

Homophile course offered

by **BILL SMITHERMAN**
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A unique course studying homosexuality will be offered at the University of Nebraska for the first time next fall.

The course will be staffed by several members of the University faculty, according to Louis Crompton, course coordinator and professor of English. It will consider the homosexual not only from a clinical viewpoint, but also as a member of a minority group.

Homosexuality is now discussed in general courses in many colleges and others are planning specialized programs, Crompton said. But, none will involve a number of disciplines as does the Nebraska course.

THE CLASS will include English, anthropology and sociology studies, he said.

The course is aimed at pre-professional people to help them understand the problems of homosexuality, Crompton said.

The course also may help young homosexuals seek guidance and counseling, he added. "Most young homosex-

uals fear to approach counselors, ministers or friends with their problems for fear of hostile reactions," he added.

Lincoln is faced with a crisis in it lack of people homosexuals will trust, Crompton said. Allan Pickering, former minister of the United Ministries to Higher Education, had this trust while he was in Lincoln, he said.

CROMPTON WILL be one of the regular instructors. Also included on the regular teaching staff are James Cole, director of the University Clinical Training Program in Psychology and Dr. Louis Martin, psychiatrist of the University Health Center.

"The 'Pro-Seminar in Homophile Studies' is in line with the report made by the National Institute of Mental Health Task Force on Homosexuality last October," Crompton said. "The report recommended setting up broad interdepartmental courses on homosexuality in colleges."

Crompton said the report also

called for changes in Federal Civil Service employment practices, which now bar homosexuals from government jobs.

He explained the course will be conducted with a number of

guest lecturers. These are planned to include family counselors, probation officers, law enforcement personnel and others. The course will be cross listed as Anthropology, English and Sociology 27.

Prediction:

18-year-old vote won't pass House

by **FLOYD NORRIS**
College Press Service

The voting age will not be lowered by legislation in the current session of Congress, and chances for passing a constitutional amendment to allow 18 year olds to vote are considered slim.

This is the view of most observers here despite the Senate passage of the Mansfield amendment to the Voting Rights Bill which would allow 18-year-olds to vote in all elections after January 1, 1971.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives. If the House refuses to agree to the Senate amendment, as expected, the question will be left to a House-Senate Conference Committee whose chairman, Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) has vowed to "fight like hell" to kill the bill.

Since Celler, as House Judiciary Committee chairman, will appoint a majority of the House conferees, it can be expected they will not be sympathetic to the idea of lowering the voting age. Rep. William McCulloch (R-Ohio), the ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee, will appoint Republican committee members. He is believed to feel the issue should not be decided without hearings, which the House has not held.

Although the Senate overwhelmingly passed the Mansfield amendment, its conferees are not expected to be much more disposed toward the 18-year-old vote. Both Senators James Eastland (D-Miss.), the Judiciary Committee chairman, and Roman Hruska (R-Neb.), the ranking Republican, voted with the minority on the motion to table, and therefore kill, the Mansfield amendment. The motion lost by a vote of 21-62.

Senator Mansfield conceded there would be "some difficulty" in getting the bill past the conference.

Opponents and proponents both raised the specter of student riots in support of their arguments. Supporters argued that 18-year-olds need to be given a "part of the action," and would be less likely to resort to violence if they could vote.

Senator Hugh Scott (R-Penn.), opposing the bill, asked what would happen if the law were declared unconstitutional after 18-year-olds had voted in the 1972 presidential election. "No one can see what their frustration might lead to," he said. Senator James Allen (D-Ala.), who leads the opposition, thought he knew what would happen. "You'd have a near revolution in this country," said Allen.

Supporters pointed out that over half the men who have been killed in Vietnam were under 21, and unable to vote. Speaking of those who are drafted at 18, Mansfield said, "I think they have earned the vote, and earned it far better than any of us in this chamber."

With the chances for lowering the voting age almost zero, some supporters questioned whether it was that big a thing. "After all," said one Senate aide, "Eighteen-year-olds have been voting for years in Georgia, and they've got Lester Maddox."

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 26
Nebraska Union

12:30 p.m.

College of Engineering & Architecture Luncheon
Millard Schools—4th Grade

2:30 p.m.

Union—Weekend Film Committee

3:30 p.m.

Hyde Park

4 p.m.

Union Board

4:30 p.m.

Union—Drama Committee

6 p.m.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
AUF Exec.

6:15 p.m.

YWCA Cabinet

6:30 p.m.

Christian Science Org.
AUF Board

7 p.m.

Quiz Bowl
NU Chess Club
Quiz Bowl Isolation

7:30 p.m.

Math Counselors
Spring Lay—Mens Games

8 p.m.

NHRRF—Teen Age Project
Young Republicans

9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Alpha Lambda Delta Pledging

Fund established

A memorial scholarship in honor of a former Cornhusker athlete, Willard "Dutch" A. Witte, has been established in the University of Nebraska Foundation.

The donor is his brother, Elmer F. Witte of Pawnee City, who contributed \$4,000 to the Foundation for the endowed

Profs pick heads

The University of Nebraska Chapter of the American Association of University Professors has elected Desmond M. S. Wheeler, professor of chemistry, as president.

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