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Dean Genevieve Fisher, of the Home Economics Division, is coordinator of the eight home economics departments and the Department of Physical Education for Women.

An ardent traveler, Dean Fisher is often called upon to tell of her experiences in other lands. She has visited schools and colleges in Europe, has traveled throughout the United States, Guatemala, Russia, Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, and this last summer her vacation took her to Colorado, Yellowstone Park and the Black Hills.

Dean Fisher received her bachelor of science degree from Columbia University in 1914 and her master of arts degree in 1927 from the same institution. From 1914 to 1919 she served on the staff of the Home Economics Education Department at Iowa State.

From 1919 to 1922 she was special agent for the Home Economics Federation Board for Vocational Education at Washington, D. C. She taught at the Carnegie Institute of Technology from 1922 to 1927, when she returned to Iowa State as dean.

Dean Fisher is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, Omicron Nu, Phi Upsilon Omicron and Sigma Delta Upsilon. She was national president of Omicron Nu from 1924 to 1926. She is listed in American Women.

Miss Florence Fallgatter, head of the Home Economics Education Department, is widely known in the education for homemaking and family life movement. A born organizer, Miss Fallgatter is serving as chairman of the Ellen H. Richards scholarship award committee for the American Home Economics Association, chairman of the state program committee for the Iowa Home Economics Association and vice president of the American Vocations Association, representing home economics.

A cabin in Canada is her chief hobby. Each year at the close of school, she happily heads for her cool retreat. Miss Fallgatter came here from Washington, D. C., where she was chief of the Home Economics Education Service of the United States Office of Education for four years.

She received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota in 1917 and a master’s degree from Columbia University in 1927. Miss Fallgatter was a member of the Home Economics Education staff of the University of Minnesota, acting head of the Home Economics Department of Montana State College and regional agent for Home Economics Education before assuming duties with the United States government.

She studied at the University of Chicago last spring. Miss Fallgatter is a member of Phi Mu, Phi Upsilon Omicron, of which she has served as secretary-treasurer and president. She is an honorary member of Omicron Nu.

Miss Fern Gleiser, head of the Institution Management Department, attempts to know strong and weak points of each of her students in order that they may enter the phase of work for which they are best fitted.

Miss Gleiser received her bachelor of science degree at the University of Washington in institution management. She was a member of the staff at Oregon State College until she went into the Institution Management Department of Columbia University where she was on the staff for two years. She then accepted a position as head of the Institution Management Department at Drexel Institute. In 1931 she came to Iowa State as professor and head of her department.

Miss Gleiser is a flying enthusiast and whenever possible uses airplanes instead of trains as a means of transportation; she enjoys travel books. She is interested in the application of art, color and flavor in developing new dishes suitable for the commercial tea-room or restaurant. She is a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron and Omicron Nu.

Miss Joanne M. Hansen, head of the Applied Art Department, drew up the first plans with the architects of the Home Economics Building. She designed the doorways, ceiling and fireplace in MacKay Auditorium and other details of the building. Miss Hansen attended the New York School of Fine and Applied Art, the Art Students’ League of New York and Pratt Institute.

She received a bachelor of arts degree from Iowa State Teachers College in 1917 and a master of arts degree from Columbia University in 1924. She was awarded the certificate of supervisor of art from Columbia. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, Delta Phi Delta and Omicron Nu.

Miss Hansen’s paintings have received a number of awards and have been exhibited in Paris, London and in the principal cities of the United States. Miss Hansen, who was born in Denmark, collects antique furniture and writes poetry. She has traveled and studied abroad many times.
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Her name is listed in American College Presidents and Professors, Leading Women of America, Career Women, Women of the Nation, American Women, Iowa Artists of the First 100 Years and International Blue Book.

DR. P. MABEL NELSON, head of the Foods and Nutrition Department, not only keeps up-to-date in food developments, but also checks old stories of foods by means of a collection of old cookbooks.

Dr. Nelson received a bachelor of science degree from the University of California in 1915, a master of arts degree in 1916 and a doctor of philosophy degree from Yale University in 1923. A staunch advocate of interesting vacations that take one "away from work, friends and relatives," is Dr. Nelson, who has spent vacations in Mexico, Alaska, Guatemala, the Canadian Rockies, Europe and just this last summer the Caribbean. But even while on vacation Dr. Nelson keeps in touch with her profession, visiting schools and colleges in other countries.

Her interest in people is portrayed by the enthusiasm with which she prepares her students for their work. She makes a hobby of knowing dietitians and other prospective employers of Iowa State graduates so that students may be placed in accordance with their personalities. Dr. Nelson has worked closely with many foreign students.

Dr. Nelson is coordinator of a five-year project to measure the nutritional status of college women. Seven colleges and universities are cooperating. Besides her work as a department head, Dr. Nelson has done research in nutrition and published many papers.

She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Nu, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Delta Epsilon, Iota Sigma Pi and an honorary member of Omicron Nu, Mortar Board and Phi Upsilon Omicron. She is listed in American Men of Science, a directory of outstanding persons engaged in science in North America.

DR. PAULENA NICKELL, head of the Home Management Department, is a member of the home economics faculty whom every student learns to know before graduation. Under her supervision each home economics student lives for half a quarter in one of the five home management houses at Iowa State.

Dr. Nickell is known among senior women as one whose hobby is helping students and having them enjoy her home. She planned and built her Cape Cod house which she calls her "personal laboratory in home management." This she shares generously; visitors in her home enjoy her collection of unusual art objects and her old family furniture.

Dr. Nickell received her bachelor of science degree in home economics from the University of Minnesota in 1923, her master of arts degree from Columbia in 1927 and her doctor of philosophy degree in agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota in 1932.

She taught at the University of Minnesota and the University of Illinois before coming to Iowa State. She is a member of Omicron Nu, Phi Upsilon Omicron and Pi Lambda Theta.

DR. LOUISE J. PEET, head of the Household Equipment Department, is close to students' problems for she has a son attending Iowa State. Mrs. Peet has had a varied career as a teacher of chemistry, mathematics, experimental cookery and finally as head of the Household Equipment Department.

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If you’ve had a secret longing to keep your own bulletin board you can make one similar to one made by Mary Sue Lytle, H.Ec.Sr. She removed the glass from an old picture frame and covered several pieces of cardboard the size of the glass with heavy cloth in a neutral color. This was fitted into the frame as tightly as possible and nailed down with framing nails. Bulletin board tacks in gay colors now hold down favorite pictures.

A corking good idea offered by Joan Winder, H. Ec. Jr., for sprucing up last year’s dress is trimming made of sheet cork that can be bought in any gift shop. The cork can be conveniently cut into shapes from which belts and buttons are made.

The belt is made by stringing the cork pieces on two leather cords, one through the top and one through the bottom. A bow of the cork or a cork buckle supplies the means of fastening. The buttons are tied onto the dress through two holes punched in the center of pieces similar to those used in the belt.

Profiting by experience, Helen Nagle, H. Ec. Sr., finds that a discarded cold cream jar is the solution to the problem of how to keep your favorite face-powder from messing up otherwise tidy dresser drawers. Helen has another sure cure for restoring shape to those droopy sweater sleeves and messy-looking brushed wool sweaters.

She says to try twisting the sleeve and then tying a loose knot in the middle to hold it secure and this will help to draw the sleeve back into shape. The mangy look can be erased from brushed wool sweaters by brushing with a soft-bristled brush. A stiff brush should not be used as it tends to pull the wool out.

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Dr. Peet received her bachelor of arts degree in 1908 and her master of arts degree in 1911 from Wellesley. Her degree of doctor of philosophy she received at Iowa State in 1927. She taught in William Woods College and at Wellesley.

For three years Dr. Peet was abroad, one year studying in Switzerland and the other two years teaching at Istanbul, Turkey. Dr. Peet taught for two years in the Foods and Nutrition Department at Iowa State and when the Household Equipment Department was organized in 1930, she was appointed to be its head.

Gardening is her favorite hobby and she is fond of travel, travel books and biographies. Dr. Peet thoroughly enjoys "tramping," but this summer the
family bought its first car and Dr. Peet learned to drive.

She and Miss Lenore Sater are co-authors of "Household Equipment," a text, of which the second edition came off the press this summer. Dr. Peet also edited "No Less Honor," a biography of her father-in-law, who spent 44 years in Turkey.

She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, Sigma Delta Epsilon, Iota Sigma Pi and is an honorary member of Omicron Nu.

MISS ROSALIE RATHBONE, head of the Textiles and Clothing Department, advocates clothes designed for the individual. She often helps personal friends and students with their clothing problems.

She attended Texas State College for Women at Denton where she was born and taught in the Normal School. She received her bachelor of science degree and master of arts degree from Columbia University in 1918 and 1928, respectively. Between the time of the two degrees she taught in the University of Georgia at Athens.

Before coming to Iowa State in 1931 she was in charge of textiles and clothing work at the University of Georgia and of costume design at Columbia University.

Showing how fabrics can be made into clothes was the major part of Miss Rathbone's work in styling fabrics for New York manufacturers. She also had charge of the dressmaking studio of a New York store.

Miss Rathbone worked for an advertising agency in planning and making up the construction and decorative processes to be used in illustrating sewing booklets. During the time she worked in New York she taught at Columbia University in the summers. She is a member of Omicron Nu.

MISS LYDIA SWANSON, head of the Child Development Department, was one of the first two students from outside the state of Michigan to attend Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit. Now Miss Swanson interviews outstanding junior home economics women at Iowa State who are eligible to attend Merrill-Palmer one quarter.

She received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska in 1923 and her master of science degree from Iowa State in 1931. In 1926, Miss Swanson was awarded the National Research Council Fellowship which led her to study at Merrill-Palmer and Columbia University.

Before coming to Iowa State in 1924 as an instructor in the Household Administration Department, Miss Swanson taught a year in a Nebraska high school. She was made head of the Child Development Department in 1936. During the time she has been here the department and nursery school have grown considerably.

She is a member of Omicron Nu and Phi Kappa Phi.

MISS WINIFRED TILDEN, head of the Department of Physical Education for Women, will conduct classes this year in the new building which she has been instrumental in planning. The story of the Women's Gymnasium is told elsewhere in this issue.

A summer home in the Black Hills is a happy highlight of Miss Tilden's vacations. Born and reared in Ames, Miss Tilden was graduated in 1903 from Holyoke College for Women, South Hadley, Mass.

In 1904 she began work at Iowa State supervising play classes for girls. The following year the Department of Physical Education was established, with Miss Tilden comprising the faculty. Her work at Iowa State since that time was interrupted by service in the World War, when she spent a year abroad with the Red Cross.