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Brochure did read: generous living in the public's tower, on the campus of...  
Come coeds; park your undeclared majors on the high floors,  
Sophomores, juniors, girls with boys.

All dorm living is local— the common lounge,  
Occasional linen service, unflushed toilets.

Absent faculty, resident directors, in sidles Peter Gabriel and his too tall rock stories;  
Robert Plant, code blue, "out in the land of ice and snow," head voice, bedbugs, falsetto;  
Keith Moon, drum set, Hotel Deville, well-tooled in laying waste.

Share a space with the unabridged boys of the bong, boils,  
Smoke under the door and head-soaked toil.

Who expected four all-male offenders, at our experiment among the genders?  
Seventy-five decibels at 6am, their stereos snoring,  
Set against light-sleeping lovers and mostly conventional studies.

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