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Conclusions

The IFYE experience was found to be associated with the following:

- A higher rate and intensity of community participation.
- A greater orientation of occupations towards working with people.
- A higher proportion of occupations relating to international activities.
- A higher rate of involvement in activities of the on-going IFYE program.
- A higher rate of involvement in activities of the county level and state level Cooperative Extension Service.

A higher rating of the influence of the IFYE program on both educational level and occupations.

The Alumni of the IFYE experience were also found to have achieved a high level of education and to be people who moved at a rate well above that of the nation.

The rate of participation by alumni in alumni and extension activities, the rating of influence of IFYE on education and occupations, and the community participation score all appear to be associated with the number of years since the IFYE experience.

The alumni in the 1948-53 group had higher community participation scores and had attended a greater number of national conferences.

The alumni in the 1960-65 group rated the influence of IFYE higher on both education and occupations.

The alumni in the 1960-65 group had a higher percentage of participation in activities of the on-going IFYE program and of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Implications of the Study

IFYE applicants are chosen for their leadership ability, among other qualifications. The Extension Service could make more use of all IFYE applicants, whether participants in the IFYE experience or not, to gain from their leadership ability, their interest in international activities, and their high level of education. With increased interest by youth about the other parts of