

Married sex brings fulfillment to relationships, lecturer says

By Jim Rogers
Staff Reporter

Christian lecturer and author Josh McDowell said the sexual revolution of the last 10 years actually has been a "search for intimacy."

McDowell spoke to more than 1,000 people in the Nebraska Union Friday. He said the current generation has lost its "models of love" and lacks the ability to give or receive love.

McDowell, whose speech was sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ, said that instead of emphasizing "being fulfilled in relationships that will last," current sex education — including that at the university level — "takes sex out of the context of relationships."

"Many people are having sex, but few are making love," he said.

McDowell said critics of Christian sexuality often misrepresent Christians' answers to the question, "Why sex?"

McDowell referred to the second

chapter of the Bible's Genesis when he said the "main purpose of sex in Christianity is . . . not procreation. The main purpose is the unity factor."

For "fulfilled, maximum marriage-love-sex," people need "oneness in three dimensions," McDowell said. This oneness is the physical dimension of sex, the soulness or psychological dimension of sex and the spiritual dimension of sex.

If any of these dimensions is missing, the result is a "diluted relationship," McDowell said.

McDowell, a graduate of Wheaton College, UCLA law school and Talbott Theological seminary, said the roots of sexual problems are "not usually physical" but psychological. He said Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians prohibits sex outside of marriage.

This command provided the necessary foundation for "maximum sex" and trust, McDowell said. Only in marriage can there be 100 percent sexual abandon, he said. The negative aspect

of sex outside of marriage is self-centeredness and lack of patience, he said.

Today's culture gives people every thing but satisfaction in a sex life because it teaches them to fulfill all of their desires, McDowell said. But that attitude wipes out intimacy in sex, he said. People must rise above culture to have a "fulfilled love-marriage-sexual relationship," he said.

To support his ideas, McDowell talked about secular studies that he has accumulated. These studies show spiritual commonness between the husband and wife is "positively associated with sexual fulfillment," he said.

McDowell said "one of the greatest needs in our culture today is forgiveness." He said accepting Christ provides forgiveness and "the power to be free."

Many people today are not free but are "in bondage to (sexual) passions," he said. He said they can only be free if they control these passions.

Loan checks to be issued, starting today

National Direct Student Loan checks for first semester of 1985-86 will be issued today, tomorrow and Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Issuing will be in the Ballroom on the second floor of the Nebraska Union. Students must have their current UNL identification card to pick up their checks.

Students who need to fill out paperwork for this loan should receive a letter containing those papers. Students who are under 19 and for whom this is the first NDSL this academic year, must have their parents sign their promissory note before picking up their checks.

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 3:40 a.m. Thursday and 9:18 p.m. Saturday.

Thursday

3:40 a.m. — Student who attempted suicide taken to University Health Center. Student was transported to Lincoln General Hospital.

8:35 a.m. — Car reported stolen from Married Student Housing, 4300 Holdrege St.

3:14 p.m. — Stereo reported stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 1 near 19th and Vine streets.

3:32 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident reported in Parking Area 1 near 17th and Vine streets.

11:33 p.m. — Shattered glass in door reported at greenhouse complex on East Campus.

Friday

12:02 a.m. — Allegedly stolen vehicle recovered at Married Student Housing, 4300 Holdrege St.

12:46 p.m. — Burglary reported at 1115 N. 16th St.

3:58 p.m. — Wheel covers reported stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 3 near Harper Hall.

Saturday

2:17 a.m. — Person arrested at 19th and Holdrege streets for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

3:35 a.m. — Car reported stolen Thursday from Married Student Housing, 4300 Holdrege St., was recovered on 26th Street between P and Q streets.

4:04 p.m. — Part of a weathervane reported stolen from Sheldon Sculpture Gardens.

9:18 p.m. — Person arrested at 16th and W streets on a warrant from another law enforcement agency.



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