

HISTORY

Within the last year, there has been growing dissatisfaction with the University's hours policy among the students of Iowa State. This fall most criticisms have been leveled at the policy for 21-year-old women and women who have attained a senior classification. Recognizing this dissatisfaction, the Senate of the Government of the Student Body (GSB) established a Women's Hours Study Committee on October 27, 1964. The Committee's purpose was "to deliver their recommendations on December 15, 1964."

The Committee was composed of the Women's Residence Association president, acting president of Panhellenic Council, and five GSB senators - two from each residence system and one senator-at-large.

After discussing objectives the Committee outlined the following work areas:

- (1) Informal opinion polls and a detailed questionnaire to investigate the attitudes on hours of all women living in the Panhellenic system and the residence halls.
- (2) A study of the hours programs used by Midwestern schools comparable in size to Iowa State.
- (3) A policy recommended for adoption at Iowa State.
- (4) A comprehensive report of the Committee's work and findings.

The Women's Residence Association presented its questionnaire form to the Department of Residence for suggestions. Forms for both the Women's Residence Association and Panhellenic questionnaires were given to Norman V. Strand, Professor of statistics, for his advice on wording and format.

Iowa State women received the questionnaires during the week of December 2 and results were tabulated December 6. Tabulations showed that the women definitely favored elimination of hours for senior coeds and women 21 and over. (See Appendix I for questionnaire results)

Each residence system then formulated a "no-hours" policy. Each policy was approved by the governing body of the respective residence system. Both residence systems designated that policies should be instituted on a trial basis during spring quarter 1965 so an evaluation and any necessary adjustments can be made during the summer.

The Committee's report will be submitted to the Government of the Student Body President and Senate and to the University's Administrative Board.

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From its beginning the Committee felt it should not only be aware that Iowa State women felt a need for an hours change but should also attempt to discover why these women thought as they did. From the comments written on the questionnaires, the Committee found most women felt the present hours policy for seniors and 21-year-old women shows a lack of recognition of intelligence and maturity of those who had gone so far in pursuing their academic careers. Comments indicated Iowa State women felt that since society considers 21-year-olds legal citizens and entrusts them with the responsibilities of voting, holding down jobs in the fast-moving business world and raising families, they should be allowed by the University to stay out past one o'clock if they so desire.