

Magrath defends homophile course

"We study crime, we study communism, we study drugs, and we should be studying homosexuality," said Dean of Faculties C. Peter Magrath in an interview on KRUN radio Tuesday night.

Referring to the homophile studies course being investigated by State Sen. Terry Carpenter, Magrath said: "This course has received some very misleading publicity, not from University sources, but perhaps through misunderstanding, perhaps through a failure to try to find out what the course is really about."

The 200-level course, called "Pro-seminar in Homophile Studies," is open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students. It gives credit in anthropology, sociology, or English.

Having "pro-" in the title has caused some misunderstanding, Magrath said, but "pro-" does not mean the course is presented in favor of anything. It means only that the course is a junior level graduate-type seminar.

"I think the University has every reason to be proud of this course. I hope that nothing will happen to prevent its being taught."

"It has been reviewed by faculty groups and is taught by a distinguished group of professors, psychiatrists and doctors. I is a course that I'd like to be enrolled in myself if I had the time."

"I think the best justification for the course, perhaps, is the students who take the course and what their views and experiences are after they finish taking it."

Magrath also said he is "militantly in favor" of a statement of faculty responsibilities. He said the faculty committee preparing the statement should present it to the University senate before the Regents meet Nov. 20.

Nothing in the proposed statement intimidates instructors or inhibits professional freedom as long as the instructors show up for class and do not try to politically "indoctrinate" students.

"The statement is intended to make clear what the responsibilities of the faculty members are." He added that it should help give professors standards to guide them in their conduct.

Magrath said machinery for "enforcing and policing the standards" is necessary, but should be "faculty established and faculty controlled."

Yitzhak Rabin speech canceled

Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli ambassador to the United States, who was to have addressed the general public in the Centennial Room Thursday will not be coming to Lincoln.

Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Nebraska Union
Dean Magrath, noon, Union
Cornhusker Marketing Club, 1:30 p.m. Union
ASUN, 4 p.m. Union
Builders, Culture, 4:30 p.m. Union

Engineering Toastmasters, 5:30 p.m. Union
Union Pacific Scholarship Dinner, 6 p.m. Union
Red Cross, 6:15 p.m. Union
Builders, Exec., 6:30 p.m. Union
WHRF, counselors and staff, 7 p.m. Union
Skinner Seminar, 7 p.m. Union
IFC, 7 pm., Union

Builders, Board, 7 p.m., Union
Student Affairs, New Indian Liberation Movement, 7 p.m. Union
Christians in Action, 7 p.m. Ballroom, Union
Womens Action Group, 7:30 p.m. Union
Student Action Front, 7:30, Union
Student Veterans Organization, 8 p.m. Union Auditorium

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