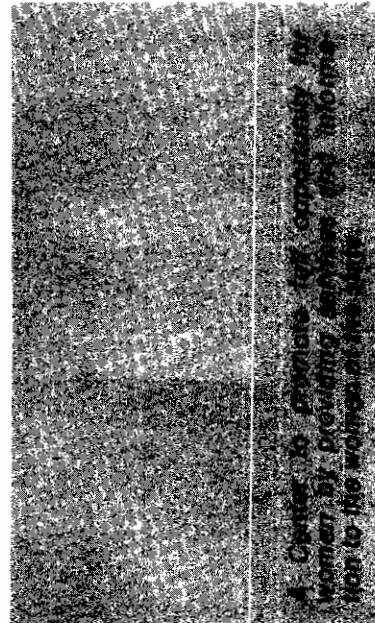


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The status of women in the United States is changing dramatically, and the future promises even greater change. Men and women at all stages of life are being affected by this social movement. Students are perhaps more exposed to the changing expectations of male and female roles than are many other segments of society, but women everywhere are becoming more aware of their potential, the need to advance their opportunities and to extend the frontiers of their lives. The Minnesota Women's Center is designed to serve and further this awareness.

The Center was originally established in 1960 to meet the educational needs of mature women through counseling, curriculum planning, scholarship assistance, job opportunity, job placement and child care services. The program became nationally known as *The Minnesota Plan* and was the first center to offer a distinct educational program for mature women. The emphasis and focus of the Minnesota Women's Center is to help promote full opportunity for women, students and non-students, by providing services and information to women of Minnesota.

Purpose of the Center

- To provide assistance and support for women students to improve their status in the academic community.
- To support minority women in attaining their goals within society, to share their concerns about equal treatment of all people and to seek their meaningful input.
- To increase the public's awareness of the current and changing status of women.
- To encourage all women to reach out for new opportunities in our society.

Programs and Services of the Center

THE CENTER provides a referral service for counseling and testing of women interested in further study and education.

- acts as an advocate for women students in academic and extracurricular activities on the University campus.
- offers a course on Lifestyles of the Educated American Woman, Department of Family Social Science (FSoS 3-015).
- arranges, in conjunction with the Living Learning Center, academic credit for individual student projects focusing on women.
- provides students with an opportunity to become involved with the current women's social movement.
- collects and organizes materials both for and about women.

maintains a resource library containing books, pamphlets, research studies, legislation on and about women and issues which affect them.

functions as a referral office for various women's interests.

maintains an annotated film catalog listing a variety of films relating to women and many aspects of their lives.

assists with conference planning and with organizing workshops and seminars.

continues to be informed of the current laws and legal rights which apply to women.

counsels and refers any woman who feels that she has been subjected to discrimination.

maintains contact with a variety of women's organizations on a local, state and national level.

seeks new fields for the placement and employment of women.

All the services of the Center are available to men as well as women.