips for senior students. "Often, you find a part time job which trains for possible future work," she said.

Babysitting is another way of earning a little extra money without being tied down to regular hours. It is profitable and can provide quiet study hours after the children are in bed. The YWCA sponsors a babysitting service for students and parents.

To assist students in securing part time jobs, the college maintains a student employment office in Room 101, Building H. Most of the jobs for students pay 90 cents to \$1 an hour. With careful planning and elimination of wasted hours, you can work while attending college.

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