

# Professor says that nationalism makes religion a second loyalty

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Christian leaders should concentrate on saving souls and stay out of the political process, according to an ethicist from Duke University.

Stanley Hauerwas, a professor of theological ethics at Duke's Divinity School, spoke to a group of nearly 100 people at Nebraska Wesleyan University's McDonald Theater Friday.

Hauerwas criticized the sovereign nation system, which he said governs today's world. He said that nationalism has hurt religion by making it a second loyalty.

"The nation-state has taken the place of God," he said. "I, myself, would prefer the imperialism of the papacy to the current nation-state system. Being asked to die for the church is like being asked to die for the phone company. But people do give away life for (the) state."

Hauerwas said that the strong church leadership present in the Middle Ages would be

appropriate today. The current system, he said, has centered around failed ideals.

"Unfortunately, America has the distinction of being founded on a failed theory — the theory of human rights," Hauerwas said.

This foundation, he said, has led to a breakdown of basic morality.

"Justice is a code word that (means) it's probably all right to kill some person in the name of some cause," Hauerwas said.

Because of these problems with the nation-state system, Hauerwas said, church leaders should avoid political involvement.

"The political task of Christians is to be a church rather than to try to transform the world," he said.

Hauerwas noted that many who shun church involvement in politics are hypocritical. An example, he said, are liberal Protestant churches who criticize Jerry Falwell for his work in the political area.

The same churches supported Martin Luther King, Jr., Hauerwas said. He said the churches criticize Falwell solely because "they don't like his politics."

# 'Safe sex can be pleasurable'

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sexual way and skin contact. When sexual contact progresses to the kissing stage, people should be careful, he said.

"From very, very low risk to very, very high risk there are lots of factors involved," he said.

Then Taylor showed a presentation on how safe sex can be pleasurable.

The presentation showed different ways of

having safe sex, such as massage, cuddling, practice of safe sex methods in a group, group masturbation and condoms used during oral sex, anal sex and vaginal sex.

After the presentation, Taylor asked for comments from students, but received few.

"We're not used to viewing people's sexuality, but this is an age where we really have to get over that," Taylor said. "Ignorance is a death sentence."

# Guard injured in auto accident

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State Fair Park guard Charles Venegar was listed in serious condition Sunday afternoon at Lincoln General Hospital following an accident Friday when a pickup truck smashed through a guardhouse at the park's front gate.

The pickup was driven by Mitchell Widler, 18, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student. Widler was dismissed from Lincoln General Hospital on Saturday.

Lt. Albert Maxey of the Lincoln Police

Department said the incident occurred at 4:46 a.m. Friday morning at the 17th and Court streets entrance to the fairgrounds.

Widler was northbound on 17th and apparently lost control of his pickup and collided with the guardhouse, Maxey said.

The pickup Widler was driving sustained an estimated \$6,000 in damage and the guardhouse had \$50,000 to \$60,000 in damage, Maxey said.

Widler has not been cited, Maxey said, pending a conference with the county attorney.



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## Two-vehicle accident

Nebraska City rescue officials work to remove an unidentified woman from her car Saturday night after a two-vehicle accident four miles south of Nebraska City on Highway 75. Otoe County deputy sheriff Rod Williamson said preliminary investigations indicated that the rear axle of the woman's car broke, causing a tire to come off and throwing the car across the median into the path of an oncoming van. Two people involved in the crash were treated and released from St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City.

# Audience members surprised at attendance, media show

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sexually transmitted diseases.

Ten people were interviewed at the workshop, although some asked not to be identified.

Colleen Kibbie-Vest of Omaha said she thought the presentation was one of the more "pleasant" safe sex presentations she has seen.

"The multi-media (presentation) was real interesting to me," she said. "It gives you a better tolerance for all kinds of sexual experiences."

Wilkenson said the multi-media show "wasn't the most easy thing for me to sit through."

Kibbie-Vest said she was surprised at the lack of attendance at the workshop.

"This is amazing there aren't more people here," Kibbie-Vest said of the 30 people at the event. "I'm appalled about the size of the audience."

Shannon Fiene Dennis of Lincoln agreed that more people should have attended the event.

"I think it's things that are really important to know," she said.

Kibbie-Vest and Fiene Dennis said they also plan to change their sexual habits.

Fiene Dennis said attending the workshop will "cause more creativity" in her sexual activities.

Dwight Miller of Lincoln said he already practices safe sex, but he thought the workshop was still a positive experience.


"It just reiterates the fact and refreshes your memory," Miller said.



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