Machines Take Night Shift At Sammy's As Hours Reduced

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Sammy's carried into effect last Monday a change in business hours designed to reverse a trend towards diminishing profits.

At 2 pm Monday the following notice was placed on the door to Sammy's:

"Sammy's will close at 4 pm. Food service will be available from the vending equipment. A change maker has been installed for your convenience."

TO CLARIFY the rapidly developing situation, The Thresher called Mrs. W. C. Hardy, director of food service, at her home in La Porte last Monday night.

Mrs. Hardy commented that "until further notice" Sammy's food service area would operate from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on weekdays, from 7:30 am to 10:00 pm on Saturday, and would be closed all day Sunday.

THESE HOURS, according to the food service director, are chiefly the result of diminishing profits and were set by the Rice University business office to change the trend.

It should not be assumed, Mrs. Hardy continued, that the arrangement is permanent but rather pending the evaluation of its results by the business office.

WHEN ASKED the source of the directive that so suddenly changed Sammy's hours without prior notice to the student body, Mrs. Hardy said, "As far as I know the business office issued the instructions." According to her only "about an hour's notice was given" and no further information was planned for issuance to the student body.

The food service director added that "the profit motive and student opinion will probably be given equal weight by the business office if and when any (Continued on Page 6)
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(Continued from Page 1) final decision is reached on keeping the machines."

MRS. HARDY advised students to make their opinions known but had no idea when the business office would take final action.

A representative of Canteen Inc., the company installing the machines, told the Thresher that no change machine other than the present dollars-to-quarters model was planned.

HE ADDED that the purpose of this was to force students to spend their quarters on cokes or coffee in order to get proper change for pie or sandwich machine.

A Rice faculty member, when questioned by The Thresher, called the whole affair "indecent."