Is co-ed living an option on Penn State campuses?

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It has always bothered me that on campus males can live together and females can live together, but that a male and female can NOT live together.

I view this as a form of heterosexual discrimination.

If you recall, most material that Penn State publishes has a particular statement at the end of it. Part of this statement reads:

"...The Pennsylvania State University does not discriminate against any person because of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status..."

If Penn State does not discriminate against sexual orientation, why doesn't it allow men and women to room together?

James Bowen, manager of Housing and Foods Service at Behrend, said there is no written policy stating that men and women can not live together. Reading through Behrend's

"Term, Conditions, and Regulations" for fall 1994 through summer 1995, I found nothing pertaining to a gender requirement for roommates.

Bowen said it's just "traditionally known that we don't have co-ed residence halls."

I'm sure when on-campus housing was created males lived only with males and females only with females because of "the sex thing." However today sex is going to happen no matter who's living with who, what gender they are, or what sexual orientation they have.

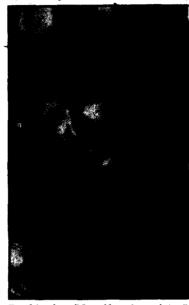
At Behrend the suites alternate male/female, and in Niagara and Lawrence Halls there are two floors of women and one floor of men. This is as close to "co-ed" housing as it gets.

Bowen said that some colleges in the West have co-ed residential arrangements, but doesn't "feel it would be well accepted in the East."

My question is, what if you're engaged, married or just very close with someone of the

opposite sex and you want to live on campus? The answer: you can't.

The only other alternative oncampus housing arrangement offered in the Penn State system (and only available at University



Park) is "family housing." However, to be eligible for this housing you must have children (it does not matter whether you

are married or single).

My problem with "family housing" is that numerous definitions of family do NOT include children. (More discrimination here!) "Family" can also be defined as those people living in the same household, those related by ancestry or marriage or people who share similar features.

I think not allowing men and women to live together is a form of heterosexual discrimination because two men or two women who are committed to each other ARE permitted to live together. This is permissible for homosexuals but not for Is this not heterosexual? discrimination based on sexual orientation?

I believe that colleges and universities which do not currently offer co-ed housing should do so or at least try it. My idea of co-ed housing is not a total overhaul of existing residential arrangements, but rather a modification.

Upper classmen living quarters such as apartments should

definitely be made co-ed (not that everyone has to or wants to live like this). Dorms could perhaps be one-fifth co-ed and four-fifths male/male or female/female. Making dorms co-ed may be more difficult because parents of younger-age college students may disagree with the idea and not send their "children" to a school that has co-ed housing.

Some people may ask what do you do if the couple terminates its relationship? The answer: follow the same procedure that already exists for roommate conflict. If you think about it, the same types of problems can arise in homosexual relationships in which two men or two women are living together.

If co-ed housing was available, more students may decide to live on campus. It all depends on a college's culture and if it wants more students living on campus.

Without a written policy stating that men and women can't live together, heterosexuals should fight for co-ed housing. Isn't it a right they have?

bunch of bull

It is pathetic but true that we Americans hardly over think about aggiculture. We walk into restaurant and order a terper, and we rarely stop to purpolyes: Where, exactly, his hemburger come from? did everybody involved

Yes, too many of us take

worm cows (the headline states: "It pays to question your dewormer"). There's a large color photograph of two men, clad in overalls and billed caps, standing behind the rear end of the cow (the cow's face is not shown, and you will soon see why).

The men look normal and sans, except for one thing: One of them has much of his right arm inside the year end of the cow. The man does not appear to be at all concerned about this. He's hat even head

MOB LEADER: We caught this varmint palpatin' out at Jess Pooper's place!

VOICES IN MOB: Yeah! He's a palpator!

SHERIFF: But that's a perfectly legitimate veterinary

MOB LEADER: He was palpatin's BULL.

grant, some of which came from the federal government, to paint words from a pioneer woman's diary on the sides of live cows. I am not making this up. The idea was that the cows, with the words on their sides, would wander around and poop on symbolic representations of U.S. taxpayers.

No, seriously, the idea, as explained by one of the artists, was that the wondering cows would scramble the words so as to "create a new text." I think this is a terrific idea, and I believe that the government should seriously consider using wandering painted cows to pacrate the instructions for ig out federal tax forms. I et cows would do a MUCH etter job than whoever is doing als now (my guess is.

Speaking of government the a selectly time to do

and NEW SPILL NO JOKE -concerning an epidemic of trucks spilling loads of cow parts on the highways in and around Marietta.

There are some large, vivid color photographs, including one with a caption that says, "Street Superintendent Richard 'Moose' Mayer removes cow parts from Washington Street," and another one captioned, simply, "Cow heads and feet along Muskingum Road" (this one is directly over a headline that says, CLINTON **WORKS ON HIS IMAGE).**

In a strongly worded editorial. The Times came out four-square against cow parts on the road, and stated: "It's time for action." I could not agree more. I say the people who are doing this should be arrested and thrown into prison, unless of course it turns out that they are artists, in which case I say they should be given federal grants.

But the important thing is that SOMETHING must be done, if we are to rightain our quality of life in this great nation, a nation in which all people, regardless of radigious beliefs or ethnic authorized have the absolute the businesstal right to