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Senior Week . . .

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**There was a little girl, and she had a little curl
Right in the middle of her forehead;
During the day she was very very good
But after midnight she was horrid.**

This long-established principle of infantile behavior guides the authorities who establish regulations for the little girls attending the University. Science has long since confirmed that common-sense observation that women lose their self-control and sense of morality after dark.

It takes a while, of course, to change from daytime innocence to night-time amorality. When they first come to the University, girls are safe until about 10:30 p.m.; after a term of practice, they learn to retain their virtue until midnight. Once or twice a week they are capable of remaining pure an hour or so later than usual.

So, in accord with these natural phenomena, curfews have been established: midnight on weekdays, 12:30 a.m. on Friday and 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, for girls who have been here more than a term.

Much to the regret of everyone who knows them, these cute little girls must some day be cast out into the evil, frightening outside world. They then become grownups and aren't any fun any more.

And since everybody hates to see them grow up, they try to keep the girls protected as long as they can — even right into Senior Week when they graduate. This is the time when the little girls are very close to the grown-

problems. It sounds radical, but if you consider it in the right way, it is good and conservative. It is this: Have no curfews at all during Senior Week.

Girls who would go elsewhere to escape the curfews for Senior Week then would be able to stay right in their present homes, happily. This might mean an added financial burden for Residential Halls, but every girl is legally entitled to her room during Senior Week. Further, the moral value would be priceless. Dormitory authorities would be able to keep watch over **all** their charges even during that week.

Removing the curfews for those few days would also help the girls adjust to the outside world and their grownup status. The switch would not come as such a shock to them. They would, in a sense, be able to practice being grownups. In the modern world they need all the practice they can get.

Men, of course, are hopelessly degenerate even before they come to the University, so nobody bothers assigning them curfews. But the senior girls are certainly as capable of governing themselves as freshman men—if the two groups are capable of comparison at all. And the girls' dormitories are more carefully guarded and supervised than the boys' dormitories ever are.

They could even do without a desk

up stage. They are given just a little more responsibility, and freedom, than usual; last year, for example, the girls were allowed to stay out a bit later on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of Senior Week.

But when Senior Week comes around, the school year is officially over, and the girls do not have to live in the dormitories. Some naughty ones take advantage of this situation to move elsewhere, where they have no curfew at all to worry about.

Even more frightening, the girls will all be left entirely by themselves right after they graduate. Two clear problems thus exist: some girls are not protected at all during Senior Week, and all of them are thrust, almost unprepared, into the world when they graduate. What can be done?

One simple change might solve the

girl late at night, just as they dispense with one in the morning, as long as the night watchmen continue making their appointed rounds.

It is up to the Women's Student Government Association Executive Committee to suggest, to the powers that be in Day Hall, appropriate closing hours for Senior Week. If the WSGA women ask for minor changes in the hours, it won't make much difference; the two problems mentioned earlier will still remain.

Instead, the request should be for abolition of the curfew. Girls, of course, would still sign out at night as usual, so everybody would know where they were; they would be happy and secure. Senior Week now serves as little more than an immoral bacchanalia. It could easily become a time of adjustment and education as well.

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