



Student sex increasing; majority smoke dope

Figures from the 1973 Daily Nebraskan Super Poll indicate that sexual activity among single UNL students has increased since last year.

Sixty-one per cent of all single students said they had engaged in sexual intercourse. Last year the Daily Nebraskan reported that 54 per cent of the single students polled were experienced sexually.

Of those polled in the 1973 survey, 89 per cent said their participation in sexual intercourse had occurred in the last year. Ten per cent responded that their sexual experience had happened at another time in their lives.

Sixty-four per cent of those students who had engaged in sexual intercourse are male, while 36 per cent are female, according to Super Poll statistics.

Among students who have participated in sexual intercourse, there is a wide disparity in the number of partners each person reported. More than one-third of those surveyed, (36 per cent) said their experience had been limited to one partner.

Thirty per cent indicated they had engaged in sexual intercourse with more than five partners. In between the two extremes of activity, 12 per cent said they had had two partners, 9 per cent said they had three partners, 9 per cent said they had four partners and 4 per cent had engaged in sexual intercourse with five partners.

The number of men with several sex partners outnumbered women who had engaged in sexual intercourse with more than one partner. Specific figures are given in the graph shown on this page. The greatest disparity occurred those who had more than five sex partners, 38 per cent of the sexually experienced men had more than five partners, while only 18 per cent of the women had more than five sex partners.

Students who have participated in sexual intercourse seem to be hesitant to condone their own activity, according to Super Poll figures. Thirty-five per cent said they would be bothered somewhat if the person they intended to marry had engaged in intercourse with someone else.

Other responses to the same question told that 40 per cent would not be bothered at all, 17 per cent would be bothered considerably, but not enough to prevent marriage, 4 per cent said they would not marry the person who had sex, and 4 per cent were undecided.

Of those who had experienced sexual intercourse, more than half had become sexually experienced by the age of 18. When asked at what age their first incidence of sexual intercourse occurred, 15 per cent said at age 16 or younger, 21 per cent responded age 17, and 27 per cent responded age 18.

Sixteen per cent said they first engaged in sexual intercourse at age 19, 12 per cent said at age 20, 6 per cent said at age 21 and 4 per cent said at age 22 or older.

In their attitudes, the results of the Super Poll show that most students believe it is permissible for men and women to have sexual intercourse before marriage.

Four-fifths of all students polled said it was permissible for a man to have premarital sexual experience. Nearly as many, 77 per cent said they also thought it was permissible for a woman to have premarital sexual intercourse.

Thirteen per cent said they were against men having premarital sex, while 15 per cent gave the same response for women. Seven per cent of the total number of respondents was undecided about both men or women engaging in premarital intercourse.

To the question: "Do you think it is permissible for a person to have sexual intercourse with someone he or she does not love?", nearly equal answers were given. Forty-eight per cent of those polled said yes, while 46 per cent said no, leaving 6 per cent undecided.

Student tolerance of homosexual relationships has not increased since last year. Both last year and in the 1973 poll, 36 per cent of the students polled indicated they approved of homosexual acts between two consenting adults. Forty-six per cent said this year they were opposed and 18 per cent were undecided. Of those polled, only 3 per cent had engaged in a homosexual relationship.

The Super Poll indicated a diversity in the social lives of students. Thirty-six per cent of those students polled said they dated twice a week or more. Fifteen per cent said once a week, and 21 per cent said they dated two or three times a month. Students who date less than once a month numbered 18 per cent of the respondents.

Of those polled, 98 per cent said they have consumed alcoholic beverages. Asked about their drinking habits, 9 per cent said they drank alcoholic beverages four times a week or more, 23 per cent said they drank two to three times a week and 26 per cent said they drank about once a week. Twenty-nine per cent said they only drank two or three times a month and 13 per cent said they drank less than once a month.

Fifty-two per cent said in the Super poll that they had smoked marijuana, while 48 per cent had not. Of those who had not smoked marijuana, 9 per cent said they intended to try it, 48 per cent said they would not and 23 per cent were undecided.

Those who had smoked marijuana indicated a division over whether they would continue to or not. Fifty-six per cent said they would continue to smoke marijuana.

Eighty per cent of the students who said they use marijuana said they smoke it four times a week or more. Eight per cent said they smoke two to three times a week and ten per cent said they smoked once a week. Thirteen per cent said they smoke two to three times a month while 25 per cent said they smoke less than once a month. Thirty-three per cent said they never smoke.

Of the 2 per cent of UNL students who termed themselves very conservative, 20 per cent said they had smoked marijuana while 80 per cent had not. Sixty-three per cent of those who said they were moderately conservative (15 per cent) had not smoked marijuana.

Middle of the road students, 22 per cent of the total number polled, indicated that 57 per cent had not smoked marijuana.

Moderately liberal students, 40 per cent of the sample, said they smoke marijuana most often once a month or more. The greatest number of very liberal students tended to smoke marijuana either several times a week or two to three times a month. Ten per cent of those polled termed themselves very liberal. Eighty per cent of the radical students, who number 60 per cent of the survey respondents, said they smoke marijuana more than four times a week.

Quarrel about the legal status of marijuana, 51 per cent of the UNL students polled said marijuana should be legalized. Thirty-five per cent said they disagreed, and 15 per cent were undecided.

