

Court ruling denies Time-Out injunction

by Bill Smitherman

A ruling in Lancaster County District Court Tuesday morning stalled a last-ditch effort to halt the Time-Out Conference on Human Sexuality now in progress.

In his ruling, District Court Judge Herbert A. Ronin refused to issue a restraining order against the use of student fee money to finance the conference.

The action seeking the order came from UNL students Ralph Larson and Bruce Wimmer. In a plea filed late Monday, the two asked for a temporary restraining order against the use of fees for Time-Out, World in Revolution and the publication of *The Daily Nebraskan*.

LARSON AND WIMMER'S attorney Lawrence E. Murphy argued that the order was necessary on several grounds. First, he accused the Board of Regents of abdicating its responsibility to students.

State statutes say the Board of Regents is responsible for the allocation of funds for the University, he said. Murphy claimed that the Board has abdicated some of its responsibility by delegating some of its allocating power to ASUN and the Nebraska Union.

Power which has been delegated to the Board cannot legally be delegated further, he said.

Murphy's second point was that the use of student fee money for illegal purposes is barred and he described use for conferences as illegal.

HE DESCRIBED THE Board as being trustees for both public and private funds. Any party to a trust can question the actions of the trustees and have these actions stopped if they are illegal, Murphy said.

His third point was a claim that the University was allowing speakers to come to campus who would advocate the commission of a crime. He explained that he was referring to the gay speakers scheduled for Friday and reminded the court that sodomy is a crime in Nebraska.

"It is beyond human imagination how such a program can be held without advocating commission of a crime," he said.

The attorney contended, though, that his clients were not against the Time-Out Conference specifically, but were only against the use of student fees for funding. He suggested that those who want to hear the Time-Out speakers should pay the speakers themselves and hire a public hall.

HIS LAST POINT was that it is the responsibility of the Board of Regents to hold classes. He said the conference will be competing with classes and will not be in the best interests of students.

In his case against the order, Board of Regents attorney Flavel A. Wright said that although a large number of citizens probably don't consider the topic of the conference appropriate, the Constitution of the United States does not allow the Board to restrain the conference.

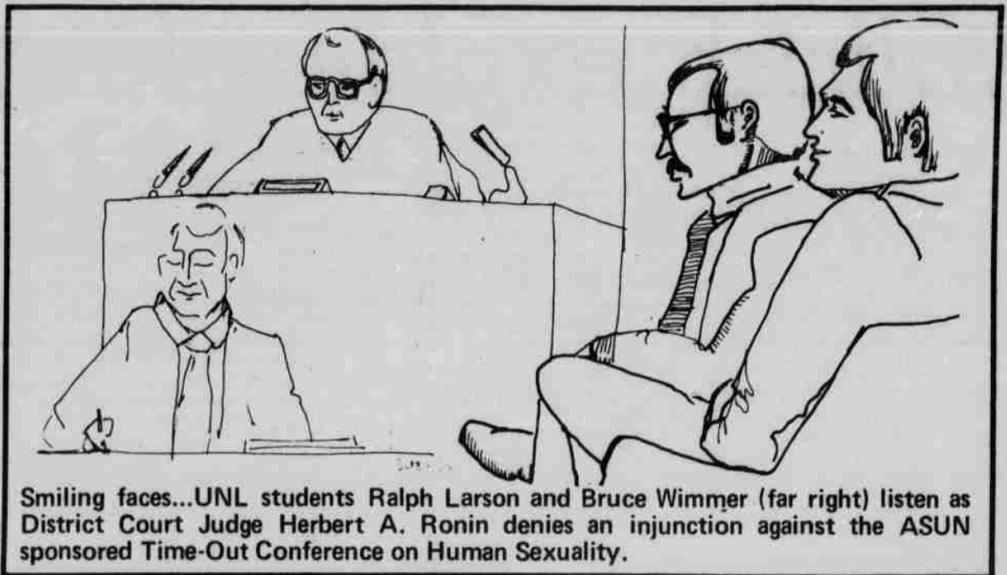
Wright disputed the charge that the Board had abdicated its responsibility concerning student fees. He explained that 85¢ per student in fee money is set aside for the use of ASUN by the Board. The ASUN budget is approved by the university administration and the Board, he said.

ASUN USES SOME of these funds to hold conferences and the Regents have taken the position in the past that these are useful educational activities, Wright said.

Since the Board has not taken the action of prohibiting all off-campus speakers, it would be inadvisable on Constitutional grounds to take special action against the Time-Out Conference, he said.

Wright gave several precedents upholding the rights of students and off-campus speakers. One of these rulings said "a school may not stifle dissent because the subject matter is out of favor."

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Smiling faces...UNL students Ralph Larson and Bruce Wimmer (far right) listen as District Court Judge Herbert A. Ronin denies an injunction against the ASUN sponsored Time-Out Conference on Human Sexuality.

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Grant says sex not driving force

Dr. Harold Grant told a Nebraska Union audience of 400 Tuesday afternoon that sex is not the driving force in a person's life.

Speaking during the Time-Out Conference on Human Sexuality, Grant said the concept of territory is more important to people than sex.

"How many wars have been fought over the acquisition of land?" he asked. "And how many have been fought over sex?"

He also said colleges are not designed for the development of human relationships. He called dormitories "boxes."

"College is an experience that can totally deprive a person of a sense of belonging

to a group," he said. "It's a time when we don't belong on a day-to-day basis to an individual family. The reaction to this condition may be as extreme as the action that deprives us."

He said the sensual aspect is not all there is to sexual behavior, and that the emotional sense of wanting to belong to another person is equally strong in human beings.

"For a relationship to be complete it needs to include sex, but for a relationship to be meaningful sex isn't needed," Grant said.

Commenting on latent human ability, he said, "When we believe in each other it unleashes the potential within us. For example, people aren't

usually mind readers and to assume people know when we're distressed is useless."

Grant said anything that can be used for good can also be used for bad.

"We cannot risk success without risking failure. If a sexual relationship is only partial, the benefits will also only be partial," he said.

Grant is currently Director of Student Development Services and Professor of Counselor Education at Auburn University. He formerly taught at Cornell University and Michigan State University, and in 1968 was featured by the Chicago Tribune Magazine as one of the ten most exciting professors in the Big Ten Universities.

CSL supports Time-Out

by Carol Strasser

The Council on Student Life met in a special session Tuesday night and affirmed its support of the Time-Out Conference on Human Sexuality.

The meeting was prompted by the Tuesday request by two University students for a temporary restraining order against the Conference.

Although the Council shied away from endorsing the content of the Conference, it recognized the relevance of the topic and the right of the speakers to express controversial opinions.

The resolution adopted by the Council states, "CSL recognizes that the Time-Out Conference was organized in a manner consistent with University policy, and CSL supports the intent of the Conference, which is to promote the understanding of human sexuality, and the right of speakers to present diverse opinions on controversial subjects."

In support of those participating in the Conference, the resolution further states, "the Council endorses the long-standing University policy of

encouraging the participation and contribution in the Conference of responsible students, staff and faculty."

The "long-standing University policy" refers to the Board of Regent's policy on academic freedom and the 1968 Student in the Academic Community document.

The 1968 document,

accepted by the Regents, affirms the students' right to invite speakers to campus and states that the institutional control of University facilities shouldn't be used for censorship.

At the meeting, the Council also decided to tackle the

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Sex not question of ethnic origins

By Vicki Pulos

"When you first think of sex you don't think of black, white, Chicano or Indian sex," began Sheila Pierce, executive director of Planned Parenthood World Population of Nebraska.

A black panel member, she introduced the inter-racial group discussing "Human Sexuality from an Ethnic Point of View" in the Nebraska Union Tuesday night.

"We panel members are up here in the fishbowl for an interaction, inter-relationship type thing," Pierce continued.

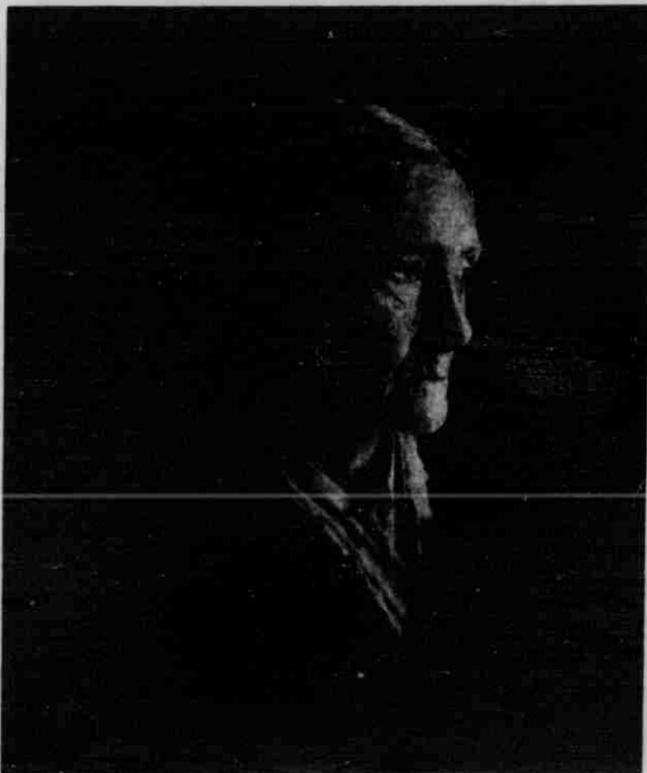
The panel dealt with a

variety of sexually related topics from distinctive ethnic perspectives before an audience at one time numbering about 150 people.

The "myth of the sexual superman" was identified by UNL student Fritz Edelstein as a belief that the black male castrates the white male by sleeping with the white female.

Tony Clark, graduate student at UNL from Trinidad, said only in the U.S. is this myth prevalent.

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An exhibition of photographs by Thomas Eakins, a noted painter, will be open to the public tonight at the Sheldon Art Gallery.