



## OBSCENE CLASS FOSTERS SEXUAL HARRASSMENT AT KU

*Prof. allegedly ridicules co-eds who object to materials used in sex class*

Kansas University is at the center of another controversy, this time one that does not stem from the athletic program but is over the content of a class on human sexuality (Human Sexuality in Everyday Life) offered at KU. This class has been offered at KU for the past 20 years and generally attracts about 500 students per class . . . no doubt the titillating content of the class is tempting fare for students who are tasting their first experience at life's vanity fair. Professor Dennis Dailey teaches the class. Kansas University apparently has no problems with the content of his class as they have rewarded him several times . . . He won an Outstanding Educator in America Award in 1974 and the Budig Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1989. He received the Chancellor's Professorship for Excellence in Teaching in 1990 and the Honor for the Outstanding Progressive Educator Award in 1994. He is also one of the featured speakers at the upcoming American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT), an accrediting organization formed by Kinsey associates that has long utilized the SAR (Sexual Attitude Reassessment . . . it used to be called Sexual Attitude Restructuring) as a desensitizing tool for those who would teach or counsel others in the field of sexology. In fact, the AASECT brochure announces that the SAR workshop will be facilitated by Planned Parenthood faculty and is "an intense group experience with trigger audio and visual material." Participants in the workshop will use media that may "at times be confrontational, but more typically erotic." Participants are advised they *must* participate two days for certification. Prof. Dennis Dailey will lead an eight-hour workshop of quality supervision for individuals seeking AASECT sex therapy and counseling certification. Prof. Dailey is quoted in a dissertation "Gender Differences in Adults Sexually Molested as Children" by Ronald E. Hestand, B.S., M.B.A., and M.S. where he claims that the act of incest is not harmful, but that the results are harmful. In other words, he feels that the "harm" from incest occurs mainly as a result of social intervention after the incest is made public. He further declared during a seminar on incest in 1984 that the act of incest was not inherently harmful, but that harm is accrued by the child's perception of the incest act.

### Sexual Attitude Reassessment

Senator Susan Wagle received some complaints about Professor Dailey's class from students and as a result attached an amendment onto the budget bill sent to Governor Sebelius for her signature. This amendment calls for withholding funds from the Department of Social Welfare at Kansas University, Professor Dailey's department. Some of the complaints are:

- On the first day of class he described the type of explicit sexual materials the class would be viewing. When a female student started to walk out he asked where she was going and she replied that she was dropping the class. His response was to give her an obscene gesture behind her back.
- Inappropriate "street" language and obscene gestures are a regular part of the class . . . slang words are used for the sex act and for body parts.
- He speaks of the "attraction template" as an explanation for attraction between individuals . . . he then referred to several young women in the class who were in the "center" of his attraction template.

- In a class that studied female anatomy, the class viewed explicit slides . . . in one slide he explained that "one looks like an aberration; we have just seen the Virgin Mary." He also showed slides of the genitals of a five-year-old girl and a ten-year-old girl.
- He told the class that if he were Chancellor he would require empirical evidence from females graduating from KU that they were orgasmic. He stated that "evidence" could be in the form of a videotape.
- Personal questions are routinely asked of the students including masturbatory habits.

There were more complaints, but this is an example of the fare that is offered in the class.

### Academic freedom trumps the law

Some, including the *Kansas City Star* editorial board, feel that Senator Wagle's amendment "imperils academic freedom." To date Kansas University stands behind the class and the KU Student Senate was less than pleased at the legislative action taken by the Legislature. They demanded "academic freedom" to use pornography, even if it included child pornography. Apparently enough students have been through his class so as to be completely "restructured sexually" by watching enough desensitizing pornography and devious sexual behavior in the class.

### Looking back

One letter written to the university complaining about the class was from a former student who now looks back on the experience as revolting. At the time, however, she believed what the professor told her . . . that it would help her in being more comfortable working with people in her field of social work. However, she states that in 20 years of practical experience in social work she has never had to scream the names of genital parts or feel "comfortable" with those women and children who have been sexually molested.

### Power plays

Instructors are in a power situation with students, particularly with freshmen . . . students tend to look upon their professors as mentors and authorities. This professor is about teaching the ugliest side of human sexuality that puts women and children at more risk. He is about modeling sexual harassment that would never be tolerated in the workplace for the sake of academic freedom. Taxpayer dollars should not be supporting activities that are against the law . . . the sexual exploitation of children by child pornography.

### Community standards are the goal?

If the professor's goal is to desensitize the younger generation to a lower standard of decency, he apparently is succeeding . . . at taxpayer expense. Pornography and obscenity is partially determined by "community standards." If one adds up the students that could have gone through this class . . . 500 students for 20 years . . . 10,000 young adults will be contributing to that perception of "community standards" in a way that most of us would never condone. If, however, the intention is to make what has formerly been abhorrent in our culture mainstream, shame on him, and shame on KU for condoning his perverse class.

**Action: Governor Sebelius has vetoed this amendment. These thirteen senators voted against the amendment: Jim Barone, Pete Brungardt, Mark Buhler, Dave Corbin, Paul Feliciano, Rip Gooch, Greta Goodwin, David Haley, Dave Kerr, Lana Oleen, Chris Steineger, Ruth Teichman and John Vratil. Urge them to change their vote and override her veto.**