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Abolition of curfews for senior women received almost unanimous support from women of all four classes in straw votes taken in dormitory meetings the past three nights. In addition sororities generally favored the change, according to Allison Young, WSGA president.

A vote on curfew abolition will probably be taken at the WSGA Assembly meeting tonight, Miss Young said. If the vote is favorable, seniors will have no curfews beginning in September.

Arguments pro and con curfew abolition were presented during the meetings. Parental objection to a rule condoning "all-nighters" was mentioned as a reason for retaining curfews. A parental consent card, like the one conferring overnight permissions, was suggested as a remedy.

Key systems and a senior dormitory have been suggested to prevent abuse of the senior privilege by underclassmen. Women feared the danger of prowlers if keys were lost or duplicated. Since no dormitory on campus can house only the senior women, any "senior dormitory" would contain underclassmen. A night watchman would probably be on duty to let senior

women in and check their identification cards, Miss Young said.

Arguments in favor of curfew abolition were:

1. Women 20 and 21 years of age already have established their moral values; hours alone do not determine behavior.

2. Many agetates of senior women have been living independently in the business world for several years.

3. Senior women could use the time for study with other students and for conversation with professors.

4. It would be unfair to free
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women living in the Hasbrouck Apartments from curfew and not free women in dormitories.

5. If such a curfew inequality existed, the "no curfew" aspect of apartments might receive unwarranted emphasis.

6. Freedom from curfews is part of the privilege of being a senior and is consistent with the policy of freedom with responsibility.

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