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Porn study wrong

ACLU attorney attacks Meese report

By Jeanne Bourne **Night News Editor**

The First Amendment is under attack. said Burton Joseph, an American Civil Liberties attorney and special counsel for Playboy Enterprises, at the fifth annual Bill of Rights dinner Saturday.

The "threat to the First Amendment not only attacks sexually explicit materials but books in our libraries, materials in our schools, thoughts and ideas that are thought by some to be dangerous," Joseph said to a crowd of approximately 125 people.

"To blame pornography or sexually explicit material for society's problems is just a scapegoat," he said.

"It's much easier to say insidious books and magazines cause problems of rape, abuse and promiscuity than to look for the root causes," Joseph said.

He said he does not defend obscenity but he does defend the First Amendment.

"One man's vulgarity is another man's lyric," he said to emphasize the inabildefined word - "pornography."

Oppressive laws are aimed at the lowest people in society but eventually they touch everyone, he said. Sexually explicit materials are not the object of censorship but the beginning of censorship and it must be stopped at the beginnning if it is to be stopped at all, Joseph said. The recent report released by Attor- he said. ney General Edwin Meese's commission on pornography showed there was ented to: Paul Fell, political cartoonist adverse affects from exposure to vio- with the Lincoln Journal Star; Randall lent, explicit sexual materials, he said. Brown and Jean Walsh, plaintiffs in the qualified, undistinguished and wrong the cancellation of the film "Hail in its conclusion.

ings from victims of sex crimes and religious fundamentalists.

Of the panel, three of four women dissented from the conclusion, he said.

Joseph compared Meese's investigation with one commissioned by President Johnson in 1970. Johnson's commission with a higher budget did more in depth research and found there was no correlation between exposure to explicit materials and adverse social consequences, he said.

What is under attack is not only pornography but what is in every library in the country, he said.

J.D. Salinger is the most censored author in America today, he said. "Catcher in the Rye continues to be the primary target of censors," Joseph said. said.

Contrary to the group that wants such works censored, every time an issue of censorship is put before the voters, freedom is sustained, he said.

Joseph said he gets a good optimistic feeling when he understands that censorship is not a publicly accepted alternative to finding the roots of the problems of society. He said he gets depressed when conservative and radical politicians make emotional appeals for the use of censorship as a tool against these problems.



any new research but merely held hear- Johnson.

What is this country coming to if we tolerate this partisian, parochial attack,

Civil Liberties Awards were pres-Joseph called the commission under- recent NCLU lawsuit against UNL over Mary"; and Bob Broom, attorney with He said the commission did not do the Omaha law firm of Broom and

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Burton Joseph, a former national board member of the American Civil Liberties Union and special counsel to Playboy Enterprises, spoke to about 125 people at the fifth annual Nebraska Civil Liberties Union Foundation Bill of Rights dinner Saturday night.

Scholars swap ideas, opinions in visiting scholars program

Proposal thought harmful

ASUN: KSC's name should remain

By Eric Paulak Staff Reporter

The ASUN senate defeated a resolution last week endorsing the proposed name change of Kearney State College and the upgrading of it to university status.

The resolution failed by a vote of 11 to 18 with one abstention.

Teachers College Sen. Richard Burke proposed that ASUN support the KSC Student Senate's decision to push for education at UNL is ASUN's main upgrading Kearney State to university objective. Dynek agreed with Shamstatus if that move didn't hurt UNL.

Burke said in the senate's weekly session that the change in status would help Nebraska and UNL by attracting more students to the state. More people would rather go to a university than a college, he said.

Mark Otten of the engineering col- supporting it. lege said the reputation of the institu-

Graduate Sen. Tim Howard said that would be better because it would give students who wanted to attend a unicampuses.

Bob Shambora of the business college, who spoke over a teleconference machine from St. Elizabeth Community Health Center, said the change in status would hurt UNL because it would attract students to Kearney, and enrollment at UNL would decline.

Graduate Sen. Ed Miller said ASUN needed to stop "looking out for number one" and help Kearney State.

Greg Dynek of the business college said that maintaining the quality of bora that upgrading KSC to a university would hurt UNL.

Both the KSC Student Senate and Faculty Senate voted in favor of changing the name to a university.

Burke said it would be selfish of ASUN not to help Kearney State by

Agriculture Sen. Jerry Roemer said tion, not its name, attracts people to it. changing KSC to a university would hurt the other three state colleges having two state-funded universities because, as a university, Kearney would have increased enrollment, and it would cost more money to run. Roemer said versity an alternative to the three NU the money would come from the other state colleges.

By Kip Fry Staff Reporter

Business corporations likely will find themselves using methods from one of three ethical "climates" to deal with the public, a UNL assistant professor of management said Friday afternoon.

"The ethical climate is a set of answers to the question 'what ought you do?" said Bart Victor at the Intra-University Visiting Scholars Program.

The first climate, he said, is "egoistic." The company or its employees do what is best for themselves. Efficiency for the company is paramount in this climate, Victor said.

Those in the second category, the "utilitarian" climate, do what is best in terms of the consequences. These companies or individuals are more apt to be socially responsible, Victor said.

The final climate, the "teontological" climate dictates that rules should take the highest priority.

E.F. Hutton clearly operates in an egoistic climate, Victor said. Several mid-level managers were recently found guilty of holding checks for longer periods of time than is allowable, he based on the previous answer. said.

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along," Victor said. "This puts them in said. conflict with other interests, such as the law," he said. "However, they did not see themselves as deviant."

In another presentation at the event, Steve Wise, assistant professor of educational psychology, explained how different kinds of computer testing use different forms of feedback

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Some computer testing gives immediate responses to the answers, and then goes right on to the next question. Other systems, however, will determine the users ability level and will automatically choose the next question

People get less bored and frustrated

In a study with introductory statistics students, Wise discovered that when questions get progressively harder, no feedback is needed to help retain material.

Wise also discovered that feedback leads to higher anxiety, which lowers the test performance, he said.

Another study showed that feedback made no difference with third- and fourth-graders, he said.

Wise said in some cases, delaying the feedback on the computer test may actually enhance retention of the material.

"The large challenge in the decade or two is if we can get some other measures other than right or wrong," Wise said. For examply, it probably would be difficult to use computers in testing about ethical questions, such as those being asked in the E.F. Hutton Case.

The Intra-University Visiting Scholars Program is designed to bring together faculty from different departments to explore disciplines' different views of similar subjects. The program is sponsored in part by a grant from the