A STUDY OF CERTAIN HOME-BACKGROUND FACTORS
IN RELATION TO THE SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT
AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES OF
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INTRODUCTION

Every September for the past decade, the educational institutions in our country have experienced an increased enrollment. The vast numbers attending our colleges and universities multiply the problems of our institutions. (7-p.705)

Foremost among the problems is that of the residence halls. Since it is now recognized that education is not mere book learning but all living experiences, the contribution of the residence halls toward the total developmental pattern of the student assumes greater importance. As numbers increase, the opportunity for assistance in personal adjustment decreases.

No longer are college girls from the upper-middle class group only. Girls enter college from every background, with a variety of cultural settings, viewpoints, interests and tastes. For many, the freshman year is the first experience away from home. Their success is dependent on their own self-sufficiency.

It is only in the last decade that residence halls have been accepted as a part of the total educational picture rather than as "boarding houses." Typically, the student spends four hours or so in the classroom each day, seven or eight sleeping, and a good share of the balance in the company of other people. Much of this time is spent in the residence hall. The tremendous potential of residence hall living for individual learning is then apparent. Whether it is planned that way or not, the residence hall is a learning situation. It is therefore important that a college devote considerable effort to
guiding the education which will occur in the residence hall.

According to Arbuckle, (2-p.384) the time a student spends in the residence halls usually exceeds by far the time he spends in formal learning in the classroom, and the learning that occurs in the residence hall may also far surpass that which occurs in the classroom.

The residence hall, then, is a laboratory for much of the social education of the students. Many graduates come to the end of their four years of college with academic A's and with social adjustment F's. Many employers list social "know-how" and ability to get along with people above intellectual achievements. These facts present a challenge in forestalling personal social failure on the campus and in later life by anticipating these difficulties in certain students. In addition, a large number of drop-outs have stated that more participation in activities would have been influential in holding them in college.

Therefore, any study that approaches the problem of social adjustment and leadership from a scientific and professional viewpoint may make a worthwhile contribution to the fund of knowledge and better enable the residence hall staff to help each girl attain her complete education.
NEED FOR STUDY

The prediction of college success is usually based on intellectual factors. The major emphasis has been placed on scholastic aptitude and achievement as indicators of success. However, a few studies have indicated the possibility that others factors of a non-intellectual nature hold an important place in predicting total success of a student.

Different personality characteristics have been found in the socially achieving and socially non-achieving student. Students come from many kinds of homes and backgrounds, and as a result bring with them many different attitudes and combinations of experience.

As the residence halls attempt to find ways of improving their contribution to the total education of the freshmen girls, the discovering and utilizing of background factors in bettering social adjustment presents a problem.

Clark (6-p.237) in his study of 740 students, examined the relationship of certain aspects of family background and college success. His study showed that a knowledge of the background of students is important in its contribution to better understanding of their attitudes, interests and expectations.

Bailey (3-p.91) believed that the experiences and background of leaders merit continued and wider study since their influence on other students in college is great and their contribution to society following graduation may be of
much significance.

Results of a study by McQuary (20-p.215) showed that the size of the community and degree of extra-curricular participation in high school were related to college performance.

It would seem that certain data are fundamental in the understanding of students and that such data consist of facts about the background of students, their socio-economic status, interests, activities, and family relationships.

It further appears that through the study of certain home-background factors, as compared with social participation and leadership, certain conclusions might be found which would prove of value to housing directors, personnel workers in the colleges, and residence hall staff.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

This study was conducted for the purpose of determining if certain home-background factors affect the social adjustment and leadership activities of Kansas State University Freshmen women in the residence hall setting.

Specific objectives were:

1. To get a better understanding of the background of the Freshmen girls.

2. To determine statistically the effect of certain background factors on social success and leadership.

3. To secure a general pattern of characteristics or factors as a guide in helping Freshmen girls develop total potentialities in the residence hall setting.
No comparable study was found on this particular problem concerning the home-background factors which might affect the social adjustment and leadership activities of Freshmen women. However, as cited above, Clark (6-p.237) in a study of 740 students, examined the relationship of certain aspects of family background and college success.

According to Goldman, (13- p.87) many colleges are interested in attracting students who, though not necessarily outstanding as scholars, are potential leaders in business and community activities. Such students are valued also because of the contributions which they can make to campus life in such areas as student government, publications, and social activities. Leadership awards at University of Buffalo, in 1953, led Goldman to attempt to construct an instrument for the purpose of measuring such leadership. The awards were intended to encourage enrollment of students who showed evidence of leadership success but who were not necessarily outstanding in academic course grades.

Many authorities have expounded regarding the important position of residence halls as a factor in the social education of students, as the residence halls attempt to find ways of improving their contribution to the total education of the Freshmen girls by discovering and utilizing background factors in bettering social adjustment and developing leadership traits.
Nicholas Murray Butler, the late venerable president of Columbia University recognized the part that college housing played in the total educative process when he said: (16-p.4)

"It is to be borne in mind that the provision of residence halls is as essential a part of the work of the university as the provision for libraries, laboratories, and classrooms. The chief purpose of University residence halls is not one of housing, but of education and educational influence."

Arbuckle (l-p.202) has stated that there is no doubt that a youth learns a good deal during his stay in college. Much of this learning, however, does not occur in the classroom, where he spends relatively few hours, but in the many other experiences in living that occur outside of the classroom walls. He notes, "For the student who lives on the campus, the residence halls may offer a major learning experience in social living. The dormitory may be the most important factor in the social education of the student, or it may merely be a place where the student must stay."

Arbuckle (l-p.202) goes on to say that for many students the college dormitory will be the first experience in living on intimate terms with a group of individuals of the student's own age. For many, the term "social responsibility" will for the first time have some meaning. The socialization of the student to the point where he is a mature and unselfish individual is one of the responsibilities of an institution of higher learning.

Needs of the students can be broken down into different categories, Arbuckle believes, but whether these needs are
physical, social, or ego, they are, nevertheless, interactive. The meeting of one need usually aids in the meeting of another, and similarly, frustration with regard to the satisfaction of one need usually has a frustrating effect on the total personality. The University residence hall, more than any other unit on the campus, is the place where this process may be watched and guided so that in due time the student may become a mature and responsible citizen. (1-p.9)

It is the incident of the academically polished but socially aloof graduate which leads Arbuckle to remark that a college education is not really complete if the student does not live on campus. (1-p.203)

Cowley (7-p.706) states that the problem of housing and feeding students began as soon as the university was established. However, the concept of the dormitory as an educational or social development factor was not then accepted. There was much friction between the students and the faculty members, who were the dormitory disciplinarians as well as college teachers. The residence hall became a means of control of the student rather than a way of education. This was one of the major causes of the negative faculty-student relationship.

At the beginning of the present century the concept of the dormitory as an educational unit began to be accepted. This acceptance was to a great extent due to the work of three men. Woodrow Wilson attempted to organize a house plan at Princeton in 1905 and failed, but it stirred up discussion and thought
in educational circles. Lowell worked out a successful house plan for Harvard in 1909, and since that time Harvard has placed a major emphasis on the housing of its students. William Rainey Harper sponsored the ideas of residence living in the new University of Chicago. Cowley (7-p.706) points out that the revival of the philosophy of residence living as a factor in the education of students is due to a very large part to the foregoing influences.

Many of our institutions today are making a determined effort to make their residence halls more of an educational unit. At the University of Minnesota, interesting work is being done by the Student Housing Bureau to improve the chances for the socialization of out-of-town students who must live in the city.

Stephens College operates its residence halls on the premise that heads of halls are teachers as well as personnel workers, and that they must be trained in the techniques and skills necessary for them to contribute to the education of the student. Their work is coordinated with that of the classroom teacher and admission counselors so as to achieve complete integration of the factors necessary for student total development.

Sanford (25-p.19) emphasizes the social needs of students and the part their housing plays:

"...when they live apart, geographically or psychologically, from the academic centers of the college, they may actually acquire a culture
that is, in many respects, in opposition to the intellectual culture that the faculty would like to introduce them to. We must find ways to bring the intellectual life of the college into the establishments where students live. We must create campus-wide student-faculty communities in which the social needs of students, far from being suppressed, are brought into the service of the intellectual aims of the college."

There seems, then, to be very little disagreement in the above cited literature with Whitmore and Hand's statement:

(29-p.147)

"Ranking over any other factor in college learning is the twenty-four-hours-a-day influence of the student living group. A student's adjustment to society, his scholarship, his attitudes, and his mental and physical health are as a whole determined by where and how he lives."
PROCEDURES

Data used in this study were secured through two main procedures using five instruments. The first procedure was a questionnaire covering home-background factors. The second was a rating of leadership and social participation secured from three personal data reports, one of which, Rating Form II, was partially based on a Leadership Rating Scale developed by this investigator. One of these reports was submitted by the student herself, one by the upper-class Resident Assistant working in the corridor in which the girl resided, and one by the Director of the residence hall. (See Appendix B.)

The questionnaire consisted of twelve multiple-choice questions pertaining to background factors in the life of the student. These factors were: size of community, family residence, father's occupation, educational attainment of parents, family's church affiliation, family's religious participation, participation of parents in civic affairs, encouragement of activities by parents, school and community activities of girl, aesthetic lessons, home situation, and yearly income.

The questionnaire was presented in a preliminary trial to ten students. Several corrections were made in the wording, the arrangement, and the instructions. Length of time required to complete was determined to be from ten to fifteen minutes. This questionnaire was submitted to the 214 Freshmen girls in the dormitory at a regular hall meeting. Four declined to participate. This left a total of 210. Later, ten question-
naires were rejected as incomplete and invalid. This questionnaire was submitted during the first semester as girls are more accepting and cooperative in such research at that time. The cover letter was read aloud as part of the explanation and time was allowed for questions. Questionnaires were completed and returned at that time. Although anonymous, an identification system was arranged.

The 200 girls were then classified into five groups based on levels of social participation and leadership, as determined by personal data slips filled in by them at the end of the second semester; by rating sheets of Resident Assistants, who were upper-class girls working closely with their own group of girls in their corridor; and a personal report submitted by the Director of the hall.

The rating sheets of the Resident Assistant and the Personal Report of the Director were reports which were a part of the regular administrative routine of the hall, and were completed in late spring, toward the end of the Spring semester. These reports listed social participation and leadership activities on a continuum scale of five categories, the descriptions of which were identical to the description of the five groups used by the investigator in this report to describe the five groupings.

Using the three reports as basis for classification, the 200 girls were classified into five levels of participation and leadership as follows:
Group I- High degree of social participation and leadership activities.
Group II- Above average in social participation and leadership activities.
Group III- Participates or helps when urged or highly motivated.
Group IV- Submissive-follower.
Group V- Withdrawer- Student removes herself from social contacts and leadership responsibilities.

Although student, Resident Assistant, and Director worked independently on coding, the specific definition and values of each factor pertaining to participation and leadership had been discussed by Director and the Resident Assistants. A Leadership Rating Scale was devised and used as a guide for coding. This Leadership Rating Scale also showed five degrees of leadership and social participation. The captions of Always, Almost always, Frequently, Almost Never, and Never were arranged in a I, II, III, IV, V continuum, to agree with coding of the Resident Assistant Rating Form.

While a number of well-constructed tests for scholastic aptitude or rating exist, there is a scarcity of instruments and research data on the existence and prediction of leadership and social behavior. There is even considerable difference in the actual definition of leadership. Goldman (13-p.88) states that most research on the subject is "arm-chair analysis" of unquantified observational data.

Accordingly, the investigator attempted to develop a well-constructed chart, listing certain characteristics of
student leaders which would correctly describe and appraise leadership and participation. A set of questions to be checked on a scale, was developed in a careful manner which would offer the possibility of quantifiable measurement of leadership and social participation. For the purposes of this study, leadership was not necessarily playing on the softball team or being elected president. Rather, the leaders were girls on whom the rest of the girls in the hall depended to set the general tone and "carry the ball" for the residence hall. These were the students to whom the others turned for help or advice. They were in on all the plans and organizing, they volunteered for committees, accepted responsibility, set examples to be imitated, were elected to represent, got along well with others. Some were elected officers of the hall, others were "informal" leaders who exercised a great deal of control and influence.

Disagreements in coding were found to be few, and these were corrected after careful reconsideration of the individual records involved. The Resident Assistants were asked to bring in specific or critical incidents illustrating successful or unsuccessful leadership behavior or social participation, as defined above, to substantiate the scoring.

Data on economic, social and educational factors in the home backgrounds, as shown on questionnaire results, were tabulated and a statistical study made of these factors in relation to social adjustment and leadership as evidenced by
the above data. Significant findings as determined by chi square were computed by the statistical laboratory at Kansas State University.

It was hoped that it might be determined to what extent economic status, social participation of parents, home ownership, aesthetic lessons, status of family, size of community, and other pertinent factors might affect social adjustment in college. Conclusions might show, as one example, whether the size of the community makes any difference. If so, what could small high schools do to help bridge the gap by enriching social adjustment and leadership opportunities in high school?

The basic null hypothesis tested was: There is no significant differences in the leadership and social participation of Freshmen girls in college on the basis of background factors of size of community, family residence, father's occupation, educational attainment of parents, family's church affiliation, family's religious participation, participation of parents in civic and cultural affairs, encouragement of social activities by parents, number of school and community activities, aesthetic lessons, home situation, and economic status.

An important phase of this research was that it covered representative types at Kansas State University, since all the Freshmen women are required to live in the dormitories. Furthermore, the assignment of students to dormitories is unsystematic
but non-random, assuring a true sample. An attempt is made to put girls of similar background together as roommates, once assigned to a certain hall, but no other selective condition is imposed on room assignments. These backgrounds are determined by the replies given to questions on the room applications.

While the study was confined to Boyd Hall at Kansas State University, during the school year 1961-1962, it was hoped the results might prove of value to other colleges and universities with the similar problem of Freshman adjustment. It is established knowledge among personnel workers that unsatisfactory interpersonal relationships cause problems which often interfere with ability to concentrate on studies, thus interfering with the student's success academically.
TABULATION

The information in Tables 1 through 13 shows the number and percent of 200 Freshmen college girls, grouped according to twelve variables used in the study and five degrees of measured social participation and leadership activities.

The numbers I, II, III, IV and V on the tables refer to the degree of leadership listed on page 12.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Group</th>
<th>I-</th>
<th>High degree of social participation and leadership activities.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>II-</td>
<td>Above average in social participation and leadership activities.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>III-</td>
<td>Participates or helps when urged or highly motivated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>IV-</td>
<td>Submissive-follower.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>V-</td>
<td>Withdrawer - Student removes herself from social contacts and leadership responsibilities.</td>
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The tables also show the chi-square value and the levels of significance. Some grouping of adjacent cells was done on account of small numbers in some category. (IV and V)

The 200 girls in the group divided as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Group</th>
<th>I-</th>
<th>24 - 12%</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>II-</td>
<td>45 - 22.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>III-</td>
<td>93 - 46.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>IV-</td>
<td>30 - 15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>8 - 4%</td>
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Table 1. Size of Community distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Size of Community</th>
<th>Number in each size grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Live on a farm</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>2.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Less than 500</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>14.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. 500 to 2500</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>10.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. 2500 to 15,000</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>16.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. 15,000 to 100,000</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>8.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Over 100,000</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>18.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>24</td>
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</table>

$X^2 = 30.29$, d.f. =12, .01 > P > .001
Table 2. Family residence distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Where does the family live?</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. In a house owned by family or being purchased.</td>
<td>169 (%)</td>
<td>21.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. In a rented house in good condition.</td>
<td>24 (%)</td>
<td>12.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. In a rented house that needs &quot;fixing-up.&quot;</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. In a rented apartment</td>
<td>4 (%)</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Other</td>
<td>3 (%)</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
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</table>

\[ \chi^2 = 2.14, \text{ d.f.} = 3, \; .70 > P > .50 \]
Table 3. Father's Occupation distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Father's Occupation</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Professional or executive</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>(%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. White collar - Managerial</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>(%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Skilled labor</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>(%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Service, Sales</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>(%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Farm owner or operator</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>(%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Unskilled labor</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Other- specified</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>(%)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
<td><strong>200</strong></td>
<td><strong>24</strong></td>
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*Omitted for statistical purposes.

\[ \chi^2 = 16.27, \text{ d.f.} = 9, \text{ } .10 > P > .05 \]
### Table 4. Educational attainment of parents (Father) distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Educational Attainment of Father</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Completed graduate work in an accredited university or college</td>
<td>22 (28%)</td>
<td>2 (4.7%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Graduated from a four-year college</td>
<td>57 (52.5%)</td>
<td>6 (10.5%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Attended college at least one year</td>
<td>39 (19.5%)</td>
<td>9 (23.1%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Graduated from high school</td>
<td>54 (27%)</td>
<td>5 (9.3%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Completed eighth grade</td>
<td>28 (14%)</td>
<td>2 (7.1%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
<td><strong>200</strong></td>
<td><strong>24</strong></td>
</tr>
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\[ \chi^2 = 50.22, \text{ d.f. 12, } P < .001 \]
Table 5. Educational attainment of parents (Mother) distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Educational Attainment of Mother</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Completed graduate work in an accredited university or college</td>
<td>11 (%)</td>
<td>I 19.1 II 36.4 III 45.5 IV 9.1 V -</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Graduated from a four-year college</td>
<td>51 (%)</td>
<td>I 15.7 II 27.5 III 45.1 IV 9.8 V 3.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Attended college at least one year</td>
<td>69 (%)</td>
<td>I 17.4 II 18.8 III 47.8 IV 11.6 V 4.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Graduated from high school</td>
<td>52 (%)</td>
<td>I 1.9 II 17.3 III 55.8 IV 23.1 V 1.9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Completed eighth grade</td>
<td>17 (%)</td>
<td>I 11.8 II 29.4 III 23.5 IV 23.5 V 11.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>200 24 45 93 30 8</td>
<td></td>
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</tbody>
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χ² = 44.25, d.f. = 9, P < .001
Table 6. Church membership distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Church Affiliation</th>
<th>Number in each denominational grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
<th>I</th>
<th>II</th>
<th>III</th>
<th>IV</th>
<th>V</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Episcopalian</td>
<td>23 (%)</td>
<td>4 17.4                                                3 13.0                                              15 65.2</td>
<td>4.3</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Unitarian</td>
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<td>Catholic</td>
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<td>3. Congregational</td>
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<td>16 11.9                                               29 21.6                                              60 44.8</td>
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<td>4. Baptist, Mormon, Church of Christ, Christian</td>
<td>15 (%)</td>
<td>1 6.7</td>
<td>5 33.3</td>
<td>7 46.7</td>
<td>2 13.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Pentacostal, Free Methodist, Gospel Tabernacle, Evangelical, Jehovah's Witnesses, United Brethren, Mennonite, Four-Square.</td>
<td>5 (%)</td>
<td>3 60.0</td>
<td>- 20.0</td>
<td>1 -</td>
<td>1 -</td>
<td>20.0</td>
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<td>6. Other denominations than listed above</td>
<td>9 (%)</td>
<td>- 44.4</td>
<td>3 33.3</td>
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<td>7. No church membership</td>
<td>3 (%)</td>
<td>- 100.</td>
<td>- 3</td>
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<td>24 45                                                 93 30                                                8 6</td>
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\[ \chi^2 = 9.45, \text{d.f.} = 6, .20 > p > .10 \]
Table 7. Family Religious Participation distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Family's Religious Participation</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Belong to a church and attend regularly. Church holds an important place in our daily lives.</td>
<td>156 (%)</td>
<td>21 13.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Church members, but are not active, and use the church only for weddings, etc.</td>
<td>23 (%)</td>
<td>3 13.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Our family does not go to church together</td>
<td>21 (%)</td>
<td>- 9.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Totals</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

$\chi^2 = 35.58$, d.f.=6, $P<.001$
Table 8. Participation of parents in community and civic life distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Participation of parents in community and civic life</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Higher than average</td>
<td>57 (%)</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Slightly more than average</td>
<td>44 (%)</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Average</td>
<td>65 (%)</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Slightly below average</td>
<td>24 (%)</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Low</td>
<td>10 (%)</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>24</td>
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\[ \chi^2 = 59.25, \text{ d.f.}=9, \quad P < .001 \]
Table 9. Encouragement by parents distributions of 200 Freshman college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Degree of encouragement in activities by parents</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>I</td>
<td>II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Parents encouraged girl joining clubs; dating; serving on committees; taking active part.</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>13.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Parents did not encourage girl, but neither did they interfere with her social life.</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>8.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Parents neither knew nor cared about girl's activities as long as she made her grades.</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Parents interfered and actively prevented social participation.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>-</td>
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</table>

Totals | 200 | 24 | 45 | 93 | 30 | 8

$\chi^2 = 16.08$, d.f. = 3, .01 > $P$ > .001
Table 10. School and Community Activities distributions of 200 Freshmen women as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>School and Community Activities: 4-H, church groups, glee club, plays, speech events, etc.</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of activities</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>(%)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>10</td>
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<td>(%)</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>(%)</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>24</td>
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$\chi^2 = 74.31$, d.f. = 12, $p < .001$
Table 11. Aesthetic lessons distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>To what extent able to have lessons in dancing, music, art, speech, etc.</th>
<th>Number by each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>II</td>
<td>III</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Had private lessons in at least two of them.</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>11.9</td>
<td>22.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Took lessons in one of them.</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>20.0</td>
<td>20.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Did not have lessons in any of these.</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(%)</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>23.3</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>24</td>
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\[ \chi^2 = 5.43, \ d.f.=3, \ .20 > P > .10 \]
Table 12. Home situation distributions of 200 Freshmen college girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Home situation</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation ratings.</th>
<th>I</th>
<th>II</th>
<th>III</th>
<th>IV</th>
<th>V</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Living in home with both parents and brothers and sisters.</td>
<td>159</td>
<td>(%) 13.2 22.6 44.0 15.7 4.4</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Living in home with both parents but no brothers or sisters.</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>(%) 7.7 26.9 53.8 7.7 3.8</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Living with widowed or divorced parent with brothers and sisters.</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>(%) 11.1 11.1 55.6 22.2 -</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Living with widowed or divorced parent with no brothers or sisters.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>(%) 25.0 75.0 -</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Living with neither parent.</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>(%) 50.0 50.0 -</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>24 45 93 30 8</td>
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\( \chi^2 = 13.16, \text{ d.f.} = 6, \quad .05 > P > .02 \)
Table 13. Economic Status of family distributions of 200 Freshmen College girls as grouped according to leadership and social participation ratings.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Yearly Income</th>
<th>Number in each grouping</th>
<th>Frequencies by five groupings according to leadership and social participation. (Number and percentage)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$5,000 set as &quot;Average&quot;</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Considerably above average</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>(%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Income slightly higher than average</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>(%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>(%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Slightly lower than average</td>
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<td>Low</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>24</td>
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$\chi^2 = 9.937$, d.f. = 6, .20 > \$P$ > .10
SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

The purpose of the study was to determine if certain home-background factors affect the social adjustment and leadership activities of Kansas State University Freshmen women in the residence hall setting. A second purpose was to acquire a better understanding of the background of the Freshmen girls by securing a general pattern of characteristics or factors as a guide in helping Freshmen girls develop total potentialities in the residence hall setting.

The basic null hypothesis to be tested was: There is no significant difference in the leadership and social participation of Freshmen girls in college on the basis of background factors of size of community, family residence, father's occupation, educational attainment of parents, family's church membership, family's religious participation, participation of parents in civic and cultural affairs, encouragement of social activities by parents, number of school and community activities, aesthetic lessons, home situation, and economic status.

The hypothesis was rejected, as seven of the twelve factors used as variables were found to have significantly contrary relationship to the hypothesis. These were Size of Community, shown in Table 1; Education of Father, shown in Table 4; Education of Mother, shown in Table 5; Family religious participation, shown in Table 7; Participation of parents in community life, shown in Table 8; Encouragement of
parents, shown in Table 9; and School and Community Activities, shown in Table 10. These were all significant at the .001 level.

Not significantly related to leadership grouping were Family's Residence, Father's Occupation, Church Membership, Aesthetic Lessons, Home Situation, and Economic Status of the Family.

In regard to gaining insight into background of Freshmen girls, some interesting results were obtained from Table 1, Size of Community.

Danskin (2-p.3) found in his analysis of home town factors of the entire student body at Kansas State University that:

- 51% were from towns of less than 10,000
- 23% were from towns of less than 1,000
- 26% were from towns of over 25,000

This study shows that the female students at Kansas State University have a much more pronounced urban origin. In contrast to the above:

- 30% were from towns of less than 10,000
- 25% were from towns of less than 500
- 45% were from cities from 15,000 to 100,000

Of the 24 girls from Group I, highest type of leadership, 13 were from cities, 1 from the farm, 5 from small towns, 5 from medium-sized towns of 2,500 to 15,000.

In Table 2, the group was found to be predominantly
home-owners, 169 of the 200 girls having checked this category. This factor had no significant relationship to leadership and social participation.

Father's occupation, Table 3, was found to be not significantly related. However, the figures are interesting in comparison with Danskin's figures on the student body as a whole: (8-p.5) He found:

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<th>Total Student Body</th>
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<td>Professional or Managerial</td>
<td>-27%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Farmers</td>
<td>-29%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skilled labor</td>
<td>-14%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sales and Service</td>
<td>-16%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unskilled and other</td>
<td>-14%</td>
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This study showed:

<table>
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<th>Women Students</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Professional or Managerial</td>
<td>-51%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Farm owner or Manager</td>
<td>-27%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Skilled labor</td>
<td>-14%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sales and Service</td>
<td>-2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unskilled and other</td>
<td>6%</td>
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</table>

Father's Schooling, Table 4, was a factor significant at the .001 level.

Danskin (8-p.4) found the typical Kansas State University student has parents with high school education or less. Father's schooling according to over-all school enrollment was:
26% - 16 years or more of schooling
15% - Had attended college one year
44% - High school graduate or attended
13% - Ninth grade or less

Father's Schooling of the 200 Freshmen girls in this study showed:
39% - Had completed four years of college and some Graduate work. Eleven had completed Graduate work.
19% - Had attended college at least one year
28% - Had graduated from high school only
14% - Had completed the eighth grade only

Over half of the fathers of the 200 girls (58%) had attended college at least one year. The above figures indicate that the fathers of female students at Kansas State University are more highly educated than fathers of the total student body.

Danskin (8-p.5) also found that over half of the mothers of the students as a whole had high school education or less. His breakdown is as follows:

49% High school or less (This includes the 8% with ninth grade or less.
22% Had attended college at least one year.
20% Had 16 years or more education.

The mother's education of the 200 girls in this study ranged as follows: (Table 5)

26% graduated from HighSchool
8% had ninth grade or less
35% had at least one year of college
31% had 16 years or more education
Here again, the figures indicate that the mothers of female students are more highly educated than mothers of total student body. Also a higher percentage of mothers had attended college than had fathers, as 66% had attended for one year or more, according to Table 5, which includes 9% Graduates, compared with 58% of the fathers who had one year or more of college.

Religious affiliation of the parents had no significance. One hundred thirty-four students fell into the "average middle-class" category. The denominations were listed on the questionnaire and on Table 6, ranging from Permissive to Authoritarian, by Dr. Walton Cole, First Methodist Church, Manhattan, Kansas. It was believed that so-called "fundamental" sects with strong authoritarian leadership might suggest a conflict between strict religious beliefs and the social mores at Kansas State University. However, only fourteen were in this group and its fringes, with no significant effect appearing.

The study showed that the religious affiliation of the Freshmen girls was predominantly Protestant and Middle-Class, as denominations are listed on the McGuire-White Social Scale. Only three girls of the 200 listed No Church Membership.

Family Religious Participation as contrasted to Church Membership alone showed significance at the .001 level. (Table 7) Regular church attendance was listed by 156 girls. This included 21 of the top 24 leaders. No one in the Group I, Leadership listed that the family did not attend church together.

Participation of parents in community and civic life, and encouragement by parents of the student's social activities
were both significant factors. The number of activities in which the girl participated affected leadership and social participation. Music, art and dancing lessons made no significant difference, nor did the home situation, since only fifteen girls came from widowed, divorced, or otherwise "broken" families. Father's income had no significance, but it was noted that all but six of the respondents listed Father's Income above average.

On the basis of this study, then, the "typical" Freshman girl at Kansas State University comes from a town of over 10,000 population. Her parents have a good education -- 86 per cent of the fathers had graduated from high school, and 92 per cent of the mothers were high school graduates. Her father holds a professional or managerial position or is a farmer. Her parents are middle-class people, home-owners, predominantly Protestant, regular church attenders. The church has an important place in their lives. She lives with a well-rounded family group consisting of father, mother, brothers and sisters.

In analyzing the degree of leadership and social participation in relation to the size of the community it was learned that of the 24 girls in Group I, 12 per cent lived on a farm or in a small town of less than 500, while 54 per cent lived in cities of 15,000 or more, and 42 per cent lived in cities of over 100,000. Of the 38 girls in Groups IV and V, 40 per cent lived on a farm or in a community of less than 500. Of the girls in this group, 32 per cent lived in cities of 15,000 or more but only 21 per cent in cities of 100,000. It would, therefore, appear that the leaders have urban backgrounds.
It was learned that the fathers and mothers of our leaders are better educated than the parents of our less socially-successful girls.

In analyzing the degree of leadership and social participation in relation to father's education, it was learned that 71 per cent of the fathers of the 24 girls in Group I had attended college at least one year, 21 per cent had just completed High School, while only 8 per cent had gone only to the eighth grade. Of the Withdrawers, 37 per cent were from the group whose fathers had completed only the eighth grade, 25 per cent from the group whose fathers had graduated from college. Among the withdrawers, there were no fathers who had completed graduate work.

The education of the mothers of the leaders was also significant. Of the 24 girls in Group I, 87.5 per cent of the mothers had attended college at least one year, only four per cent were just High School graduates, and 8 per cent had completed the eighth grade. Of the Withdrawers, there were none with mothers who had completed graduate work, 4 per cent from the High School graduates, and 8 per cent from the group with mothers who had completed only the eighth grade. The educational attainment of the father appeared to be slightly more important than that of the mother, which might be accounted for by the fact that the socio-economic status of the family is usually more related to the father's educational attainment than to that of the mother.
The leaders definitely were church attenders as tables listed 156 out of 200 as belonging to a church and attending regularly. All 24 of the Group I leaders listed activity in Church Youth groups in Table 10, which listed the activities engaged in while in high school. There were no leaders in Group I who checked that the family did not go to church together, while 25 per cent of the girls in Group V, withdrawn group, checked the alternative.

The parents of the leaders are active in community and civic life. Of the 200 girls, the parents of 57 are listed as "Higher than Average" in participation; 39 per cent of the girls in Groups I and II were daughters of the parents listed in "Higher than Average" category. No parents of a girl in Group V, withdrawal group, was designated in the participation category of "Higher than Average." Parents of 44 girls marked "Slightly more than Average Participation," and 30 per cent of the girls in Groups I and II, had parents in this category. No parents of a girl in Group V was designated in the participation category of "Slightly More than Average Participation." Parents of 89 listed "Average" or "Slightly below Average," and 25 per cent of the girls in Groups I and II had parents so designated. The Withdrawal group showed 75 per cent were daughters of the parents in "Average" or "Slightly below Average" category.

The leaders had been encouraged by their parents to participate in activities during high school. Of the 200 girls,
138 mentioned encouragement by parents. In this group of 138 girls, 40.6 per cent were in Groups I and II of leadership. Less than one per cent were withdrawers. Of the girls whose parents had a laissez-faire attitude, and those who actively interfered, none were in Groups I and II of leadership.

The number of activities engaged in during high school showed a close relationship to leadership in college. Of the 200 girls, 37 per cent listed eight, nine, and ten activities on a scale showing 1 to 10 activities. In the total group of 24 leaders, 66 per cent listed 8 or more activities. None of the girls listing 8, 9, or 10 activities were in the Withdrawer group. Fifty per cent of the girls with less than three activities were in the Withdrawer group.

The leaders of this group of 200 girls have predominantly urban backgrounds, and parents who are better educated than the parents of the less socially-successful girls. They are active in church and attend regularly. Their parents are active in church, community and civic life, and have encouraged the girls in such participation. The leaders have been very active in extra-curricular activities in high school. Among the activities mentioned oftenest were church youth groups, Y-Teens, Pep clubs, Girl Scouts, speech events, Rainbow Girls, and summer camp experiences.

One of the specific objectives of this study was to secure a general pattern of characteristics as a guide in helping Freshmen girls develop total potentialities of leadership
and social participation in the residence hall setting.

The findings of the study can be used as follows: Leadership and socialization are a part of a developmental process which can go on even though deprivation exists during high school years. Leadership is learned by doing some leading. Many potential leaders have never been discovered and encouraged. The old saying that "nothing succeeds like success" is a reminder that one of the needs of the Freshmen students is some measure of success. One of the processes of developing leadership is success, which in turn breeds not only more successes, but self-confidence and further leadership.

This presents the challenge of identifying the background traits of the less socially-successful girls and diagnosing reasons for withdrawal in relation to these background factors. An effort should then be made, in an unobtrusive manner, to learn why the student is shy and withdrawn and to find a way to help her build more self-confidence. A program of guidance which encourages the individual to contribute and the group to utilize each contribution, is one means by which this can be accomplished. In this manner, the paucity of experiences of a girl who comes from smaller home town, has had less encouragement from parents, and less participation in fewer activities, can be "pieced out."

Areas of interest can be discovered through which the less tried and more insecure type of girl can find her type of success and gain status in the group. These can often be
learned through use of Interest and Talent Questionnaires as used in the Residence Halls program at Kansas State University. Often, the Resident Assistant can learn of special interests as she works closely with her corridor group.

The numerous organized activities of social and recreational nature in the residence halls provide opportunities for development of social skills, broaden social awareness, and aid in developing self-confidence and leadership. Individual opportunities may be enlarged by providing varied types of experiences which will help each girl make her unique contribution to the group.

Participation may be encouraged by maintaining an environment in the hall which will provide a sense of security, friendliness, and homelike warmth. Even in the larger halls, there is usually an opportunity for small-group projects. This secure environment will help the shy and less-aggressive girls feel a sense of belonging and aid in developing an "out-going" personality.

If partial failure results from trying to develop each girl as a leader, perhaps it will not constitute total loss, as the result of trying may be the production of a group of more socially aware and competent "followers."


Dear Fellow-Boydite:

As one of the 214 freshmen girls living in Boyd Hall, you are in a position to make a very significant contribution to a study now being conducted, for which your help is needed.

You have often heard such remarks as, "She's just a farm girl!", or "She comes from a small town", or "farm girls are more self-reliant." Have you ever wondered just how true these remarks are?

The attached questionnaire is a part of a study being made to determine to what extent certain background factors such as economic status, social participation of parents, home ownership, music or dancing lessons, affect or influence the social adjustment of Freshmen girls at Kansas State University. These and other educational, economic, and social factors in the background of the Freshmen dormitory group will be noted and compared with social adjustment as evidenced by your participation in the hall activities, rating of upper-class resident assistants who work closely with you, and your own personal rating sheet which you will fill out and return to the office of the Associate Dean of Students in May, 1962.

As a residence hall director conducting this study as a part of the requirements for a Master's degree in Guidance, I anticipate that the results may prove of importance to housing directors and other residence hall personnel in colleges and universities. It is only in the last decade that residence halls have been accepted as a part of the total educational picture rather than as "boarding houses." Therefore, any study that approaches our problems from a scientific and professional viewpoint makes a worthwhile contribution to our fund of knowledge and better enables the residence hall staff to help each girl attain her complete education. While the results should mainly interest personnel workers, they should prove interesting to each of you, and they will be made available to anyone who wants them.

The questionnaire will be strictly anonymous. I am interested in the items checked, not in who checked which items. As an example, if I were interested in your financial status, I could learn it from other sources. The questionnaire will have value only if the answers are honestly and accurately checked. Your confidence will be protected. After you have filled out the form, sign the white envelope, put it in the envelope attached to the questionnaire and seal the envelope. We shall then give the returned form and the envelope a number in duplicate. Thereafter, your filled-in form shall be known only by this number.

It is necessary for the purposes of this study that this form be returned and statistically tabulated before the personal data sheets are filled out by you in the spring. You may bring it to the office any time during the next week and drop it in the box provided.

Your Director and Fellow-Student
QUESTIONNAIRE

Directions: Please check the square where the description best fits your home background for the year prior to your coming to college. Answer every item.

1. What is the size of the community in which you live?
   - [ ] Less than 500
   - [ ] 500 to 2500
   - [ ] 2500 to 15,000
   - [ ] 15,000 to 100,000
   - [ ] Above 100,000
   - [ ] Live on a farm

2. Where does your family live?
   - [ ] In a house owned by family or being purchased.
   - [ ] In a rented house in good condition.
   - [ ] In a rented house that needs "fixing-up".
   - [ ] In a rented apartment.
   - [ ] Other

3. What is your father's occupation?
   - [ ] Professional or executive - Lawyer, doctor, teacher, engineer, large store or factory owner, etc.
   - [ ] White collar - Office manager, clerical and sales, small shop owner-manager
   - [ ] Skilled labor- baker, carpenter, mechanical trades, etc.
   - [ ] Service- barber, store clerk, garage, dry cleaner, bus driver, etc.
   - [ ] Farm owner or operator
   - [ ] Unskilled labor- warehouseman, ditchdigger, farm hand.
   - [ ] Other __________________________ (Write in)
4. What is the educational attainment of your parents?

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- Completed graduate work in an accredited university or college
- Graduated from a four-year college
- Attended college at least one year
- Graduated from high school
- Completed eighth grade

5. Which of the following groups includes your family's church affiliation?

- [ ] Episcopalian, Unitarian, Catholic
- [ ] Jewish, Lutheran, Greek Orthodox
- [ ] Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian Science
- [ ] Baptist, Mormon, Church of Christ
- [ ] Pentacostal, Free Methodist, Gospel Tabernacle, Evangelical, Jehovah's Witness, United Brethren, Mennonite, Four-Square
- [ ] Other denomination than listed above
- [ ] No church membership

6. Which best describes your family's religious participation?

- [ ] Belong to a church and attend regularly. Church holds an important place in our daily lives.
- [ ] Church members, but are not active and use the church only for weddings, etc.
- [ ] Our family does not go to church together.
7. What is the participation of your parents in civic, community, cultural clubs, organizational work, lodges, etc?

- [ ] Higher than average
- [ ] Slightly more than the average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Slightly below average
- [ ] Low

8. To what extent did your parents encourage your social activities and club and church youth group participation?

- [ ] Parents encouraged my joining clubs; dating; having a good time, serving on committees; taking an active part.
- [ ] Parents did not encourage me, but neither did they interfere with my social life.
- [ ] Parents neither knew nor cared about my activities as long as I made my grades.
- [ ] Parents interfered and actively prevented my social participation.

9. Below is a list of school and community activities. Circle the ones you were active in.

- 4-H
- Church youth group
- Summer camp
- Glee club
- Rainbow Girls
- Girl Scouts
- Y-Teens
- Pep Club
- Class plays
- Assembly programs
- Speech events,
10. To what extent were you able to have lessons (outside of school classes) in dancing, music, art, or speech?

☐ Had private lessons in at least three of them.

☐ Took lessons in two of them.

☐ Did not have lessons in any of these.

11. What describes your home situation best?

☐ Living in home with both parents and brothers and sisters.

☐ Living in home with both parents but no brothers or sisters.

☐ Living with widowed or divorced parent with brothers and sisters.

☐ Living with widowed or divorced parent with no brothers or sisters.

☐ Living with neither parent.

12. Taking $5,000 as average yearly income, what is the economic status of your family?

☐ Considerably above average

☐ Income slightly higher than average

☐ Average

☐ Slightly lower than average

☐ Low
APPENDIX B
RATING FORM I - Filled in by Director

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

RESIDENCE HALL FORM

NAME ____________________________ Residence Hall ________ Room No. ______

Home Address ____________________________________________________________________________ Telephone No. ______

Roommate Adjustment: (1) Associates entirely or principally with roommate ______
(2) Friendly with but independent of roommate ______
(3) Dissatisfied or unhappy with roommate ______
(4) Difficult for roommate to get along with ______

Housekeeping: (1) Compulsive about keeping room neat ______
(2) Usually has room in good condition ______
(3) Is erratic about keeping room clean ______
(4) Room is kept in a slovenly condition ______

Participation in Program: (1) High degree of social participation and leadership. ______
(2) Above average in participation and leadership ______
(3) Participates or helps when urged or highly motivated ______
(4) Accepts leadership reluctantly; little or no social life ______
(5) Withdraws from social contacts and leadership responsibilities ______

Student dates: (1) Usually on weekends ______ (2) Weekends and nights out ______
(3) Irregularly ______ (4) Infrequently or never ______

Health (1) Excellent ______ (2) Good ______ (3) Fair ______ (4) Poor ______

Any observed difficulty ____________________________________________________________

Violation of regulations and disciplinary actions:

Comments (On personal appearance, citizenship in hall, to what extent she realizes group living carries responsibility and consideration for others, acceptance by group, ability to make friends, evidence of growth and maturity or changes in attitude):

Signature __________________________________________

Date ___________________________
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Resident Assistant's Signature
RATING FORM III—Filled in by the student.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Manhattan, Kansas

STUDENT PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Date (day, month, year)

Name (last) (first) (middle) Name of hall or house

Home address ____________________________ Telephone number ________________

School ____________________________ Class ____________________________ Birth date ________________

Curriculum (major) ____________________________ 1st semester—hrs enrld ________________ hrs drpd ________________

Adviser ____________________________ 2nd semester—hrs enrld ________________ hrs drpd ________________

Scholarships or Aid (loans) ____________________________ Hours currently carried ________________

Have you used—Counseling Center ____________ Reading Clinic ____________ Student Health ____________

Study Skills Clinic ____________ Other ____________ Have you asked for out-of-class help from your instructors? ____________

LIVING GROUP ACTIVITIES

Roommates—1st semester ____________________________ 2nd semester ____________________________

Participation in residence hall, sorority, or house program as follows:

1st semester 2nd semester

Offices held ____________________________ ____________________________

Committees ____________________________ ____________________________

Others ____________________________ ____________________________

If sorority member, name sorority ____________________________ Date initiated ________________ Date pledged ________________

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Organizations 1st semester 2nd semester

1st semester ____________________________ ____________________________

2nd semester ____________________________ ____________________________

Honors received (scholastic or social): ____________________________

EMPLOYMENT

1st semester 2nd semester

Place ____________________________ ____________________________

Kind ____________________________ ____________________________

Hours per week ____________ Rate of pay ____________ ____________________________

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<td>Is she the kind of person always first thought of for a high office?</td>
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<td>When she agrees to take on a project does she see it through to the end?</td>
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<td>Are the projects for which she is a leader successful?</td>
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<td>To what extent does she participate in group activities in the dorm?</td>
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<td>Does she set an example by her own behavior that is imitated by others in the group?</td>
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<td>How frequently do the girls in the dorm turn to her for help or advice?</td>
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<td>Is she able to get along well with different types of people?</td>
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<td>Does she have self-confidence to a degree that she can inspire others to do their best?</td>
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<td>Is she able to delegate responsibility to other people and then see that they get the credit and the thanks?</td>
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<td>Is she one of those who volunteer help when needed, and does she initiate projects herself?</td>
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<td>Is she elected by the group to represent them in dealings with faculty, campus organizations, etc.?</td>
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<td>How does she measure up on her willingness to put group welfare above her own personal interests?</td>
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<td>Is she able to plan and organize her time to put first things first, yet have a well-rounded social life?</td>
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