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Varied summer positions are open to Iowa State home economics students, says Pat O'Connell

When the last June final has been taken and the year's collection of dance programs, unanswered letters and "A" bluebooks have been packed and mailed home, Iowa State women will decide how they can receive the most benefit from their three-months vacation.

For those who wish to spend a vacation with pay and yet perform a useful service to both themselves and others, there are many opportunities for making a wartime summer profitable. Openings in summer camps, hospitals and other business concerns call for both skilled and unskilled workers. Iowa State women may obtain some background experience in their major field or decide the type of work they want to do after graduation.

Mrs. Mary Elva Sather, assistant to the Dean of Home Economics, has received applications for all types of positions and any home economics student interested may obtain further information from her office. Freshmen and sophomores or others who have acquired no particular skills as yet will find positions open in city restaurants, summer camps and private hotels.

A YWCA camp in Nebraska is searching for an assistant dietitian and other girls who have special talents in sports, crafts or music. The first assistant to the dietitian has charge of the dining room and helps with the work in the serving pantry. For those interested in child care or teaching, this camp offers valuable experience. Training in leadership and the opportunity to solve problems arising from group living will be received during the summer. Students skilled in sports, swimming and lifesaving, crafts or music are also needed on the staff. The camp, located on the edge of the Missouri River and near Omaha, is open from the middle of June through July.

For students who are interested in food preparation and the problems arising from quantity cooking, the camp has an opening on their food service staff for a cook, a second cook and a food service director who is responsible for buying food, planning meals and supervising the kitchen staff. The first assistant to the dietitian takes charge of the dining room and helps with work in the serving pantry. The dietitian's pay is $25 a week with room and board.

Iowa State women who have chosen their major field will welcome the opportunity for gaining extra experience during the summer months. Applied art majors are in demand for teaching crafts in girls' camps. A group of Campfire Girls in an Iowa town is seeking a handicraft counselor for their summer camp which lasts for six weeks. The position pays approximately $40 for the season plus maintenance and laundry.

A girls' camp in southern Wisconsin has openings for instructors in nature lore, sailing, arts and crafts, dramatics, dancing, land and water sports, camp craft and music. Although experience is desirable, it is not necessary if the applicant is willing and interested in camp work. The 1944 camp season, which extends from July 1 to August 29, pays about $100 plus board and room.

Women majoring in dietetics may receive experience in the dietary department of a large Chicago hospital. Six or eight women are needed for relief purposes. The work consists of checking trays, weighing food for special diets, delivering and collecting trays and preparing salads under the direction of a dietitian. Leisure time may be spent on the shores of Lake Michigan for the hospital is only a block from the beach. Students will receive a salary of $75 a month plus their board. In addition uniforms are furnished and laundered.

An Iowa State woman who has had experience in quantity cooking will be needed by an Iowa Girl Scout camp as head dietitian. The camping period will open July 15 and last until August 22 with approximately 65 people at the camp.

Two college women are wanted as cooks for a privately owned boys' camp located on an island about two miles inland from Lake Michigan. The camp director plans the meals and does the marketing for the 40 boys and staff of 12 leaders.

A camp outside of Chicago on Lake Michigan has an opening on its staff for a salad girl, a pantry girl and head waitress. "The Pantry," an informal snack bar, is under the direction of the pantry girl. Under the supervision of the head dietitian she plans the menus and does some baking. She also keeps simple books on her costs and income and supervises the two waitresses who assist her every evening. The salad girl takes care of the salads and relishes and is in charge of the serving window. These positions pay $100 in addition to maintenance and railroad fare from Chicago.

According to Mrs. Sather, these are just a few of the jobs available to Iowa State women for the coming summer.