

Graduate handbook available to seniors

"The Graduate—A Handbook for Leaving School" is now available for graduating seniors at the offices of college deans. A few books will be available on graduation day in the Nebraska Union.

The book, published by the Approach 13-30 Corporation in Knoxville, Tenn., and distributed at UNL by the Alumni Association, features articles on how a graduate may adjust to the working world.

Stories include a study on federal job opportunities, a feature on how to start a business and an overview of graduate schools in the United States.

It also tells how a graduate can make job hunting easier on himself and how he can manage the money he hopes to be making.

A special section outlines 90 careers and forecasts what job recruiters predict will be the fields with the greatest opportunities.

Survey shows sex views changing on UNL campus

The sexual attitudes of students are changing, according to three separate surveys conducted by UNL faculty members.

However, the change is not exactly a revolution and the older values have not been completely replaced, said Joseph Julian, associate professor of sociology.

Based on his survey, Julian said the majority of UNL freshmen are virgins. But "the overwhelming majority lose their virginity" within one year, he said.

Julian said his survey has been conducted over a five-year period with students in his sociology classes. He said the survey contains responses from more than 5,000 UNL students.

His survey corresponds to the findings of other studies conducted by psychology professor James Cole and Jacqueling Voss, associate professor of human development and family.

Double standard

Cole said the double standard which exists between sexes may be disappearing.

Women's attitudes and sexual behavior are changing faster than those of males, he said.

From studies done in his human sexuality class, Cole said the attitudes of women are "converging towards those of men."

By their senior years, women's attitudes are more liberal than their male counterparts, Voss said her study of freshmen in the Colleges of Home Economics and Agriculture revealed.

Percentages change

As freshmen, 59 per cent of the females in Voss's survey agreed that "only in marriage can sex be meaningful." By their senior years, only 23 per cent said sex must be made meaningful by marriage.

Meanwhile, the percentage of agreeing males decreased from 43 to 38 per cent during the four years, according to the survey.

Less than 25 per cent of the female freshmen said "premarital sexual relations are acceptable when two people of the opposite sex are committed to one another in an affectionate relationship." Again, the number of females disagreeing with that statement jumped to 51 per cent, while the males declined from 47 to 34 per cent during their college years.

Julian said his survey last fall showed that 56 per cent of the women and 85 per cent of the males said they had engaged in sexual intercourse.

Of the 31 per cent of UNL students who said they did not engage in sexual intercourse, Julian said 22 per cent of that number had engaged in oral-genital sexual relations during the last year.

Three hypotheses

Julian said he has three hypotheses for the increase in oral-genital sex: people's ignorance of

what oral-genital sex is, "everything but" or the "professional virgin hypothesis," and more liberal attitudes towards oral-genital sex.

When the survey began, he said many persons did not know what oral-genital sex meant. In later editions of the survey, he said he explained its meaning.

In the other hypotheses, Julian said oral-genital sex is often a substitute for sexual intercourse.

An indirect indication of the rise in oral-genital sex is the results of informal surveys done in massage parlors of major cities, where Julian reported there is an increase in requests for fellatio.

Only 1 per cent of those who said they had engaged in sexual intercourse during the past year were freshmen.

College atmosphere

The college atmosphere is not necessarily a sexual liberator, according to Julian. He said he would like to run a study with a similar age group of noncollege people.

The college atmosphere may promote changes

in sexual attitudes because it gets young persons away from smaller communities and provides a more tolerant community, Julian said. He added that noncollege persons may be just as liberal, or more liberal, in their sexual attitudes than college students.

A study by Yankelovich called *New Morality: Profile of American Youth in the 1970s*, indicates that noncollege persons are catching up to college student in liberal views, Julian said.

However, "promiscuity isn't running rampant among college students," according to Julian. He said 45 per cent of the students who had engaged in sexual intercourse did so only with one or two partners.

UNL's present students are "clearly not bound by marriage as a prerequisite for sexual behavior," Cole said.

Single mate

More than 75 per cent of the students surveyed felt it is possible for a woman to be satisfied with a single mate for her entire life. This indicates that marriage "is a notion people still adhere to," Julian said.

The changes in sexual attitudes and behaviors are good because people can be "more open, more tolerant and have more fulfillment," according to Julian.

"People now talk about things they didn't even whisper about before," he said.

However, he noted that there is a tendency for such behavior to become coercive, forcing others to act similarly. "We shouldn't substitute one hang-up for another," he said.

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