University Has Cautious Policy On Open House

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Rice's Open House System is a well-regulated code that leaves nothing to chance or inclination. Permission for women to visit in the men's colleges is granted for special occasions only. The College government must make application and receive approval from both the College Master and the Dean of Students.

Hours for Open House range from 12 noon, to 6 p.m., except on weekends when they may be extended till 7 p.m. On days of afternoon football games, the hours may extend from the end of the game until 7 p.m. Open House may be held on either Saturday or Sunday in a weekend.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES are set up by each college to act as hosts, and each female visitor is to be reported in advance, or if unexpected, promptly upon arrival. To complete the regulations, women may visit men's quarters only when there are at least three persons present.

These regulations, which came into effect in November, 1962, differ vastly from the haphazard way Open House was previously conducted.

RULES WERE A matter of an individual college's choice, with visitors and hours often running to 8 p.m. week nights and midnights on weekends. Most prohibitive measures were left to fate, which proved all too fateful for some.

A few who were unappreciative of the spirit of Open House made necessary the change to present rules.

Dean Higgenbotham said the rules adopted last year will continue intact without any liberal changes. "Rather," he said, "sacrifice the slight pleasure of some than risk the terrible damage that could be done by a few."