

Moorhead State College, rightly or wrongly, prides itself on being one of the more progressive Minnesota institutions of higher learning. Certainly racism, for example -- the assumption that one race is superior to another -- would not be used here to justify specific college policy.

Ironically, a parallel assumption, that one sex is superior to another, is the unspoken rationale for MSC's antiquated housing regulations for women. Elsewhere in this issue Shirley Heyer describes how three female students have attempted to combat college regulations that make them and other co-eds sign in by certain set hours at night. These girls are not alone in resenting these arbitrary intrusions into their personal affairs, but they are alone in fighting them and articulating their objections so well.

The simple fact is that there is no real justification, legal or moral, for this or any other kind of discrimination. We all know that men don't have to put up with this kind of crap, nor for that matter do those young ladies who do not choose to attend college when the time comes for them to strike out on their own. Is a college girl somehow less mature, less human?

The cause is sexism. As irrational as racism, sexism operates on the assumption that women are a lesser species who must be looked out for because somehow they aren't bright or decent or something enough to take care of themselves. Our whole sick society has incorporated that belief into its system of values, but it is discouraging to find that "progressive" MSC hasn't seen fit to question this patronizing method of dehumanizing half of the human race.

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