

# Bell says stereotypers insult only themselves

by Steve Kadel

Dr. Alan Bell called homosexual stereotypes "an insult to those who hold them" Wednesday afternoon during a speech in the Nebraska Union as part of the Time-Out Conference on Human Sexuality.

Speaking on Gay Sexuality in Contemporary Society, to an audience of 500, Bell said, "I don't claim to be an expert on homosexuality; no one is. I don't believe anyone has an inside track on what homosexuality is all about."

He told the audience that traditional stereotypes are very damaging for the homosexual.

"He's quick to believe the stereotype other people have of him," Bell said. "He refuses to believe he's anything more."

Bell listed the four most common stereotypes as a belief that the homosexual is sick, that it is possible to tell a homosexual from a heterosexual by his effeminate dress, that the homosexual regrets not being heterosexual, and that homosexuality is nothing more than a masochistic enterprise.

Bell said in contrast to the heterosexual, most homosexuals identified more with their mother than their father during childhood, most homosexuals were very close with their sisters, and that they were differentiated from most boys their age by a lack of interest in sports.

He called homosexuals loners, especially during the grade school years.

Refuting perhaps the biggest misconception of all, Bell said in adulthood most homosexuals have never acted in a "swishy" way.

"Those living together don't have a clear socio-sexual role," he said. "They don't establish husband-wife relationships."

Bell said he was disenchanted with such

limiting explanations of human behavior as right and wrong, good and bad, and sick and well.

"I refuse to take part in the debate over whether or not homosexuality is pathological a physical disease because it only leads down a blind alley," he said. "No one knows if homosexuals are pathological or not."

Bell said that if we simply believe they are pathological and let it go at that, we'll never learn any more about psycho-sexual behavior.

Through research and study Bell said he has determined that the homosexual is more likely to be a worrier than the heterosexual. He also said the homosexual is more likely to have thought seriously about, and even tried, suicide.

"Because the homosexual becomes known to the heterosexual at those times when he's having psychic pain, most people get the mistaken impression that all homosexuals are psychologically troubled," Bell said.

He contrasted homosexual relationships to modern marriages, noting that the growing norm in marriage today is infidelity, and suggested that those engaging in homosexual relationships may be less masochistic and less troubled psychologically than those in the so-called "straight" society.

Again attacking the concept of the effeminate homosexual, Bell told the audience, "Most homosexuals don't feel like women in men's bodies. No more than 20 percent of the homosexuals are effeminate in manner and dress."

Two more concepts learned through studies he has conducted are that the homosexual keeps up his political involvement the same as the heterosexual and that the homosexual is not affected religiously by his sexual preference.

# Short Stuff

A Family Planning-Birth Control Workshop will be held Friday Oct. 8 at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education. For more info contact Mr. Greg Farstrup, Family Planning Center at 3830 Adams, 466-2387.

\*\*\*  
The ASUN Senate has vacancies in Home Ed., Bus. Ad. and Arts and Sciences. Interviews for these positions will be held at the Oct. 13

Senate meeting. Applications may be obtained from the ASUN office, Rom. 334, Nebraska Union and should be returned by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

\*\*\*  
Today's ASUN Time Out Conference on Human Sexuality includes: Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon - 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. at Delta Gamma. 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. at Centennial. Diane

Schulder - 3:30 p.m. Law College Rap Session, Rm. 101. 9 - 10:30 p.m. at Delta Upsilon. Dr. Ruth Benson - 8 - 10 p.m. At Selleck Quad for a rap session. Lora and Phillip Sarrel - 9-10:30 p.m. at Abel Sandoz North Lounge. Dr. Beverly Schmalzried - 9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Zeta Tau Alpha. Jack Baker and Mike McConnell 9:30 - 11 p.m. at Harper, Schramm, Smith. Benjamin Demott - 10-11:30 p.m. at Chi Phi.

## DO IT YOURSELF WANT AD

Write ad below using one blank for each word.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

Print Name-Address-Phone No. Below:

NAME..... PHONE No. ....  
ADDRESS..... CITY.....  
ZIP CODE.....

Daily Nebraskan Classifieds may be placed in Room 34 Nebraska Union between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM daily weekdays. Cost for one ad is \$.08 per word (\$.80 minimum) for one insertion. Call 472-2590 for more information, or use the above form and bring it into the office. No refunds. No complimentary ads unless the error is brought to our attention within the first business day after publication.

## PUTNEY SWOPE



**SHeldon ART GALLERY**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
**3, 7, AND 9 PM**  
**ADMISSION \$1.00**

# THE CHALLENGE.



In brewing Bud®, our choice is to go all the way. We hope beer matters enough to you that you too will go all the way... with Budweiser.

WHEN YOU SAY  
**Budweiser.**  
YOU'VE SAID IT ALL!

ANHEUSER-BUSCH, INC. • ST. LOUIS