Co-Habitation Studied In UCLA Dormitories

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The same problems and events we encounter here at Rice are often highlighted by incidents at other universities. Bulletins, letters, and newspapers from these other schools point up the fact that much of the same things that can be said about L.S.U., Yale, Oberlin, or Podunk are strangely familiar to RU.

U. C. L. A.—How far should coeducation go at the college level? On the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, men and women live in the same dorms.

IN DYKSTRA HALL, girls occupy the top three floors of the dormitory, and boys the bottom seven floors. The procedure is economically practical for the school since it cuts down on lost or unfilled space. Students of both sexes use a common dining hall, reception lobby and recreational area. Dormitory roofs are used for dances. There are floor exchanges from time to time in which the residents of one floor are invited to meet those of another.

Reaction has been favorable from both students and faculty. "It offers a tremendous advantage for life . . . there are no strained relationships between the sexes . . . (and) girls exert a civilizing influence on college boys." The prominent comment was "... it broadens a man's experience."

SALEM — A passing remark by a visiting speaker at Salem described the small college in Winston-Salem, N.C., as "charming ... but very bland."

EDITORIALS HAVE questioned if collegians might not apply this "blandness" to their own campus. "To too large an extent Salem is bland. There are disturbing signs of blandness, apathy, indifference, complacency . . . There is too much blandness in every student:

"—who after 4 years here and 3 years of marriage will not be able to discuss anything except how many teeth Junior has.

"—who has not questioned any of their basic beliefs which have been changed by being here.

"who is working more for a degree than an education."

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