Earnings Aid Budgeting

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Catherine Tidemanson describes how Iowa State women earn college expenses with campus jobs.

Many ingenious Iowa State women are earning part of their college expenses—some of them earn enough to cover all of these costs.

One applied art major interested in crafts applies her knowledge to making jewelry from copper, pewter and sterling silver. Her tools are a hammer with a hard rubber cap, files for copper and pewter, solder and a small burner to melt the solder. Finished products, rings, bracelets and pins, have an immediate sale. Besides jewelry she also makes candlesticks from pewter. The pewter tops which she adds to small ruby colored dishes make unusual boxes for candy or trinkets.

A journalism major works in the extension office, writing releases for daily and weekly newspapers and home demonstration agents in Iowa. She also edits the monthly 4-H Leader and writes and plans the make-up for the homemaking page of Better Iowa.

Two women operate linotypes at the Collegiate Press Building three nights a week. Both of them learned the trade before they came to college.

A freshman seamstress alters and mends clothes for her less talented friends. Another finds time to knit sweaters for sale, while an upperclassman makes buttonholes in garments.

Furnishing candy and cokes on commission to her sorority sisters keeps one home economics student supplied with pin money.

Every dormitory dining room furnishes work for women who set the tables and change the linen. Institution management majors find that acting as dining room hostesses as well as book-keeper for the dining room is good experience in their own field.

Caring for the children of faculty members and townspeople profitably fills the spare hours of many home economics students. Foods and Nutrition majors gain valuable practical experience preparing meals for townspeople as well as working in the Institution Tea Room.

Women from each dormitory and sorority house, representing a local department store, have the fun of working with clothes and the commissions which come from selling them. Another coed represents Iowa State on the college board of a Des Moines store.

Budgeting is important to women who earn part or all of spending money through outside work in varied fields.