

Pharmacist opposes pot use

A Masters Week speaker told Centennial College students Monday night that he thought he had more respect for their opinions on drugs than they had for his.

Varro Tyler, dean of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Purdue University, spoke against legalization of marijuana, but encountered contrary sentiment from students in the audience.

"No civilization has ever existed which had two major forms of intoxicants. I do not think that our civilization should be the first," Tyler said, pointing out parallels between the use of alcohol in some cultures with the use of marijuana in others. In response to a question, he said he would

agree that the effects of marijuana and alcohol are comparable.

He commented that the recent proposal to decriminalize the use of grass in the home was of little consequence since marijuana would still be illegal to pick, grow, transport, sell or give away.

"No body has proven that pot does any harm but it has become evident that it does not do society any good."

Tyler said he is a good friend of Albert Hoffman, the discoverer of LSD.

"Hoffman, who is a very cultured man, told me that he would not have released his discovery if he had it to do over again," Tyler said.

He noted that although he has not tried marijuana or LSD, his research failed to find any evidence of "expanded consciousness," and he doubted that there were any beneficial uses for the drugs.

He said that the United States is a drug oriented society, and added that compared to European countries, the American use of alcohol is relatively crude and could be considered drug abuse.

Tyler is a former associate professor at NU, and has authored two textbooks and several scientific papers on the subject of hallucinogenic drugs and drug abuse.

Hughes: Programs answer health needs

Physician assistance programs are the answer to rural Nebraska's medical problem, Calista Cooper Hughes, director of Comprehensive Health Planning for the state said Monday evening.

Speaking as part of the University's Masters Week program, she told students at the Delta Delta Delta house many physicians were against the program at first, because they felt the assistants would be accepted as real doctors.

"But I believe physicians, especially younger ones, will accept it," she said.

Physician assistants would work in both cities and rural areas, Hughes said. "They are the first contact with the patients in the cities," she explained. They take case histories and preliminary tests so the diagnosis can be made more rapidly by the doctor, according to Hughes.

In rural areas the assistants have their own clinic, Hughes said. "It's an advanced type of first aid. What they do depends on the physician they work for," she added.

The development of a telecommunications system throughout Nebraska would put assistant and physician in constant communication, Hughes said.

Acceptance of the assistants may be a problem, Hughes said. People in rural areas say they will accept them but people in ghetto areas say "No-you're giving us second class care."

Masters praise student maturity

UNL's Masters Week alumni returned to campus this week to find students more mature and more concerned with issues than students of 20 years ago.

The only issues on campus in his era were "spitting in the fountains and walking on the grass," said Congressman Charles Thone, 1950 graduate and Nebraska's first district representative. At a press conference Tuesday for the nine participating alumni, Thone said there's much more involvement by students in everything today.

In contrast with his college years, when students were thinking mainly about staying in school and getting enough to eat, the college student of today is more conscious of the world around him according to 1932 graduate Lewis Harris. There's more student involvement in issues like ecology, the president of Lincoln's Harris Laboratories

The alumni, representing business, government and science, spent Monday and Tuesday visiting classes and meeting students in living units.

said.

However, student involvement in ecology is currently emotional, Harris said. He urged students to "confront the sensationalists with facts" to provide a more reasonable, balanced approach to ecology.

Calista Hughes, a 1935 graduate, said she was pleased to see that "the direction of protest is in a more constructive manner than a few years ago."

Several of the alumni mentioned the tight job market as being a deterrent to extreme radicalism on campuses.

Hughes, director of comprehensive health planning for Nebraska, said she would like to see the University broaden the range of careers offered in health. Midwesterners have a "sensitivity to people" which is helpful in health careers, but they often have to leave the state to get the proper education, she added.

Although she said careers in business and politics are difficult for a woman to pursue because of discrimination, Hughes encouraged women to become involved in consumerism.

Women are needed to communicate technology in the home to homemakers, said Margaret Spader, director of consumer affairs for the National Association of Manufacturers in New York City.

Although she expected to see more interest in women's liberation on campus, Spader said she was pleased to find the women "quite traditional and romantic."

The alumni rated the University high in its updating of facilities and courses, specifically mentioning the Home Economics and Business Administration curricula.

"In the future, students will have a more complex job in adjusting to working with people all over the world," Harris said.

The world is going to be "one big business community," so students in business will have to learn to deal with consumers and the trade and monetary policies of foreign countries, said David McCammon, assistant controller of Ford Motor Company at Dearborn, Mich.



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Student vets ask benefits increase

The UNL Student Veterans Organization is joining in an effort with the National Association of Collegiate Veterans, Inc., to achieve changes in educational benefits.

The national association is proposing the following changes to the current G.I. Bill of Rights: (1) Extend the period of entitlement from 36 to 48 months, 2) authorize payments for tuition, fees, books, related supplies and medical expenses up to \$1,000 per year, 3) provide for a minimum of a 20 per cent

increase in the monthly assistance allotment. This would raise the \$175 to \$210 for a single veteran, \$246 for 1 dependent, etc., 4) authorize an advance payment up to two months before a veteran's acceptance into an accredited program.

Veterans at UNL are asking all interested persons, including non-veterans, to sign petitions endorsing the above proposals.

The Student Veterans Organization has a booth at the north entrance of the Nebraska Union, starting Jan. 28.

Financial assistance deadline March 1

Ed Lundak, director of financial aids said Monday that he and his staff are "anxious" about upperclass applications for financial aid, due March 1.

According to Lundak, the system for application has been revised so that only those applying before March 1 will receive full consideration.

Lundak said that this year applicants have to complete only a computer card and a "Parents' Confidential Statement" with the four page questionnaire of previous years being eliminated.

Immediately after the March 1 deadline the cards will be processed using the grade point average from first semester instead of from second semester as has been done in previous years, according to Lundak.

He noted that this will give the financial aid office a four month head start compared to previous years and that students will receive notification of their aids in July this year.