

PURPOSES OF THE CENTER:

- to improve the status of women students in the academic community;

- to support women minorities in attaining their goals within society, to share their concerns about equal treatment of all people;

- 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.

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*promoting full opportunity
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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. Students in particular are exposed to changing sex role expectations, but people everywhere are becoming more aware of their potential and are expanding their lives. The Minnesota Women's Center exists to support and further the awareness of these options.

The Center was originally established in 1960 to meet the educational needs of mature women through counseling, curriculum planning and career development. Nationally known as *The Minnesota Plan*, it became the first center to offer a distinct educational program for mature women. The focus of the Minnesota Women's Center now is to promote full opportunity for all women, students and non-students.

THE CENTER:

- provides educational, personal and career development counseling, referral and testing services;
- acts as an advocate for women students;
- offers a course, "Lifestyles of Educated American Women" (FSoS 3-015);
- arranges academic credit for individual student projects focusing on women;
- provides students with an opportunity to become involved with the current women's social movement;
- serves as a community-focused resource for the College of Liberal Arts Women's Studies Program;
- maintains a multi-media resource collection including not only books, pamphlets and research studies, but also government documents, films, slides, reprints, newspaper clippings and bibliographies by and about women;
- functions as an information and referral service for the community;
- assists with conference, workshop and seminar planning;
- is an information source about legislation and judicial decisions affecting women and about their legal rights and responsibilities;
- acts as a clearinghouse for discrimination complaints;
- maintains contact with a variety of women's organizations on local, state and national levels;
- seeks to expand career opportunities for women;
- organizes support groups;
- offers all these services to men as well.

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