



Vance Packard

Packard questions American mores . . . Sexual renaissance or anarchy

by Jan Parks
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Today's great changes in male-female relationships are the cause of much sexual confusion and bewilderment, Vance Packard told about 900 University students and instructors Thursday.

Packard, whose appearance at the Nebraska Union is part of the Speaker-Artist series, has written such best-selling novels as "The Hidden Persuaders" and "The Status Seekers."

Referring to changes occurring, Packard said, "Everything that's fastened down is coming loose."

"Among young people there is a great deal of sophistication about sex," he said, "but also confusion."

Packard accredited much of young people's confusion to the

American adult society. "One sociologist says we are approaching a sexual renaissance, "while another says we are approaching sexual anarchy."

The speaker noted changes in the characteristic roles of the sexes today. Both sexes are taking on some of the characteristics and appearances of the other. "Many women are becoming the bread winners for their families," he said, "and men often have such domestic duties as feeding and burping the baby."

Rapid social change brought about by modern science is one of the main forces affecting our new sexual environment, he said.

Man's discovery of how to control conception has led us into the era of the wanted child, he said, which is one of the biggest advances of the 20th century.

Packard also cited war and international tension as factors in

the change of male-female relationships. "Fear of war and the bomb produce more of an environment for sexual intimacy," he said.

Much of our American philosophy seems to follow the hedonistic idea of living for today, he said, and endeavoring in all pleasures of the flesh. Too often sex is thought of as a way to instant gratification, he said.

Packard also mentioned some of the gains that male-female relationships are making. There are more and more marriages being based on a desire for companionship as well as love, he said, as he noted the great increase in college marriages.

"People with the same academic interests are marrying and working together," he said. "In many cases a woman may be a man's best friend."

Packard said that the rush of young people to marry is now more pronounced than ever. "Marriage looms as a much more important goal in the life of a young woman than in a young man," he said.

He cited statistics showing that less than five per cent of women who have reached age 40 are unmarried. "But, surveys have also shown that more men than women are content after marriage," he said.

A study has shown that bachelors are the least happy people in our society, he said, while unmarried women seem to be very satisfied with their position in life.

Acknowledging that male-female relationships have never been easy, Packard said, "Men and women have always looked at each other with alarm and curiosity. It has always been easier for

them to adore one another than to like each other."

Packard said that young rebels and hippies have contributed something to our society by questioning our sexual mores. "The hippies are asking why love leads to marriage, and marriage to parenthood," he continued.

The novelist pointed out that American churches are taking more of a stand on sexual issues than ever before. "American churches are beginning to recognize the necessity of sexual intimacy for successful marriages," he said.

A problem with great underlying effects is the widening gulf between the generations, he said. Today there is a reduction of the ratio between mature and responsible adults to the rebelliousness of much of our young population.



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Almost all Harper residents admit violation of housing regulation

by Mark Gordon
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More than 95 per cent of Harper Hall residents admitted violating the open housing regulations during last Sunday's open house, an informed source told the Daily Nebraskan Thursday.

The source said 332 of Harper's 348 male residents admitted violating the policy when contacted by Harper student assistants Tuesday night.

G. Robert Ross, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, had requested the violator's names after the open house was prompted by a motion passed the preceding Thursday by the Harper Hall Student Senate.

The strongly worded motion openly announced the dormitory's intentions to disregard the new open house policy when conducting its open house.

The source added that the 16 Harper residents not admitting alleged violations either denied violating the policy or were unable to be contacted.

The violator's names and other information concerning the open house were submitted in a report to Ross by Harper residence director Allen Olsen Wednesday morning.

The action came after the Harper Senate voted to ignore section five (the controversial open door policy) of the new open housing regulations at last Sunday's three-hour open house.

The clause states that all doors except those of residents absent from the floor during the open house must remain open and those residents leaving the floor must register their absence with the responsible officer.

When contacted by the Daily Nebraskan Thursday afternoon, Harper Hall student assistant and ASUN Senator Jim Ludwig called the ASUN Senators "uninformed" for rejecting two motions supporting Harper Hall at Wednesday's Senate meeting.

The motions, introduced by Ludwig, who was asked by the Senate to work as a liaison between the ASUN and the open house situation, requested the Senate "to support action by Harper Hall in efforts to promote the change"

and to directly support Harper's decision to ignore the open door clause.

"They (the senators) don't realize the implications and ramifications of the policy," Ludwig said in explaining that many senators lacked information making it difficult for them to reach a decision.

He said if a student was watching television in the floor lounge, items could be stolen or practical jokes could be played in the student's room while the door remained open.

"The Harper Hall government has taken the responsibility, and rightly so, to protect their constituents from this happening," he said in condemning the policy.

He called the Harper's Senate

action extremely appropriate to the circumstance.

Ludwig added that if disciplinary action would be taken against the Harper students, it would undoubtedly be appealed to the Faculty Committee on Disciplinary Appeals.

He said Dean Ross has personally told him and other residence hall staff members that the full committee on social affairs and activities would reconsider the open door policy if asked by the Inter-Dormitory Association (IDA).

The full committee supersedes the subcommittee which passed the regulations and refused to reconsider the open door rule when it reconvened last Friday.

Ludwig added that a statement of position might be drawn up

and submitted for reconsideration to the Chancellor's Student Academic Freedom Committee (SAF).

The SAF is currently drawing up a statement describing the relationships between the administration, faculty and student body, which is expected to be completed by mid-March.

The ASUN senator said the Harper Hall action has prompted Ross to ask campus dormitory residence directors for their opinions this week on recent open housing developments.

Before the subcommittee passed the six-clause open house stipulations in December, Ludwig said communication between residence hall staff members and policy-making personnel was requested by the dormitory officials and did not receive consideration.

"The residence hall staff communication apparently was not an important part of the policy-making decision," he said.



Jim Ludwig, Harper Hall student assistant: "Student Senators are uninformed and lack information — making it difficult for them to reach a decision." ASUN's rejection of his two motions which called for support of a Harper Hall Senate resolution prompted his comment.

ASUN proposes change for NU pass/fail system

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Student Senate is currently considering proposed changes in pass-fail grading that would expand and alter the current system.

The University's present pass-fail system is due for change, according to Craig Dreeszen, chairman of ASUN Education Committee.

Wednesday, Dreeszen presented to Student Senate a bill that would enlarge the present grading policy in six areas. The bill will be considered at the Senate meeting next Wednesday.

Proposed changes
Included in the proposed changes are:

—The pass-fail option may be applied to any course outside the major field. Present policy states that a pass-fail course may not count as a minor or for a group requirement.

—The pass-fail option is available to all students, regardless of class standing. Students must presently have accumulated 53 or more hours to qualify for pass-fail.

—A student may take a course on the pass-fail basis in his major field with the permission of his major department. Present policy states that a pass-fail course may not count toward major field requirements.

—There is no limit to the number of hours or courses that may be accumulated with a pass-fail grade. Students now may take no more than 12 hours of pass-fail courses per semester.

—With approval of his department, an instructor may elect to assign pass-fail grades to all students in a course. There is no such stipulation in the present policy.

—Students may take any number of courses on the pass-fail basis in any one department. No more than two courses in total

may now be taken from any department.

The education committee based the proposed changes on the results of a questionnaire distributed at random to 370 full-time students, as well as extended dialogue with administration personnel and professors, Dreeszen said. The questionnaire attempted to analyze the success of the present pass-fail policy through questions asking the students' opinions of the system.

"We found that over 80 per cent of the students who took pass-fail courses approved of the system," Dreeszen said. "Yet over half were not planning to take any more pass-fail courses because requirements would not allow them to do so."

The poll also showed that of the students who had not taken a pass-fail course, over half had not done so because of group requirements. Nearly half were not planning to participate in the future for the same reason.

Wish changes in program

Of the total number of students taking the poll, nearly three-fourths wished to see a change in the present program.

"If the courses are so well accepted, it definitely appears that a change is in order," he commented. "Students should have the opportunity to use the system without fear of a lowered grade average."

Present figures show that during first semester this year, 105 students participated in the pass-fail grading system. According to Barb Doerr, member of the education committee, this may be due to ignorance of the students concerning the workings of the system, as well as to the problem of having to fulfill group requirements.

Learn without grades

Dreeszen is interested in the expansion of the pass-fail concept as a help to the students who want to learn without the hindrance of low grades.

"The whole question of motivation is involved here," Dreeszen said. "Many educators argue that grade-motivated students often do not develop their own motivation for learning."

"Therefore, when they graduate and the grading stops, they do not have the continuing desire to learn. Yet our educational institutions maintain that they instill this desire."

Further arguments

In the education committee report, Dreeszen cited further arguments for and against the system. The report stated that advisors who question whether a grade of "P" is a good indication of a student's progress need only ask the student, who usually has a good idea of his progress.

The report further states that employers should be satisfied to use grades in the major fields as a criterion for determining the acceptability of applicants.

"The argument will probably arise that without grades, students will sleep later and spend more time at the tavern," Dreeszen said.

"There will always be people who try to do just enough to get by. The cost of designing an absolutely 'goof-off proof' program is too high in terms of the vast majority of students that are conscientious."

"One of the objectives of an education is to deprive students of their crutches and make them walk by themselves," he said. "I see the expanded pass-fail system as a tangible chance for the University to give students a real opportunity to learn under their own impetus."

Nuclear laboratory locale investigated AEC team inspects campus; talks to University officials

A federal government agency inspected the campus Thursday to determine if a suitable site is available for establishing a medium-scale nuclear research laboratory at the University.

Dr. George Schrader, state director of industrial research, said the facility would be used to study energy.

An Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) team checked campus facilities and also talked to University officials. Dr. John Cusack of the Brookhaven National Laboratories in Long Island, N.Y. heads the team, which will submit a report to AEC officials in Washington.

Evaluation determines choice

Schrader said the government's decision largely depends on the team's evaluation. He did not comment on the number of other schools in competition or the University's chances in being named as the selected site.

Application for the laboratory was submitted to the AEC through Nebraska Sen. Carl Curtis, a member of the joint Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee.

Schrader said the state asked the AEC for assistance in gathering and preparing information on why Nebraska should be selected for the project.

The result of the request was the assignment of the AEC team's

study, Schrader said.

State matches funds

He estimated it would take them two or three months to draft a report on the Nebraska application. A request for federal funds would follow if conditions turn out favorably.

Should the AEC select the University, the state will be required to put up matching money to aid the project.

Schrader said Governor Norbert Tiemann plans to ask the 1969 Legislature to establish a revolving fund within the state Economic Development Department to help finance facilities and pilot plants.

Concentration on preservation

Initially, the laboratory would concentrate on studying possible industrial uses of radio-active isotopes for fresh meat preservation. Other potential benefits are desalinization of sea water, killing insects in stored grain and more efficient vulcanization of rubber.

Schrader calls it virtually important to the future economic growth of Nebraska that research facilities be established at the University.

He added the state does not now have the research capability to attract many types of new industry.

On Campus . . . Today

The film "The War Game" will be shown Friday at 8 p.m. in Sellsack Cafeteria, and Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in Sheldon Auditorium. It is sponsored by the Association of Campus Pastors and the campus religious houses.

Hillel Sabbath candlelighting service will resume this Friday afternoon, according to Vita Simon, president of the Jewish student group. The services will be held weekly at 4:45 p.m. at the Nebraska School of Religion.

The comedy "I'll Take Sweden" starring Bob Hope and Tuesday Weld will be shown Friday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Union auditorium.

The Kansas State Wildcats, tied with Nebraska and Iowa State for the Big Eight basketball lead, will invade the Coliseum Saturday night at 7:30. The two clubs have split in two games so far this season, and the Huskers are already assured of another SRO audience for the game.

The Nebraska International Association will hold a meeting Friday in the Union at 7:30 p.m. Two movies about Japan will be shown. All potential members are urged to attend, according to Sam Bloku.