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Seniors Tell Edith Fezler
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A NO THER class of seniors—the class of 1934—is hurrying about doing last minute things before graduation from Iowa State College. Senior students, because they are about to leave behind the campus environment, classes, contacts and social life, become more and more conscious of what college has meant to them. Interviews with senior women on "What did you get out of college?" have shown what a variety of benefits students get from college.

Friendships, fun, practical knowledge, and the feeling of adequate training obtained at Iowa State College have been the high spots for Virginia Gurberson, whose home is at Sibley, Virginia, who was one of the 1932 Bomb beauties and for two years was president of her sorority, took work in technical journalism and home economics.

Ethel Walker, who comes from Des Moines and is a child development major, feels that the contacts she has made with people and the practical experiences she has gained in nursery school have been most valuable. She was one of the Iowa State child development students who studied at Merrill Palmer School, Detroit, Mich., for a quarter. Next year Ethel plans to go to Columbia University, New York City, where she will work toward her master's degree in child development.

Associations here with the faculty and students have meant most to Regina Kildee of Ames, Regina, who is enrolled in the Industrial Science Division, is, among other things, president of Mortar Board, honorary for senior women. No one group of associates, no one activity can be singled out as being the most worth while, she feels, but all have been of value. "Of course," she says, "I have received a lot of knowledge in my classes." Having to become adjusted to a new environment has been particularly valuable to Harriet Anderson, president of

Mary R. Welch, West, dormitory for freshmen women. Harriet, who comes from Avon, N. Y., also values the contacts with counselors and instructors. She feels that the laboratories which Iowa State provides for practical work are outstanding. "As an institution management major, I think the practical equipment in the department, particularly the Home Economics Tea Room, is better than that in any other middle western college. A large amount of practical work is made possible by special problems such as working at the Memorial Union and training in home management," she says. This summer Harriet has a job in a cafeteria at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y.

A BROADER viewpoint because of wider contacts has been one of the outstanding results of my four years of college," says Virginia Turner of Gideon, Mo., who transferred to Iowa State from Lindenwood Girls' School, St. Charles, Mo. Virginia, who has done her major work in dietetics, has her dietetics appointment beginning this June at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. At the same time she will work toward her master's degree at Columbia University.

Flossie Williams, the 1933 Campus Student Chief, whose home is at Villisca, feels that college has given her a far better sense of values and has taught her not only knowledge but the means of acquiring more knowledge. "It has opened up some very exciting sides of life that I would have missed otherwise," she says. Next fall Flossie will be continuing her art training at the New York University School of Retailing.

To Ella Brooks of Whiting, friends have been the most important part of college life. "By this I mean," she says, "not only girl friends, but friends on the faculty with whom I have worked in outside activities. By working on committees and being active in various campus groups, I have learned to know a large group of instructors and students. Most of the students here come from comparatively small communities and their viewpoint is broadened by comparing ideas. Because outside activities are chosen according to individual interests, I think a student receives the most lasting benefits from them. In high school there were some opportunities for leadership, but in college the opportunities are increased and varied." Ella, who has been this year's president of Omicron Nu, home economics scholastic honorary, says that her most outstanding memory of her college career will be the opportunity she had of planning for and entertaining Isabel Bevier, outstanding home economist, when Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron brought her to the campus this year.

The Applied Art Department at Iowa State is very good and the work worthwhile. So believes Ruth Pratt, who has studied textiles and art here and has applied for a fellowship at the New York
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School of Retailing and at Bryn Mawr.

"It seems," says Ruth, "that at this time it is particularly useful for people to have taken art work in which they learn to use their hands and to make things for themselves. Iowa State offers such training. In the crafts laboratory the girls do leather tooling on book bindings and pocket books, and cut and hammer out rings and bracelats, weave seats for foot stools and carve boxes of various sizes. In another class the girls learn to do block printing and some lovely block printed luncheon cloths and matching napkins have been made. Free-hand drawing is also taught. Needless to repeat, I think that the art training at Iowa State is very valuable."

Sally Jones, major in dietetics and education, has found that the experience gained from living in one of the cooperative dormitories has a great deal of practical value for anyone interested in foods work or group living.

"During my first 2 years at Iowa State, I did Y. W. C. A. work," Sally says, "and I have found it has a close relationship to education." Although she has received her dietetics appointment for next year, Sally is undecided whether she will enter the dietetics or education field.

KATHRYN SOTH, retiring editor of the Iowa Homemaker, feels that the changed point of view about everything and the development of one's own philosophy of life are the most important results of college life. "You get a new idea of the ideal home, how to dress correctly, and how to live better in every way," Kathryn says.

Pauline Lanz, whose home is at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada, feels that she has received a desirable educational background at Iowa State College. She says that she has enjoyed being here, meeting new people and changing her ideas because of the different environment and the new contacts. Having had the experience of living in both dormitory and sorority house, she feels that she has had an opportunity to see both sides of the campus social life.

This year Pauline has been president of Women's Athletic Association and besides enjoying her work in the Physical Education Department she says she has learned to see more than the play side of physical education. Experiences in working on committees, having charge of various projects, being in plays, and participating in other extra-curricular activities have given her much personal satisfaction as well as valuable training.

Iowa State is the only college that gives a major in the department of household equipment.