Lowe Supports Present Hierarchy; Denies Inherent Conflict Charge

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"There is no area of conflict inherent in the present structure," said Dean of Women Alma Lowe speaking of the division of responsibility between the Dean of Women and the masters of the women's colleges. "Matters of a disciplinary nature are handled by the Dean of Women while masters of a cultural and intellectual nature fall under the guidance of the master of the college."

Colleges are Good

In an interview with the Thresher Tuesday, Dean Lowe stated that, "The college system is by far the most desirable arrangement for university living. It offers the opportunity for student government and the development of a system from within."

Dean Lowe feels, however, that the college cannot ever be considered an autonomous unit because it is a part of the university community. In every university that has a college or house system, the college or house is allowed certain freedom to develop and to act, but it also must adhere to university policies and controls.

College Inspired Rules

Dr. Lowe believes that student government should operate at all levels of student organization, including the college. "University students are capable of accepting this responsibility," said Dr. Lowe. Rules should, whenever possible be "college inspired" and college enforced rather than handed down from the administration. This produces a generally more desirable and effective system.

She does not mean to implicate, however, that there should not be university established rules, but rather that as many as possible be developed within the college's own government. The proper administrative authorities, in the case of the women's colleges, the Dean of Women, should act with regard to disciplinary matters when either the student government fails to enforce them or in extreme cases, the nature of which requires confidential handling.