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By a 19 to 4 unweighted vote, the Assembly of the Women's Student Government Association moved "to keep the apartment rule and set up a committee formed from WSGA, Student Government and other campus groups to consider modification to the present rule or a substitution for it."

Participating in the meeting were Thomas A. Rothschild '62, Executive Board president; David Slovic '63, Executive Board vice president; Executive Board members Betty K. Lefkowitz and Joanne Nantz, both '62; and Brian S. Sherman '63, president of the Men's Independent Council.

According to Rothschild, the Executive Board agrees with WSGA that freshman girls should receive some orientation to campus social life. However, he said, "The apartment rule is not adequate orientation" because it is not enforced or respected. Miss Nantz held that support for a rule confers responsibility for enforcing it.

WSGA continued to maintain that the rule should be kept whether enforceable or not, and that it is better to help a few girls than none at all.

Rothschild divided the issue into two parts: 1. Is the rule effective? and 2. If not, as Executive Board thinks, what other kind of orientation can we find as a replacement? Though he declared that the two parts can be kept separate,

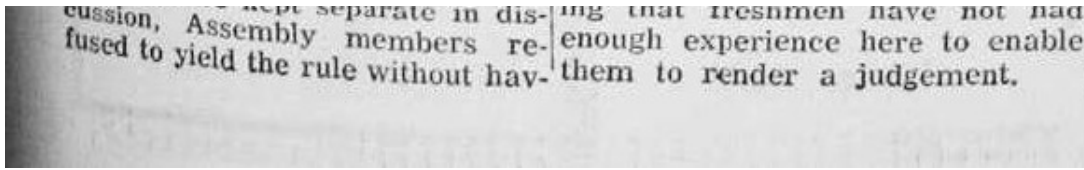
ing something at hand with which to replace it.

For this reason, the group voted to keep the rule until a commission is formed, although Rothschild advocated that both WSGA and Executive Board abolish the rule and commit themselves to finding a better solution instead of discussing modifications beforehand.

The chief suggestion for a solution was a program to be lead by VP's during orientation. On this occasion the VP's would call the attention of freshmen to what can happen in apartments and give them some background for deciding on their readiness to visit there.

In answer to a WSGA claim that it represents the women's best interests, Rothschild questioned whether the Assembly represents the women's point of view on the apartment issue. He cited a poll taken in Dickson Hall in which 300 of 400 freshman women opposed the rule.

One Assembly member invalidated such polls by saying, "It's like asking a kindergartener when he wants to take his nap," meaning that freshmen are too young to



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