



SCHRAMM

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"Schramm is friendly. Everyone here makes you feel welcome," said Pam Lantz, a freshman who lived in Senior Hall last semester. She moved to Schramm after visiting friends in the dormitory.

"People have told me they have felt a warmth in Schramm that they haven't felt in other dormitories," Jane Lyons said. "People bring doughnuts to the community quad, which doesn't happen in other dorms."

All dormitory functions bring the 504 Schramm residents together. Last Friday, Schramm had its fifth roller skating party of the year with 200 to 300 residents participating. Schramm has had Valentine's Day parties, Christmas parties and a Halloween party.

Popcorn parties are a common week night occurrence in the main lounge. Residents come down for a few minutes for popcorn, punch and a study break. According to Ms. Lyons, informal, neighborhood activities get the best response.

A former Pound resident says that she "loves" Schramm because she has a chance to meet gay.

Schramm has developed a Know Your Neighbor Program for several floors. The program works with brother-sister floors, where men help women repair small items in their rooms, move furniture and build objects for women's lounges, while the women help the men sew and iron.

"We don't want to run a hotel; we're not just selling space and food," Lyons says. He says increased visitation and legalized alcohol consumption will help develop a sense of community in Schramm.

Schramm does have problems, however. Each floor has RHA visitation for six hours each night. After RHA hours, floors are off-limits to the opposite sex. But both of Schramm's elevators stop at all floors.

"It is really easy to violate RHA hours," according to Lantz. "The stair doors are locked at the end of the hours, but anyone can come up on the elevator."

She says that most girls don't report visitation violators.

Mary Lou French, who sponsors RHA

hours on seventh floor, says she yells "hours are over" when hours end and most of the men leave. But, if a girl's floor is closed, there is no way to know if there is a male in the room.

Petersen, who lived in Pound for two years, says in Pound there were nights when she didn't know there were RHA hours, because she never saw any males on the floor. This doesn't happen in Schramm, she says.

Off-campus males and men from other dormitories also have been a problem for women's floors. Incidents include men roaming floors, turning doorknobs and walking into the rooms if the doors are unlocked have been reported.

Like other dormitories Schramm has problems with alcohol, drugs and theft, but Ms. Lyons says there is no difference between Schramm and other dormitories when it comes to these problems.

Schramm's biggest problem seems to be noise. Although quiet on Saturday night, Schramm is noisy throughout the week. French, Lantz and Petersen study in the library. French, who plans to move to an apartment next year, says noise is one of the reasons she's moving.

But according to those interviewed, Schramm, despite its noise, is probably the best place to develop informal relationships with members of the opposite sex.

As a sign in a Schramm lounge puts it, "Schramm is you-nique."



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