

Convicts tell frat of penal injustices

by Bart Becker

"I was lied to. They said I'd be eligible for parole in seven years. I've been in for 17 years."

The speaker was a trustee from Nebraska's Penal and Correctional Complex who identified himself only as Danny. Accompanied by Warden Charles L. Wolff Jr. and another trustee, Dennis, he spoke Tuesday to the members of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity as part of the fraternity's "Feed the Fuzz" program.

Danny, who is serving a life sentence for murder, said he didn't appeal the sentence when he was convicted in 1954.

"I didn't even know enough about what I did for a lawyer to help me," he said. "I just accepted what they gave me."

Dennis also indicated that he felt justice had shortchanged him.

He has served nine years of a life sentence for murder.

He said he doesn't remember committing his crime but he accepts the decision that he did it. He appealed his case but the appeal was not upheld.

"I really thought I got a rotten deal. I still do," he said. "When I realized my appeal wouldn't go through I knew the only way to get out (of the penitentiary) was to do what the administration said to do and wait for parole."

Dennis has earned a high school diploma and 40 hours of college credit since he has been in prison. He expects to get his degree about the time he is released.

Danny, however, said his stay in prison hasn't given him any special skills or education to use when he is released.

"I came in as a common laborer and that's what I'll do when I get out," he said. "They told me to learn a trade but training program funds often ran out. There are a lot of things that are doing me no good out there."

Wolff agreed that "going from an institution back into the community takes a tremendous adjustment."

He said work release programs have been established to prepare prisoners for the time they will re-enter the community.

Currently, 22 prisoners are released each morning to work in downtown Lincoln, then returned to the complex each night.

Next month the program will expand to send up to 10 prisoners to Omaha on a daily work basis, Wolff said. Prisoners originally from Omaha will be sent. Eventually about 25 of them will be included in the program.

Both prisoners said an uprising the magnitude of that at Attica State Prison in New York is not likely in Nebraska.

"There's not going to be any rioting here," Danny said. "There was some talk over the weekend about a sit-down strike to protest Attica, but it didn't happen."

Said Dennis: "We were kind of pulling for the guys (prisoners) at Attica. We were hoping the hostages would get out unharmed. The feeling was that the authorities handled it ridiculously."

"The truth is you can't win if you revolt. All the prisoners can do is burn mattresses or smash things. The authorities come in with tear gas and we're finished."

Wolff said if a problem crops up at the Nebraska complex "we'll contend with it then."

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Magrath urges speaker variety

UNL interim Chancellor C. Peter Magrath said Wednesday he is "very much concerned that the traditional freedoms of students to express diverse opinions, be exposed to a variety of programs, and hear a balance of speakers be maintained."

Magrath said in an interview he has been "pretty much involved" in the furor which has surrounded the Time-Out conference presently in progress.

He said his personal views

have not been in conflict with the decisions he has made as an administrator.

"I'm not concerned about job security," Magrath said. "I'm concerned about doing the right thing. I think it's appropriate for everyone to express their own point of view."

He said he is concerned that programs on the UNL campus present a balance of speakers. He indicated that views which may be unpopular with the students should be presented as

well as more popular opinions.

Most of all, he said, "ample opportunity should be provided for an exchange of ideas."

Magrath said he does play a role as adviser to students who are planning a conference on the University campus. His major function, he said, is to make the organizers consider the consequences of the conference.

"If the topic of a conference was racism, I don't

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Feminist calls major revolt

by Marsha Kahn

Anselma Dell'Olio told a near-full Nebraska Union ballroom crowd Wednesday the only major change which has taken place so far because of the women's liberation movement is that women either put out or are put down.

"We need a total change of conditioning," said Dell'Olio founder and director of the New Feminist Repertory Theatre in New York. "We need a major revolt."

THE MOST important failure of women's liberation according to the feminist is that it has not involved a significant change in the behavior of men.

"If women don't put out then they are told they are frigid, repressed, hung-up or a tease. The sexual revolution was the final straw. Now women are asked to prostitute themselves."

Dell'Olio feels the seeming gains made by the women's liberation movement are not what they appear to be. "There seems to be less social pressure for a woman to remain a virgin. However, if a woman shows her prowess in bed the man

may say 'Gee, Baby, you've been around.'"

AMID SCATTERED laughter she went on to say that social hang-ups are "hogwash." She added, however, that one major problem is that women's chances of getting pregnant are still there.

"This is bad. They still have to deal with the possibility," Dell'Olio told the crowd. "The possibility of a defective pregnancy or a blood clot still lurks in the back of their mind."

Pointing out another source of vexation, venereal disease, Dell'Olio said the disease is purported to be on the increase, supposedly reaching "epidemic proportions".

CONTINUING along the same line as the topic of her talk, "The New Prostitute-The Sexually Liberated Female," the feminist said her main contention is that women do not sleep with men for the pleasure of it.

"Men do sleep around for the pleasure of it," she said. "That's why they want to get laid."

Dell'Olio believes that because women and men sleep

together for different reasons it is difficult for them to understand each other.

"WOMEN GO TO bed with someone because they have a need for affection and attention. They have a desire to be pleased and approved of. Men can have intercourse with almost anyone. Women can't."

To call this kind of sex love is misleading according to the Time-Out speaker. "We've been exposed to heavy-handed, sexist brainwashing." She said she hopes someday this will be eliminated.

"Love is most emphatically not needed," Dell'Olio stressed. "Lovers are like vampires. . . draining each other of what they need."

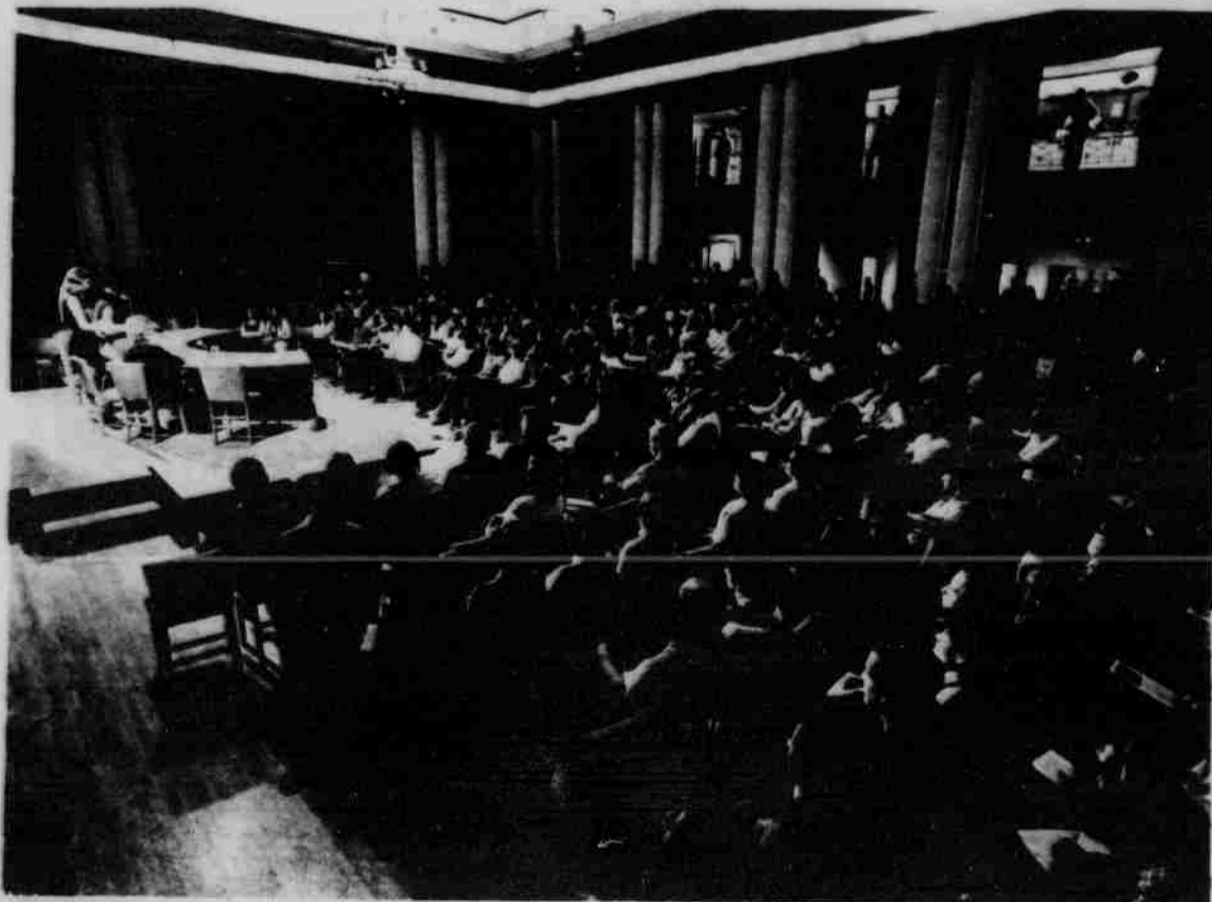
SHE FEELS every day some woman sells herself in the name of love, and that most often a man is pleased to accept it as his due. "I call it 'lovecoholics'—it's like being addicted to romance. It's so nice, I could even fall for it myself."

One difference between men and women, she said, is that men put their life into work and women into love.

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Anselma Dell'Olio: "women must put out or be put down."



A capacity crowd packed the Nebraska Union ballroom as Time-Out speaker Dell'Olio advocated a major feminist revolt.