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Marjorie Clampitt surveys activities open to freshmen in Home Economics Club and YWCA

EACH year YWCA welcomes women students as Iowa State begins fall quarter activities. Alumni Hall, the white pillared, red brick building south of Beardshear Hall, is the home of the "Y". It’s open every day for students who wish to study, read, or relax and talk after a busy session of classes.

Freshman "Y" opens the year with a picnic at Lynn Fuhrer Lodge, a cabin northwest of Ames owned by the YMCA. Subsequent parties and meetings are planned to orient freshmen women to campus life. Beginning winter quarter, the activities are completely guided by a freshman cabinet chosen in a freshmen election.

Each student, including freshmen, may choose the YWCA interest group in which she is particularly interested. The Craft Group plans to make Christmas gifts using materials given to them by the U.S.O. The Radio Group takes the form of a workshop in which students write scripts and present radio programs complete with sound effects. Saturday broadcasts over WOI give students experience on the air. During one week of the year, "Y" presents the regular WOI morning Matins program.

The Religion Group has service as its keynote. This year they will work with the Dormitory Ember committee, which plan the religious program of the dormitories, and will take charge of the Campanile Twilight services. In the Marriage Group, courtship and marriage are discussed by community leaders.

The Social Committee plans parties for the entire organization. Sunday evening firesides in Ames homes give members an opportunity to enjoy an hour or two in the often-missed family atmosphere.

The Music Group plans to view all types of music from the amateur's standpoint. To acquire further appreciation of each guest artist coming to the campus, the artist and his music are studied before his appearance in the concert series.

Through the International Caravan programs, members learn to know foreign students and their homes. They become more familiar with some of the lands where American servicemen are stationed.

Information about "Y" meetings is carried to each residence by the Live Y'ers. They are the publicity committee, one member in each residence group, who print the Live Y'er News and serve to link more closely the campus women and the YWCA cabinet.

The membership drive starts soon to acquaint all students with YWCA. A "Y" representative will visit the houses, dormitories and town group to tell of the activities of the organization and to voice an invitation to join YWCA.

THE Home Economics Club makes Tuesday a red letter day on the calendar of all Home Economics students at Iowa State. Through the club, interest in this field is extended beyond classroom activities. During freshman days a reception is held for all freshman women, giving them an opportunity to meet and talk with the faculty.

The Freshman Club, which meets every other Tuesday at 4, presents a varied program including discussions on music, grooming, flower arrangements, new fabrics and summer jobs. These meetings acquaint the student with the entire home economics field and prepare her for a departmental club. Membership provides an opportunity to make many friends and to take active part in an extra-curricular activity.

Students who have decided upon their major attend meetings of one of the nine departmental clubs. Mrs. Irene Buchanan is faculty advisor for Home Economics Club but each departmental club also has its own faculty advisor.

The textiles and clothing group sponsored a clothing clinic last year, assisting senior college women in planning in advance their business wardrobe. Another project was making and selling cotton scuffs.

Institution Management Club holds a bake sale each Christmas. Members bake cookies and cakes which are sold from the Institution Tea Room to the faculty. A club banquet is another annual affair. The Foods and Nutrition group has had several home economics women in business as speakers. Their program also included various food preparation demonstrations.

Several of the groups entertained other clubs at Convocations or special meetings. The Applied Art club gave a skit in rhyme on the life of an art major, using a chalk talk for illustration. Textiles and Clothing Club featured textiles of countries where the Allies fought. The Freshman convocation gave a circus which included humorous takeoffs on each home economics department.

Home Economics Club sponsors the Home Economics Ball, a formal dance held in the Memorial Union each fall. Proceeds go into a scholarship fund which provides $50 scholarships for junior women who have part-time employment for three quarters and have been active in campus activities. Another activity of the Home Economics Club is planning the bi-weekly, student-faculty teas. Through these informal social hours, students and faculty become better acquainted. Together with Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron, home economics honoraries, the club sponsors the Ellen H. Richards Day program, honoring the founder of home economics education.