

Is sex education right at the university level?

Oh my. After 20 years, the state's prudes have caught up with the fact that there is a class at the University of Kansas that teaches students about sex.

It's a fact. It's a popular class, in fact. There is a limit of 500 students, and every semester for nearly 20 years, 500 students have packed into a lecture hall at that great and noble institution on the Kaw to hear Dennis Dailey's lectures.

And see his pictures, of course. Now Sen. Susan Wagle, a Wichita Republican of the most Victorian stripe, has latched onto Professor Dailey's ankles. And the deeper she sinks her teeth, it seems, the more publicity she gets.

Oh my. We at *The Herald* have not been to this class, nor have we seen the pictures, thank you. Some of us attended KU, but in an era when students talked about sex among themselves but did not expect the university to teach them about sex. There were no classes on sexual technique, at least not that we enrolled in. Not during regular class hours.

Nonetheless, sex was then and remains now, the No. 1 topic of conversation on campus, followed closely by beer.

Today, talk of sex is more public. *The University Daily Kansan*, for instance, is most likely the only newspaper in Kansas with a regular column on sexual technique.

We submit, though, that at most colleges, there is a lot more talk than sex.

And we'll maintain that having students learn about sex in class, rather than from rumors and magazines that come in plain brown wrappers, is not such a bad thing. Society might be well served if we all learned about sex in a class rather than in an alley, or the darkened back seat of a car.

Oh, but Sen. Wagle is mortified. Students are being subjected to pornography, she maintains. She apparently depends for her knowledge of this on an intern in her office who was or is a KU student and took the class.

She also charges that Dr. Dailey sometimes says

things to young women which are not nice and actually endorses pedophilia, or sex with children. He denies that most vehemently, by the way.

Oh my. First of all, Sen. Wagle's legislative tactics are abhorrent. She attached a provision to an unrelated bill barring the state from spending money on any department of any university of the state which teaches pornography, including the School of Social Welfare at KU, where Dr. Dailey is a professor.

The Herald has long opposed such last-minute slam-dunk tactics, which bypass the legislative process and undercut the very meaning of democracy. There was no hearing, there was no debate, just a little rider tucked away in a budget bill that had to be passed.

The Legislature ought not to do business that way.

Then there is the issue of academic freedom. Dr. Dailey's fellow professors, and a lot of other people, say that Sen. Wagle is trying to silence him. They may well be right.

No student has been forced to take this class. No student has been forced to finish it. Or to watch the pictures (they're optional).

The university, the faculty and students, at least, have rushed to his defense. They gave him the Del Shankel Teaching Excellence Award last week, the top prize for a teacher on the Hill.

Oh my. Our guess is that Professor Dailey will continue polluting the minds of Kansas youth for years to come. Sen. Wagle may well keep complaining for years to come, but people will move on to more important issues.

The Legislature should bar these last-minute slam-dunks. Let people take their bills to committees for a hearing, and have them buried right and proper, we say. One thing is for sure. If they had a hearing, and Professor Dailey brought his pictures, they'd need a bigger room. Chairs for 500, maybe.

Oh my. — *Steve Haynes*

Town doesn't have to decay

Editor's note: The following letter, written by Jan Anderson, D.V.M., Oberlin, was taken in part from The Oberlin Herald and submitted by Neva DeGood who thought much of the letter also fit St. Francis.

To the editor: Empty storefronts and offices in the business district, a marginal existence and future for the others. Limited growth potential for even the viable ones.

Deteriorating awnings, cracked, irregular and sinking sidewalks, dirty and patched windows. A de-

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clining agriculture economy and population, loss of young people, a narrowing tax and employment base, near Wal-Mart stores.

Numerous homes for sale, few new ones under construction.

If we are to accept these facts as immutable and inevitable, then defeat is certain. A self-fulfilling prophecy has taken place. We have not died; we have committed suicide by apathy.

By thinking out of the box and taking initiatives and responsibilities beyond that usually assumed by the city council or county commissioners, the first steps toward reversing the decay can take place.

A strategic plan has been laid out and accepted by the state. The time has arrived for developing tactics to implement the plan. The mayor, city council and county commissioners can set the tone and give a sense of direction, and with the Economic Development Corporation, Area Chamber of Commerce, ser-

vice organizations and clubs, develop and execute the plan.

A step-by-step examination of the strategic plan needs to be done to determine where, when and how the council and commissioners can take effective action. Any tactics adopted must have the primary goal of improving the educational, social and economic life of the community.

There are five present and potential income producers in the county:

1. Agriculture.
2. Industry — present and future.
3. Recreation.
4. Tourism.
5. Retirement.

None of these are separate entities; they are joined and mixed. How we as individuals or organizations make them work will determine whether or not our community survives. There is no knight in shining armor who will ride in on a white horse and save us: we must do it ourselves.

GOD SAYS
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
I John 1:8, 9

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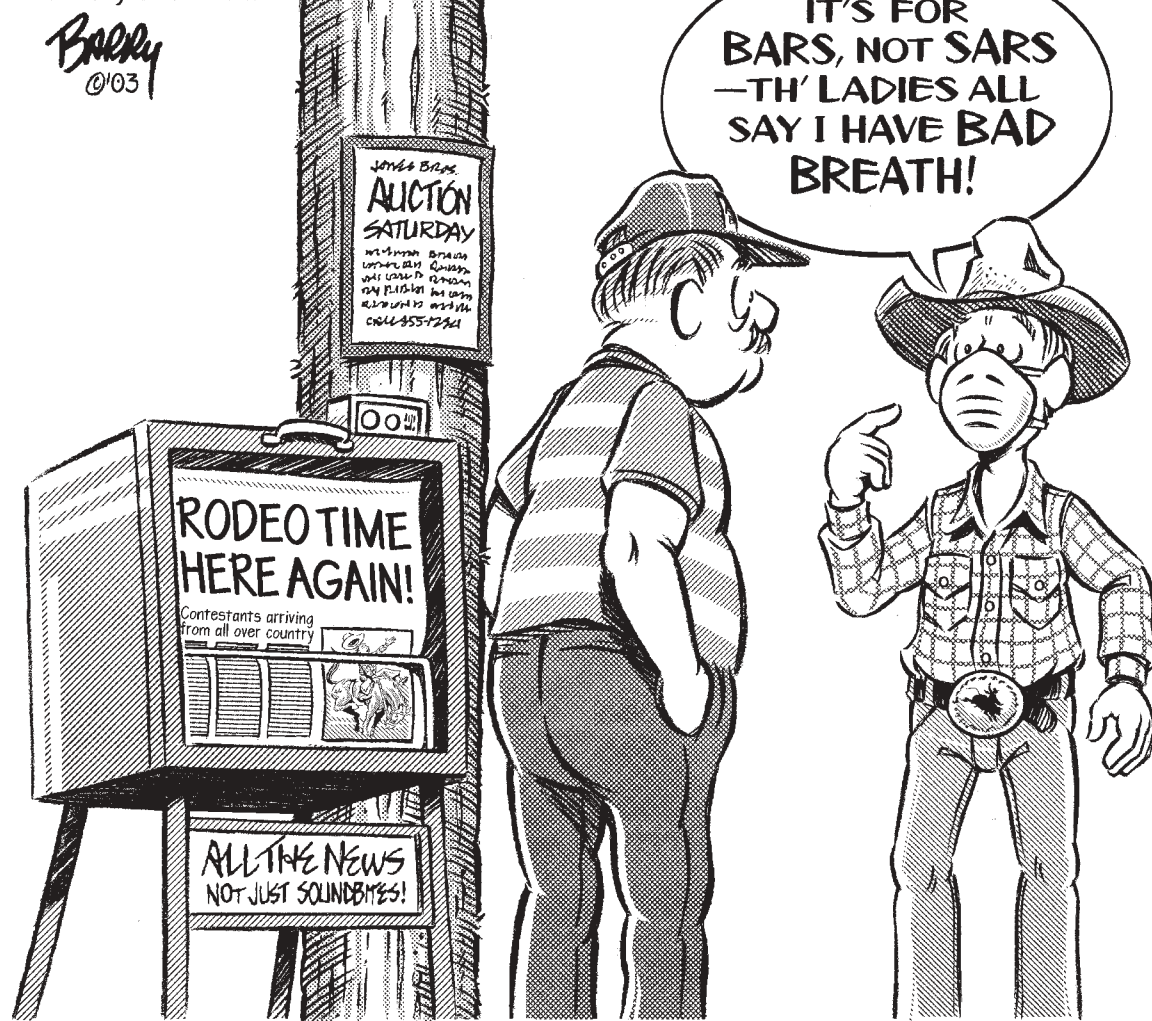
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Resident urges nurse profession

Letter to the editor:

Have you decided what you want to be when you grow up? Are you looking for a career change? Last week was National Nurses Week. I'd like to ask you to take time to think about nursing as a career.

Why nursing? As a career, nursing has many opportunities. Over the years nursing has evolved into a profession, which spans the whole of medicine. you find nurses working in pediatrics, trauma, oncology, obstetrics, home health, flight nursing, cardiac care, rehabilitation, to name only a few. Nurses are actively involved in planning for the care of patients and it has been documented in studies that nurses are directly responsible for good patient outcomes.

In most of the United States, there is a shortage of nurses. This makes it easier to find the job you want and in some cases, the salary you want.

It is a hard job, sometimes there are boring hours of waiting, and the next day you can spend 12 hours working your tail off and there are definitely parts of the job that are not fun. Yes, you will have to wipe more than your share of butts.

However, in my opinion, the benefits far out weigh the downside. OK, I've got your attention and now your interest and want to know more. Talk to a couple of nurses and get their opinion and thoughts. Get on-line and check nursing out. Contact the hospital or nursing home in your area and talk to the director of nursing. Once you've decided that nursing may be a career for you, you may have a number of options on how to proceed.

Are you an emergency medical technician (EMT) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN)? There are a

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number of non-traditional programs that you may be able to take that don't require spending a couple of years in the classroom. Just down the road from us, Colby Community College has an associate degree program and there is a four-year program a couple of hours away.

There are also many ways to pay for nursing school. With the shortage of nursing there are many scholarships available and you may not

have to pay a penny out of your pocket to become a nurse or at least, very little.

Please think about nursing as a career. It doesn't matter how old you are, even if you've never done anything like it before. All you need is a desire to help people.

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Cheyenne County Hospital
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Lines from the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt

The following new books have arrived at the library: *Picture Me Dead* by Heather Graham; *The Covenant* by Beverly Lewis; *The Reluctant Suitor* by Kathleen Woodiwiss; *Dating Game* by Danielle Steel; *Jester* by James Patterson; *Dead Aim* by Iris Johansen; *Birthright* by Nora Roberts; *Not Even For Love* by Sandra Brown; *Armageddon* by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins; *Twanged* by Carol Higgins Clark; *The Throat* by Peter Straub; *Between Silk and Cyanide* by Leo Mark; *Midnight Pleasures* by Eloisa James; *Dark Water* by Sharon Sala; *Brides of the Beast* by Sue Ellen Welfonder.

We have the following new books in the children's department: *Insect Invaders* by Anne Capeci; *Amazing Magnetism* by Rebecca Carmi; *Snoopy: Flying Ace To The Rescue* by Darice Bailer; *It's Time For School* *Charlie Brown* by Judy Katschke; *Scooby-Doo And The Bowling*

Boogeyman by Gelsey James; *Scooby Doo And The Vicious Vicking* by Gelsey James; *Scooby-Doo And The Karae Capar* by Gelsey James; *Scooby-Doo And The Seashore Slimer* by Gelsey James; *Scooby-Doo And The Ghastly Gorilla* by Gelsey James; *Who's A Pest* by Crosby Bonsall; *Piggie* by Crosby Ronsall; *The Strange Case Of Baby H* By Kathryn Reiss; *The Trellis And The Seed; A Book Of Encouragement For All Ages* by Jan Karon.



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332-2928 Pars. 332-2308
Pastor David Rossbach
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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332-2956 • 118 E. Webster
Pastor Richard Garcia
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Arlin Cochran
Sabbath School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:45

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Beryl Gibson
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

United Methodist Church
Church Office 332-2922,
Church 332-2254,
Pars. 332-3170
512 S. Scott
Pastor Nel Holmes
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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2nd & Scott • 332-3921
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Sunday Evening
Service 6:30 p.m.,
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