

Hefner's Credo . . . Ministers Ponder Playboy Philosophy

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Dealing with a wide range of topics on sex and morality in contemporary society, the Playboy Philosophy has produced comment and criticism among campus ministers.

The philosophy is written by the magazine's editor, Hugh Hefner. Its subtitle terms it "a statement in which playboy's editor-publisher spells out — for friends and critics alike — our guiding principles and editorial credo."

In the November, 1965 issue Hefner wrote, "Dr. Kinsey's book, 'Sexual Behavior in the Human Male' disturbs me. Not because I consider the American people overly immoral, but because this study makes obvious the lack of understanding and realistic thinking that have gone into the formation of our sex standards and laws."

Moral Pretenses
"Our moral pretenses and our hypocrisy on matters of sex have led to incalculable frustration, delinquency and unhappiness," Hefner continues.

This was written in the 23rd installment of the philosophy, with Hefner adding that "a conclusion to a series is nowhere in sight."

Dr. Alan Pickering of the United Campus Christian Fellowship said that he has subscribed to and read Playboy for a number of years.

Father Raymond Haine of the Newman Center said that while he had only read a few of the magazines, he had encouraged students to study them intelligently before issuing blanket approval or condemnation.

The Rev. A. J. Norden of the Campus Lutheran Center said that he doesn't read Playboy and thinks that it is the type of publication that misleads the reader as regarding morality in sex.

Dr. Pickering and Father Hain both said, however, that the number of people who read the philosophy as compared to the number who merely look at the magazine is minimal.

Terming himself "100 per

cent in the affirmative" regarding Hefner's condemnation of outdated laws pertaining to sex, Dr. Pickering said that he also thought Hefner's ideas on postal censorship were "very apropos."

Ten Commandments
Dr. Pickering said that while some of the sexual ideas in the philosophy were contrary to the Ten Commandments, these commandments were contemporary rules that have to be interpreted in the light of today's society.

The philosophy is driving back from the "Augustinian Greek dualism," Dr. Pickering said, to the Judaic-Christian idea of a "whole man, composed of flesh as well as spirit."

Hefner started out with a "poor job" of philosophizing, Dr. Pickering said, but has changed to areas of self-responsibility.

Dr. Pickering said that he began reading the magazine in order to get an idea of what his student parishioners were reading and thinking about, and ultimately subscribed to the magazine as well as parts of the philosophy.

"Playboy will continue to have a place in society as long as there are such things as archaic laws and college administrations who think the lid should be placed on student morality," Dr. Pickering said.

Both Dr. Pickering and Father Hain said that the Playboy philosophy was a good stimulant to intelligent thought and discussion, but both attacked the place of woman in the philosophy.

Chattel
Dr. Pickering said that the philosophy still treats women as chattel, and termed their place in the Playboy scheme of thought as the "bunny-type marmalade cherry" topping of the playboy's necessary collection of worldly goods.

He added, though, that he didn't see it as a "girlie" magazine.

Father Hain said that the philosophy seems to hold woman as a "tool" of the ideal playboy. He added that there is a little that

is "good and true" about the philosophy, but that the major flaw was that it doesn't recognize moral responsibility.

There is a failure on the part of the follower of the philosophy to hold himself accountable for his sexual freedoms, Father Hain said, and there is "no benevolent love" involved, but rather the idea that man is a creature to whom pleasure is necessary.

Father Hain said that in a sermon last year he had told students to go ahead and read Playboy with an

intelligent and questioning attitude, much the same as they would study a text.

Rev. Norden also objected to the "making a thing out of the person you enjoy sex with." He added that the magazine seems to promote the idea of man looking at woman as merely an object of pleasure.

If the reader has a good moral background, Rev. Norden said that the magazine might have some value, but that even this was "questionable."

Undisciplined Sex
"Hefner never points out

that the world's people have suffered because of undisciplined sex and sex out of wedlock," Rev. Norden said.

Rev. Norden said that the philosophy seems to center in sex as an end in itself, and he particularly condemned Hefner for having the "warped idea of sex being condemned by the churches or regarded as an evil thing by them."

Hefner wrote in the philosophy that "the coming of Christianity did not lessen the importance of sex in religion, it merely altered its value. Sex ceased to be something sacred and became something evil."

He added, "All sexual relations outside of marriage, and all deviations where procreation was impossible (in or out of wedlock) were considered mortal sins."

In recent months many ministers and theology students have been writing to Playboy, showing a religious readership if not complete agreement.

In the September issue two ministers and a seminary student had letters in the Playboy Forum. The seminary student put his attitude this way: "The Playboy Philosophy might not be perfect; but then, you never hear anyone ask, 'Is Playboy dead?'"

Nebraska men who have passed their 26th birthday without being drafted because of draft deferments will not be called until at least January or February, according to Col. Francis Drath, head of the Nebraska Selective Service.

Drath said that because of the cuts in the November and December draft calls, he is "sure that these people will not be needed before January or February."

He said that most of the men in this category at the University are probably on

student or teaching deferments, but it is left to the student's local board whether he will be called up.

For men in the 26 to 35 age group to be drafted, they must be presently listed a 1-A and have been previously deferred.

Drath estimated that about 700 Nebraska men will be affected by the change.

About 70,000 men on the national level have been ordered to take physical examinations and is expected to produce about 50,000 potential draftees.

According to Drath, the men presently undergoing physicals would be placed in what is known as the "fifth priority category" for induction.

Under the present order of call, the first to be inducted are delinquents, who failed to follow proper local board procedures.

Second are the 19 to 25-year-olds volunteers, and third, those in the group who are single or were married after August 26, 1965. Fourth are 19 to 25 year old men without children who were married on or before August 26, 1965.

Fifth, and so far not called, are the men now to be examined. The youngest in that group would be

called first. Last in line are the 18½ to 19-year-olds.

Drath said that the present draft calls for October and November are 246 and 207 respectively, but he noted that the call for November has now been reduced by about 15 per cent.

He said that the national call for November is 43,700 and just recently announced call for December is only about 12,000, which, according to Drath, should result in a rather small Nebraska call.

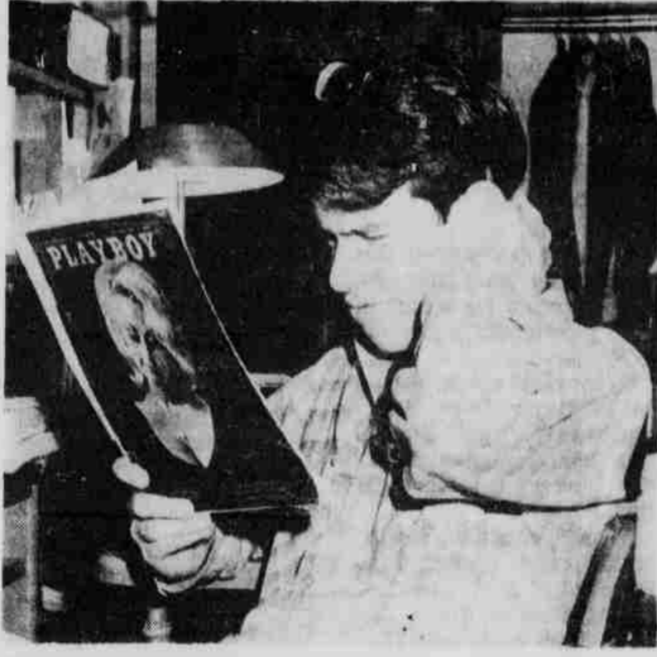
Tuesday's Forum Over Problems

A forum will be held next Tuesday to bring the students and members of the administration together to express their views on various problems concerning the University.

The forum is sponsored by ASUN and, according to Roger Doerr, vice president of ASUN, it could become a "Hyde Park with administrators."

The first forum of a planned series, it will be concerned with a program presented by the administration, however there will be an opportunity for the discussion of any problems presented.

The forum is scheduled for 4 p.m. in the Pawnee Room of the Nebraska Union.



Hathaway has a bizarre interview with Woody Allen

Hathaway: Mr. Allen, when did you start wearing Hathaway Club shirts?

Allen: In college. I found they attracted more girls than any other kind.

Hathaway: Really? What accounted for that?

Allen: I don't know. Maybe it was the way the tapered body showed off my manly chest. Or the way the casual flare of the collar set off my rugged face.

Hathaway: Are you serious?

Allen: Of course. Once, one of your Club shirts saw me through three remarkably involved affairs. And each of the young ladies, in the intimacy of a study hall, confessed that her initial attraction had been my Hathaway shirt.

Hathaway: Mr. Allen, I have the distinct feeling that you're putting me on. Did you really wear our shirts in college?

Allen: No. But when I look back on my sex life then, I certainly wish I had.

Groups To Nominate For Queen, BMOC

The All University Fund (AUF) Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29 in the Nebraska Union ballroom at 9 p.m.

Booths on the second floor lounge will include darts, ring-toss and other games.

BMOC (Big Man on Campus) will be elected at the dance and the Activities Queen will be announced.

Each major organization may nominate two sophomore girls to go through interviews for Activities Queen and each minor organization may nominate one.

The first interview for Activities Queen will be held on Oct. 20 when seven finalists will be selected. These finalists will go

through a second interview on the following Thursday. The Activities Queen will be announced at the AUF Dance on Oct. 29.

The girls will be judged on the basis of grades, activities, and presence of mind during the interview, according to Jennifer Marshall, chairman of the AUF Special Events Committee.

Miss Marshall added that each organization is to use its own discretion in deciding whether it is a major or a minor organization.

Any organization which has not received a letter and would like to put up a candidate Jennifer Marshall at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

All proceeds from the dance and carnival will go to charity.

World Luncheons Held For Foreign Students

Every Thursday noon at the UCCF a program of world luncheons is held to acquaint international students at the University with the life of typical Nebraskans.

The program is co-sponsored by the UCCF and the Lincoln YWCA.

According to Rev. William Phillips, the program has been held for the last few years with about 30 people attending each of the luncheons.

Rev. Phillips said the main purpose of the pro-

gram is to try to better acquaint international students with certain aspects of the American society. This is done by having speakers in various fields such as civil rights, politics, and student affairs deliver informal talks to the guests.

He said that last year, guest speakers included Dr. Robert Trask who spoke on the concept of the "new left." In his talk, Trask discussed what the effects of the "new left" were and advised students about taking part in student rights.

A local disc jockey spoke on jazz in the American society.

Roger Elice, program director, said that this week Alice Watts from Stillman College in Alabama will talk about the Stillman exchange project.

On Oct. 20 Andrea Bock will talk about her summer in Chicago with the YWCA.

James Blackburn, Dean of the Engineering College, will discuss engineering in the American society.

Mystery Of Clock Solved At Selleck

Someone pulled the wires out of the clock in the six thousand building of Selleck Tuesday.

An irate coed protesting against AWS hours? Apparently not, as Mrs. Pierce, resident director of Selleck, explained that maintenance men had stopped the clock because of faulty insulation.