

Administrators concerned with student moral "New morality jst a matter of student behavior"-Canon

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Editor's Note: This story on the new morality is the first in a series of three stories attempting to define morality on the University campus.

"I've heard a lot of talk about the new morality, but to me it is just a matter of behavior. . . . It seems to me that most of the evidence of student behavior shows that they aren't doing anything new that they weren't doing years ago," Harry Canon, director of the counseling service, says.

"People are just more willing to be verbal about what they do or might do."

Canon and other administrators are concerned with the student morality. Some of them take time to become involved with the students. Russell Rown, associate dean of student affairs, spends about five hours every Thursday night at Smith Hall, just tuning himself in on what students think and do. Canon speaks a great deal of time talking with students and is nearly always available for a conference with a student.

Canon (who doesn't spare four letter Anglo Saxon words when they are appropriate) says that the new morality, situation ethics, might be all right, but added "most of us are not mature enough for it." He asks "how can you really have a valid relationship in the back seat of a car?" "Can you really escape the consequences of exploiting her or him," Canon questioned.

"My real concern about the student morality is the emphasis on self — I take care of me, another guy takes care of himself. . . . There is a lack of concern for somebody else," according to Brown.

He says "students feel others are free to make decisions by themselves and are not concerned with another person."

Brown adds, however, there is a certain "moral rigidity."

Deadline extended to April 24

The deadline for filing for the Student Abroad Program has been extended to April 24 according to Linda Bomberger, project chairman for People to People.

The nine week program, sponsored by Collegiate International and open to students from across the U.S., offers the choice of a Scandinavian, Greek, Yugoslavian, British, French-Belgium, or German program.

The first three weeks are spent with host families in the country of the student's choice.

"This gives the students a chance to understand the people much better and appreciate their culture," said Miss Bomberger.

The remaining six weeks the student may freely tour other countries.

The program operates from June 16 to August 23. Student expenses are approximately \$450 for transportation from New York and for personal expenses while in Europe.

Opera to show Thursday

"The Barber of Seville" will be presented by the Turnau Opera Players at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Nebraska Theatre through the Union Speaker Artist Series.

Rossini's opera centers around the amorous pursuit of the beautiful Rosina by the romantic Count Almaviva and his rival, the decaying Dr. Bartolo.

Mayhem results when these three are joined by the ghoulish Don Basilio and Figaro, a swindler.

The Turnau Players perform the opera on a smaller scale than the usual "grand opera" version. The company is attempting to take professional opera into smaller American communities.

The players have given over 600 performances of 60 operas since they were organized in 1955 in New York.

not real flexibility" shown when students are confronted by homosexuals. "Then they really make a moral judgement," usually by striking out against them.

"This I-don't-care attitude reflects an area of concern for the university," Brown says. "We want the students to make moral judgements for themselves, not to hand them a tablet of stone of do's and don'ts." But Brown feels many students are not really making moral decisions; rather, they are skipping around the issues.

Canon feels the new morality is moving toward "an increased willingness to assume some responsibility for another person." To make sure "the black man has access to all the things I have access to; to make sure my girl (student's date) gets home from her date without any trouble; to drive a drunk friend home to keep him from having an accident."

The student use of alcohol is well known, also the use of drugs for stimulation before exams and just for kicks. . . . The widely publicized use of marijuana on campus and increasing consumption of birth control pills by university girls are all matters of concern for the administrator.

Although the Director of Student Health, Dr. Sam Fu-

enning, would not release any figures on how many birth control pills were distributed by the health center, he said any girls with a valid prescription may obtain them at the health center. Fuening also would not comment on the incidents of drug abuse (i.e. marijuana, LSD), but did say that the services of the doctors at the health center are considered private practices and that students would not be turned in to the police for having taken any illegal drugs. The state law does not require physicians to report illegal drug users.

On other matters such as the incidence of venereal disease and pregnancies, Dr. Fuening gave only clinical answers, also a pamphlet called "Why the Rise in Teenage Gonorrhea?"

"The drug problem is all out of proportion," according to Canon. "I don't see student use of alcohol as being a bit different than it was with my generation or a generation ago," he said. "For the men, it's kind of like a masculinity cult." They use alcohol "just like the grown-ups do," to show they are mature, according to Canon.

"One of the greatest problems — the misuse of alcohol (as an escape) used in conjunction with other drugs is very dangerous," Brown says.

He is concerned with students who use pep pills and the like "to overcome hangovers." He said "casual use of drugs is dangerous, because it is something that is going to carry on after college."

"There are greater pressures on the students today," Brown says. According to Brown students use drugs and alcohol as "a means of breaking out, also a way of coping with the pressures (grades, etc.)." He added "the effect of these pressures on the student is something we as an institution and member of the community need to give more attention to." Brown feels this attention might come in the form of more "contact between student, faculty, and staff."

Helen Snyder, associate dean of student affairs, looks at the student use of alcohol as quite a different thing, however. "I fail to comprehend what fascination it (alcohol) has," she said while lighting a cigarette. Miss Snyder feels that students with "fine minds" are drinking alcohol to the detriment of their careers. "Nothing very good has ever been written about it," she said. "Why do people use it as a crutch?" "I'm just lost — I don't understand."

Urban development . . . Instructors 'still talking' about new curriculum

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After four years, instructors in the School of Architecture are still talking about setting up a curriculum concerning problems in urban development, according to Professor Murlin Hodgell, the school's director.

Hodgell said Tuesday that the discussion on the question of such a curriculum was very much alive when he came to the University four years ago, but that nothing has ever come of it since then.

"Plans for a new curriculum are being discussed constantly, but there are many roadblocks in the way of starting it, most of them financial," he said.

He added that he is not optimistic about the future of the proposed curriculum.

University lacking in funds

It is the "same old story," Hodgell added, of the University not having enough money, yet so many commitments, that there are not enough funds to start a new program.

The curriculum he referred to would deal with urban development and planning on a broad sociological base.

John R. Davis, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, said that the college would willingly participate in an urban affairs curriculum if it were initiated by some other college.

Curriculum to be formalized

He said that he has been encouraging the political science and sociology departments to work toward formalization of the curriculum.

The political science department already has the beginnings of an urban affairs program, according to Professor

Willard Hogan, director of the political science department.

He said that several months ago he suggested that an inter-department program could be set up using courses that were already offered by the various colleges and departments.

Studies varied

Some of these courses include studies in municipal government and administration, government accounting and architectural design.

"Any student interested can participate in that kind of program now, but the curriculum hasn't been formulated into a separate program with a designated major," Hogan said.

He added that this would be the next step if enough interest is shown in a formal urban studies program and if it can be worked into the University's budget.

After the courses needed are established and offered with the already existing courses, it would be possible for a student to go on to another university and get a masters degree in urban studies, Hogan said.

"We need planning on the courses we need," he added. "One possibility would be to set up a course to help train city managers for towns in Nebraska and to set up programs in urban sociology and personnel management."

Other aspects of the curriculum would include a series of internship programs to allow the students practical exercise of their knowledge in dealing with the problems of urbanization, Hogan said.

He added that the University of Omaha has an undergraduate program in urban affairs, and that there is the possibility of extending the program after the merger.

Hogan said that he would be at the University of Omaha later in the week and would probably discuss the success and interest in their urban affairs curriculum.

Hodgell said that the School of Architecture currently offers two courses dealing with urbanization.

The first is in community planning which is an introductory course to the entire architecture curriculum from the standpoint of community and regional planning and development.

He added that this course, open to all University students, was originally planned to be the required introductory course in the new urban affairs curriculum which has not come about yet.

The second course is one in urban design limited to those in the design areas with a major in architecture.

Math honorary to offer prizes

The Mathematics Honorary, Pi Mu Epsilon, will offer math students an opportunity to win \$50. The annual prize examination will be conducted March 23.

Students enrolled in Math 114 are eligible to take Exam I, and those in Math 115, 116, or 131 are eligible to take Exam II.

After signing up in the Mathematics Office, Wendell Damm, director of Pi Mu Epsilon, invited students to come to 106 Burnett, Saturday at 9 a.m. with pencils and paper.

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Board of Regents appoints University staff Members

The University Board of Regents appointed Dr. James C. Olson as vice chancellor for graduate studies and research and Dean Cecil Wittson as president of the Medical Center in Omaha Tuesday morning.

Dr. Olson served as a history lecturer at the University from 1946 to 1956 when he became chairman of the history department. In 1966 he was appointed dean of the Graduate College and research administrator.

Dean to continue

Dr. Olson will also continue as dean of the Graduate College and professor of history. The first director of the Nebraska Psychiatric (NPI) Institute, Dr. Wittson, has brought national recognition to that institution.

Dr. Wittson, a member of the University staff since 1950, will continue his duties as dean of the College of Medicine and professor of psychiatry.

The Regents discussed other matters in a closed meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Appointments made

The Regents also made several administrative appointments in Teacher's College.

Dr. Norman F. Thorpe, assistant dean since 1961, was named associate dean of Teacher's College. He joined the University staff in 1951 and has served as assistant director of the Extension Division and director of teacher training.

The assistant dean position in Teacher's College was appointed to Dr. Alan Seagren, former principal of University High School and now associate professor of secondary education and educational ad-

ministration.

Chairman named

Dr. Ward Sybouts, associate professor of secondary education and educational administration, was named chairman of the department of secondary education.

The Regents also appointed Dr. Robert R. Dahlgren of St. Louis, Mo., as associate professor of veterinary science at the North Platte Station.

Dr. Dahlgren, now the manager of the histopathology-microbiology laboratory of the Ralston Purina Company, will assume his new duties as diagnostician and research veterinarian on May 1.

Laboratory to be built

The position is one of two veterinary posts approved by the 1967 legislature in connection with the animal disease diagnostic laboratory to be built at the North Platte Station.

In other action, the Regents accepted a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation for up to \$125,000 to support a corn research program.

The program is in cooperation with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico and supports research in breeding methods, sensitivity to photoperiod (length of day) and modification of tropical germ plasm for adaptation to higher latitudes.

Nebraska to benefit

Nebraska can expect to benefit directly from the program through the introduction of de-

sirable characteristics from tropical plants into our hybrids, according to the scientists.

The Rockefeller Foundation is particularly interested in continuing support for the Nebraska agronomists' corn breeding program because it can be used for training foreign graduate students.

Approval by the Regents was given for the purchase of fixed equipment for University Hospital, College of Medicine, Omaha.

Estimate is \$583,000

Architect's estimate for the

total project is \$583,000, although the total of low approval will be required for appropriations to be made.

The Regents also gave their sanction to a water quality study for Grand Island. This study will seek the most efficient and economical way of making the city's water supply a better product for the consumer.

"This should be a real fine study," said Dr. Mark Hammer, associate professor of Civil Engineering, "because it coordinates a city with a problem and the University which has the interest and capability of guiding research."

Senate to discuss executive salaries

A discussion on possible changes in Senate Executive salaries is on the agenda of Wednesday afternoon's Senate meeting, according to ASUN President Dick Schulze.

"We will discuss the salaries and see if there is any reason to change them," Schulze said.

Also scheduled for the 4 p.m. meeting is a report by Ron Alexander on last week's World in Revolution Conference, Alexander was chairman of the conference.

Alexander's report will be followed by a general Senate discussion and evaluation of the conference, Schulze continued.

Consider bills

Two government bills will be given further consideration Wednesday afternoon although it is doubtful that final action will be taken on either of them, Schulze said.

Government Bill 20 concerns the possible establishment of an Urban Studies Program which would include undergraduate and graduate curricular offerings in the social sciences and eventually a research program.

The bill urges the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to establish a gradu-

ate program leading to a master's degree in city and community planning in the school of architecture.

Change advisory board

The development of an Urban Studies Program at Omaha should be one of the first priorities on the list of new programs to be developed at Omaha, according to provisions of the bill.

Further consideration is anticipated on Senator Chuck Juricek's resolution to recommend changing the present advisory board system.

The bill would urge each department to form a student advisory board to supplement the faculty board.

Require signatures

Juniors and seniors would no longer be required to have their advisor's signature on worksheets, according to the bill.

In other provisions, the bill recommends that students in the summer orientation program have more individual counseling.

The New Student Week program will also be studied. New students should have more individual attention in the program, according to the resolution.

Marxer to hold press conference

A press conference has been announced by Charles Marxer, visiting instructor in philosophy, at which he will answer all questions concerning his establishment of a draft counseling office.

Marxer, a self-appointed draft counselor, said in a March 6 interview that his plans for a draft resistance union on campus would get fully under way as soon as he locates an office.

The conference, open to the public, will be held at 3:30 Thursday in the Nebraska Union lobby, Marxer said.

He added that he plans to make an initial statement announcing the purpose of his draft counseling movement, the kinds of programs and strategies that will be involved and the reasons why the draft resistance was formed.

The floor will then be open to those who have questions.

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