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Over $700,000 has been loaned to men and women students during the years that the Student Loan Fund has been in existence. Of the 23 funds which are administered by Mrs. Margaret Lange, chairman of the committee, nine may be used by home economics women.

In order to qualify an Iowa student must have an all college average of 2.1, residents of bordering states an average of 2.5 or more. Other qualifications are based on need, credit standing and sound character.

The first loan fund was the Newens Fund which started with $660 and was administered originally by the YWCA. Mrs. Adrian Newens, whose husband was one-time head of the Department of Speech, had worked with many women students and was interested in providing an opportunity for them to finish their education.

Part of the money for the Catherine McKay Fund was raised by the sale of cherry pies at former Veisheas. The fund was set up in memory of Miss McKay who was former dean of the Division of Home Economics.

The Roberts Fund commemorates Miss Maria Roberts who was connected with the college for 52 years. She taught in the Department of Mathematics, served as Dean of the Junior College and was chairman of the Student Loan Fund Committee at the time of her death in 1942.

The Ella Gardner Fund, available to girls who have had 4-H training, is the only fund for sophomore women. It was established by 4-H women, extension staff members and friends in memory of Miss Gardner's 4-H work in the state.

Journalism students set up a loan fund in memory of Mr. Blair Converse, one-time head of the Department of Journalism.

Other funds for which Home Economics majors may apply are the Julia Smith Loan Fund, the Julia Colpitts Fund, the Sheldon Loan Fund and the Georgia White Loan Fund.

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