

SCHRAMM:

A DORM OF A DIFFERENT GENDER

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On Saturday nights Schramm, UNL's only coed dormitory, isn't the lively place that one might imagine. Schramm is dead—until about 1 a.m. when persons start drifting back to the dormitory after an evening on the town.

Schramm, coed since 1970, doesn't appear different from other dormitories, except that the sexes are evenly divided.

Male dormitories have an occasional woman carefully being escorted by her boyfriend. In a female dormitory there

are only women, and a few guys who have ventured in to visit their girlfriends.

In Schramm, sexes are mixed. Men live on even-numbered floors and women live on odd-numbered floors, with the first floor of the ten-story building reserved for offices and a lounge.

On the first floor there are groups of people—both male and female. During Residence Hall Association (RHA) hours there are mixed groups of six to eight sitting in rooms or floor lounges talking.

It's common for groups of persons,

men and women, to go out for coffee or doughnuts on a week night. People in Schramm do things in groups rather than in boy-girl pairs. Residents say most relationships are on a friends level rather than romantic, although a few romances have developed.

According to Jane Lyons, who with her husband Bob, runs Schramm, the staff tries to promote group activities. She says she wants Schramm residents informally involved without regard to

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