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# House-hunters encounter headaches

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"We just wanted to live together," the short-haired blonde said. "We wanted to create something of our own, a feeling that we were working together."

Speaking was Mary Jo Augustine, chairman for twelve women who have decided to organize their own living group.

"We'd been thinking about it for a long time, and one day, all of a sudden, we just decided to make an attempt," stated the newly initiated Kwama member.

**Project hits snags**

But setting up a living organization has proven to be quite a job for twelve freshmen co-eds. "The administration thinks it's too big a financial responsibility," Miss Augustine sighed. "But I think we can do it. Our biggest problem has been to find a house that the University Sanitation Committee will approve."

She said that Tuesday the Sanitation Committee had refused to approve the house the group had tentatively decided on "for many reasons."

"We have been authorized to organize as an independent off-campus living organization, so we are looking at another house that seems to meet all of the requirements. If we decide to take it and it is approved, we can double our membership," she said. Miss Augustine stressed that her group would definitely not compete with sororities or co-ops. "We will not rush or belong to Panhellenic. We will only take members who are interested in our type of living," she emphasized.

The math major defined her group as "co-eds who will live together because they believe in the same ideals. We realize we will have to have rules in the house to govern ourselves, and of course we will follow University rulings. But as for personal life and standards, each person will be responsible only to herself. There will be no pressure on personal standards."

Miss Augustine termed herself "as sort of a chairman. I do the calling, because I like to make lists," she laughed. "The other girls, who include Joan Nylene, Sharon Hawley, Linda Lee, Jessica Johansen, Caroline Curtis, Romelle Fossen, Carole Belt and Caroline Frasier, are all very loyal and enthusiastic. We've all worked very hard to set this up," she added.

**Grades, activities**

Miss Augustine pointed out that the group's accumulative grade point is well over a 3.0. "We feel that studies are important, as two of our members belong to Alpha Lambda Delta, freshmen women's scholastic honorary. However, several of us are in activities too." Miss Augustine is president of the YWCA Sophomore Cabinet.

"We don't intend to grow in size beyond the number that our house can hold. We will replace girls as they graduate or move away, but certainly will not be rushing, or anything like that," she said.

"We have members from all different fields and interests. Our common bond is that we are all good friends who want to live and work together," Miss Augustine stated.

**Constitution explained**

The informal constitution that the women presented to the Student Activities Committee when they were approved included the following points, according to the group's chairman.

- There will be no racial or religious discrimination, either written or tacit.
- The cost will be kept approximately that of University



"WE AREN'T COMPETING WITH SORORITIES," stated Mary Jo Augustine, chairman for twelve co-eds who are working to set up their own living organization. "We will be an off-campus living group," the YWCA Sophomore Cabinet President and Kwama member said. Miss Augustine was interviewed as "Most Interesting Women of the Week." (Photo by George Mosher)

dormitories.

- The group is a challenge of responsibility, of participating in group living that we have organized ourselves.

- There will be no pressure on personal standards.

- We will strive to develop individuality and leadership through

independence and self-government.

Miss Augustine added that she was very thankful for the help her group had received. "All of the girls in the dorm are very enthusiastic. In fact, everyone who knows what we are trying to do and aiming at, have encouraged us," she said.

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