

# Civil rights sought for all homosexuals

America's homosexual minority, along with other minority groups in the U.S., are pressing for equal rights and an end to discrimination.

One group, the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations, has even drafted a bill of rights for the homosexual student on the college campus. The national organization is made up of accredited independent organizations working for the civil rights of homosexuals.

Louis Crompton, NU English professor, is platform chairman of the conference. Crompton is also president of the Lincoln-Omaha Council on Religion and the Homosexual.

The bill of rights was

circulated to over 200 college deans to serve as a guide to end discrimination of the second largest minority group in the U.S. The draft criticizes society for depriving a person of basic human rights merely on the basis of his sexual orientation.

"Today, at the end of a century which has prided itself on its sexual enlightenment, America's 15 million homosexuals are still made felons by legislation in most states, officially excluded from the armed services and federal employment, and denied security clearances," the bill of rights states.

"Such a policy is, of course, not only patently unjust and discriminatory, it is also

unrealistic and unenforceable. Homosexuals perform competently at nearly every post in our society, including hundreds of thousands in the military and civil service."

The draft notes that although it might be expected that university communities would have enlightened attitudes towards minorities, this has not been the case in the past.

"But in this age when social change has awakened consciences that have long condoned abuses, America's homosexual community has begun to identify itself publicly and to press for reforms. One of the most notable and hopeful signs of the time is the creation of student homophile groups on campuses throughout the nation."

The bill of rights calls upon college administrators and faculty to inaugurate such new policies as:

- Publicly oppose the enforcement of laws punishing students for consenting homosexual acts, and to refuse to discipline them for such acts.
- Cease to exclude students from colleges and professional schools on the basis of their sexual orientation, or for arrests for consenting homosexual practices.
- Refuse to debar students from campus employment because of homosexual orientation or arrests resulting from police enticement.
- Recruit homosexual counsellors for offices of student affairs and university medical staff; and to repudiate, in counselling, theories which rationalize traditional moral prejudices by representing homosexuality as a pathological condition.
- Institute interdisciplinary courses in homosexual studies, embracing such fields as jurisprudence, law enforcement, religion, literature and the arts, history, sociology, anthropology, psychology and social work.
- Grant official recognition to student homosexual civil rights groups and social clubs, and assist such groups in organizing campus social activities for the student homosexual minority.
- The statement on the rights of homosexual students was adopted as a working draft at the fifth annual meeting of the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations at Kansas City, in August.



A scene from "Hello Dolly" to be presented Saturday and Sunday.

## Happenings

An on-campus Federal Service Entrance Examination will be given by the U.S. Civil Service Commission 9 a.m. Saturday in Room 204 Oldfather.

The exam is used in hiring college graduates in federal agencies. It is designed primarily for social science, humanities and business majors.

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Dr. Nathan Wright Jr. will speak at St. Paul Methodist Church Wednesday at 8 p.m. He is sponsored by Malone Community Center. A former clergyman, Wright is now a professor of urban affairs at the State University of New York.

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Finalists for the Cornhusker Most Eligible Bachelor are Mike Adams, Randy Fricke, Gary Houston, Dave Malone and Paul Rogers.

The men were nominated by their living units and were chosen by an interview panel Sunday. The final selection of two Most Eligible Bachelors will be made by a national celebrity.

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## YD's to stage Kennedy memorial Vice-President

The University of Nebraska Young Democrats are sponsoring a living memorial for Robert Kennedy Thursday in the Nebraska Union main lounge.

The Young Democrats will show various films about Kennedy from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. These films include the 1968 Democratic Convention Memorial film, a local news film and mixed media

coverage of Kennedy's University Coliseum speech in March 1968.

The memorial program will also include a 3:30 p.m. Memorial Hyde Park.

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## Debaters tie for third place

The University of Nebraska's Ken Wald and Wally Dean tied for third place in last weekend's Purdue University Debate Tournament.

The University pair won eight and lost one and were eliminated in the semi-final round. Wald was voted as one of the best debaters in the tournament.

Another University team of Sue Houchin and Dave Domina won three and lost three in the competition.

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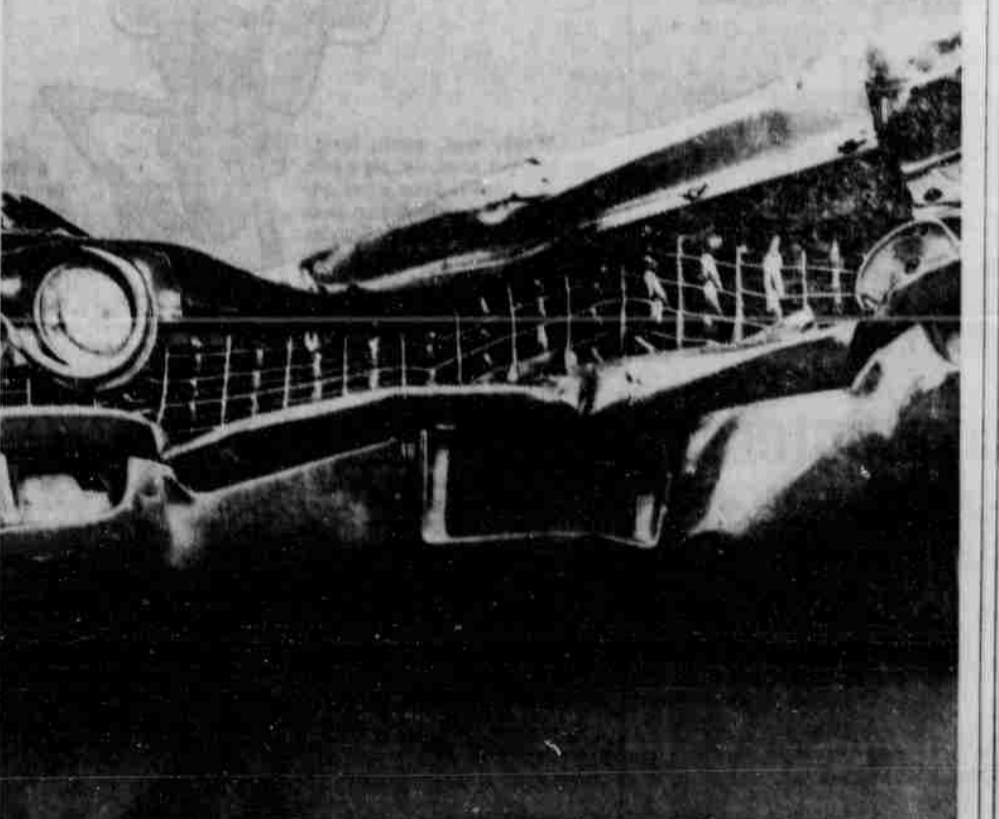
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