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Sex & Conflict

When you consider the way we, in this culture, have learned to deal with **sexuality** and **conflict**, there are no mysteries as to why we have massive problems with rape and sexual assault, unplanned pregnancy, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. In fact, to a large extent we've actually set many of these problems up to happen, given the way we have chosen to deal with these two areas of our lives.

Bob put forward several principal rules of dating and relationships that would make anyone's relationships more satisfying and enduring. He had no problem holding the attention of the one hundred plus students for the entire ninety minutes. His style was engaging, interactive, and always in good taste. Bob Hall is most welcomed back at

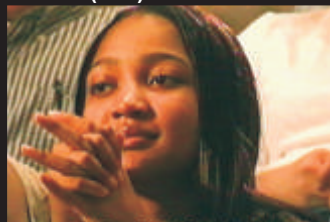
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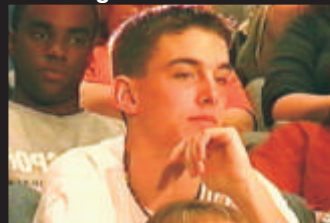
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“ It is a rare occasion when we can get 690 new students to pay attention to anything and Bob had them spellbound. His approach to sensitive issues surrounding acquaintance violence was very effective with the ‘Clarkies.’ Our intention was to call to the forefront a critical issue for all of our new students to examine and Bob's presentation facilitated this in a very successful fashion. ”

Orientation Director
Clark University (MA)

Intimacy

Is it easy, these days, to develop **intimate** relationships? The answer I get on most campuses I visit is, ‘No!’ You may have heard the term ‘**battle of the sexes**,’ I think that to some extent that has been the case, and unfortunately, the biggest casualty in that battle has been intimacy, the connection which goes **beyond the physical** part of relationship.

Rape & Sexual Assault

Even if no one in this room was ever affected by a rape or a sexual assault, just the fact that this stuff is happening on our campuses and in our communities creates an environment that all of us have to exist in. I resent the fact that someone I want to get to know better has to wonder whether or not they can get into my car, go for a walk with me, or spend some time alone with me, because someone else, somewhere down the line, gave them something to fear. Rape and sexual assault create a environment that makes it difficult for all of us to date and to get to know each other without fear.

“Your presentation was so dynamic that after three months it is still impacting our campus community. I appreciated your efforts, insight and cooperation in making such a difficult subject approachable; you made our students want to hear about it. Again, Bob, thanks!”

Director of Student Development
College of St. Francis (IL)

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“You provide a great service to our students and to the university in presenting a vitally important message in a way that is non-threatening, easily understood and practical. Each year, more of our upper-class students choose to return to this orientation event and bring their friends!”

Asst. Director of Student Life
LaSalle University (PA)

Alcohol & Other Drugs

Given the degree of discomfort we have with issues of sexuality and conflict, what better way to ease some of the tension in awkward situations than to drink, or smoke, or snort ourselves into a state where we don't have to think about what we're doing, or the effect our decisions may have on ourselves and others we care about. Alcohol and other drugs are almost always involved in creating the statistics on disease, pregnancy and force. The connection between sex and conflict in relationships and our abuse of alcohol and other drugs is clear.

Sex, Conflict and American Culture

We live in a very sex-negative and conflict-negative society at present. We learn to either avoid or ignore conflict until it blows up in our faces, or we treat it as a fight, which produces winners and losers but few solutions to problems. Where sex is concerned, we seem to be open enough about sex to exploit it and to make money off it but not open enough about it for people to feel comfortable talking and learning about this fundamental area of their lives. Wonder why we have some problems!

“ . . . a fascinating, witty, sometimes disarming presentation on conflict, sexuality and just coping with the world today.”

Assistant Program Director
University of Florida

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“ Thank you for finding the time during your busy trip to the University of Maine to speak with my undergraduate Human Sexuality class. You were wonderful. I have seen many dynamic speakers and can honestly say that you are “up there with the best.” Your presentation-style captures the audience instantly. Too often in academia professors limit their view of teaching to lecturing behind a podium. It is refreshing to have someone like you step into the classroom.”

Professor of Family Relations, Ph.D.
University of Maine

Media Sex

Most of the sex we are exposed to, through television, advertising, movies and music, is designed to entertain us or to sell us something. It's what I call 'good sex and perfect love.' It's not real. And, although we are passively aware of this fact, these images still affect the way we treat each other and the expectations we set for our relationships.

Sex Education

Many consider sex education and open, candid discussions of sexual issues to be somehow obscene. I have a different definition of obscenity. I find things like rape and sexual assault, unplanned pregnancy, homophobia, and sexually transmitted disease to be far more obscene than open candid discussions of sex. Ignorance may be bliss, but knowledge is power and freedom to make informed decisions. And without educational armor against the barrage of sexual misinformation, which exists in any society, we are all vulnerable to the damage which fear and ignorance can inflict.

“ Everyone, including myself, walked away feeling better about themselves. ”

SAB President
Wagner College (NY)

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“ You proved that learning can be rewarding and fun.

Once again, thanks! ”

Student Activities Programmer
North Adams State College (MA)

Male Sexual Arousal

During a heightened stage of physical excitement, the penis, if not fully stimulated to the point of orgasm will, in fact, experience an excruciating build-up of pressure to such a degree that, if left unattended, will cause an explosive reaction in the male genitalia which has been known to result in the complete destruction of the male reproductive region, often causing extensive property damage and injury to other persons within one square mile of the blast as well . . . I'm kidding! Sex may be a drive, but it doesn't give you license!

Rights & Responsibilities

No one should have to go out on a date with a whip and a chair 'cause their date can't control their glands! I don't care who initiates interest. I don't care where you go, or what you're wearing. I don't care how much money has been spent. I don't care what you've been doing on the couch, or how much clothing is on the floor. No one, under any circumstances, has the right to force you to have sex against your will. Period! I don't care if you walk around naked, smiling and winking at everyone you see . . . You may get a few more offers if you do that . . . or not, I don't know.

“ I watched our student's, and even our faculty member's, reactions while you spoke. Their rapt attention and delight is perhaps greater testament to your ability than the very positive comments they shared with me afterwards. ”

Director of Residential Life
Augustana College (IL)

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“ You have a powerful, yet

sensitive, way in dealing with a topic that is hard to discuss for many of our students. Relationships with each other are the basis of our existence on this planet, and yet we don't spend enough time learning and understanding how to deal with issues centered around them. If sexual stereotypes are to be broken on our college campuses, then this is a must lecture for every college. ”

Program Advisor
Edmonds Community College (WA)

Resolving the Conflict

Nonviolent Sexuality stands for respect in relationships. It's not anti-sex, it's anti-force. The message speaks to the need for direct and open communication if we are to have a hope of finding real intimacy. In international relations the last diplomatic act which countries make before going to war is to sever all diplomatic ties, as if to say, 'we no longer have anything to talk about, time to fight!' In individual relationships as well, it's when communication stops that the real problems begin. The bottom line, in all human interaction, is that force is never acceptable, and communication is always respectable.

▲ “I really enjoyed this program, I thought that the speaker was **entertaining** and informative.”

▲ “... he talked about a lot of issues that college students should be aware of . . . He presented them in a **humorous** manner that everyone could relate to. Usually when someone is discussing these subjects I tend to feel uncomfortable, but the way that he presented them made me feel right at home.”

▲ “I can honestly say that I truly enjoyed myself; you have an incredible talent for captivating a young audience. There are few times in life when a person can come along and completely restore your faith in humanity, and, well, men. Thanks.”

▲ “I think that it was important for guys to attend this program ... I’m not trying to bash all of the guys but I do feel that this was a **great lesson** for them.”

▲ “I was very surprised, and yet amused, at how easy it was for him to convey his message about sex and conflict to a room full of hormonally imbalanced teenagers!”

▲ “This program was a little **different than what I had expected** ... He never really singled out one person or group of persons. Not everything was all the man’s fault or all the woman’s fault ... Communication was also important in any and all orientations...he always referred to people as ‘male or female, gay or straight.’ Overall the program was **excellent**.”

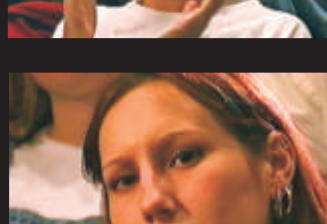
What students are saying . . .



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▲ “As I walked into the program, fifteen minutes late, it was easy to see that everyone was enjoying themselves. People were laughing and talking openly to one another about the topic ... He had a **unique** way of making you think about something while he used humor to get his point across.”

▲ “When I read about the program, I expected the speaker to stand up front and lecture us with facts and be very impersonal. I was dreading walking into that room and having to sit in a chair for an hour or so and listen to some middle-aged guy talk about sex ... I was pleasantly **surprised** at Bob’s approach to the whole conflict about sex and relationships.”

▲ “He added **humor** to make the atmosphere light and comfortable. I could definitely tell that Bob had experience talking about this topic with many young people, and not so young people ... He knew all the assumptions that we as college students had about such programs, and he definitely left us with a different impression than we had going in...he talked about conflict and sex in a very real way.”

▲ “I definitely enjoyed the presentation ... Bob was a good speaker and did a good job of keeping the audience **involved** in the presentation rather than just lecturing. I took some interesting information with me that night, and trust me, I will definitely use it in the future.”