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## "Coming Out" at UNH

"Coming Out!" arrived at the University of New Hampshire in Durham last Friday, Dec. 7. About 25 Boston gay activists joined some 225 students and area residents for what everyone agreed was a fine performance.

Recently a federal court judge refused to put a temporary restraint on the Board of Trustees decision to forbid the Gay Students Organization (GSO) from holding any "social functions." As no-one was certain how to interpret "social functions," the play went on as scheduled.

Several quotes were added to the beginning of the play for the benefit of the N.H. audience. This one was a statement made by Gov. Meldrim Thomson, Jr., on May 19, 1973: "Such a club is morally offensive to the community. The University should be a citadel for moral persuasion and a bastion for intellectual freedom, not a hospital for the disturbed."

There was very little that was disturbing about Friday night. Everyone was enthusiastic and the cast

considered it one of their best performances.

Allen Bridle, the governor's student appointee to the Board of Trustees, was immediately pointed out to visitors as the representative of the "opposition". After the show about 25 reporters and interested persons descended upon him and began firing questions. Although Bridle probably would have looked better if he's been escorted out immediately by a few goons and simply muttered "no comment," he chose to stay and talk with us: "I don't really see the need for gay liberation. People shouldn't be shouting in the streets about their sex lives." Bridle went on to say, "The GSO should not be on campus. It is unfair to the University. The GSO is a slap in the face to UNH."

Bridle had telephoned the GSO the day before the play and suggested that a compromise be reached and a meeting be set up immediately. He did not elaborate further and the offer was turned down by the GSO on the advice of their attorney, Richard Kohn (ACLU).

## Gay Leaders Brunch

Last Saturday, Dec. 8th, a brunch was held for leaders of the many gay organizations in the Boston Area at the coffeehouse of the Charles St. Meetinghouse. Attended by approximately 16 individuals, unofficially representing some dozen groups, the 9:00 am brunch was billed as an informal get-together to aid in communication between gay organizations.

Topics of conversation included: continuation of such brunches, the need for a means of mobilizing the community in emergencies; examples of and ways to deal with misinformation caused by individuals acting without authority as spokespersons for groups; and ways of overcoming intra-organization conflicts and

bickering.

It was decided by those present that there was a definite need for such gatherings, that they would continue monthly, and be kept informal, with no pre-arranged agenda or chairperson. It was decided that these gatherings should be open to any "active gay person," since it was felt that such definitions as "leader of an organization" were not very functional since many active individuals are not primarily group oriented and many groups have no one leader. The purpose of these brunches was set as to aid in communication, understanding and unity within the organized community. It will not be an official group in itself, with no voting or binding mea-

The GSO has suffered repeated attacks by the *Manchester Union Leader* and Governor Thomson. A front page story about the goings-on at UNH Friday appeared in the Dec. 9 *Union Leader* (N.H. *Sunday News*). The play was termed obscene ("sprinkled with obscenities").

In a recent poll of about 500 students, 85% said that they were in favor of GSO remaining on campus. GSO is a small organization of about 25 men and women, on a campus of 10,000.

ures upon the individual organizations involved.

Regular monthly brunches were decided upon for the first Sat. of each month from 11 am to 1 pm. For next month only, it will be post-poned until the second Sat., January 12th, due to the New Eng. Gay Conference Planning Committee Meeting to be held in Worcester on the 5th. Brunches will continue to be held at the Meetinghouse Coffeehouse, 70 Charles Street, Boston.

The need for quick emergency communication, such as in the recent New Orleans fire and Rev. Alberts removal from Old West Church for marrying two men, was introduced by Rev. Paul Shanley who outlined a project he has started to overcome this problem. Since such undertakings need support by all elements of the organized community, such a gathering as the brunch should prove instrumental in their success. Those attending were very interested in the proposal, and Sherri Barden of DOB and Rev. Randy Gibson of the Charles St. Meetinghouse agreed to work with Shanley to draw up a specific proposal of how it will actually work. It is hoped that this proposal will be discussed and implemented at the next brunch.

Discussed also was the problem of conflicts between the various organizations, clashes between individuals, and the prevalence of conflict-stories about "who did what to whom." The general consensus was

## R.I. HCHS

In response to a need long felt in the Providence area, the Homophile Community Health Service has acquired new office space in downtown Providence, in the Lapham Building at 290 Westminster St., room 510. HCHS in Providence now hopes to be able to expand its office hours so as to better serve the gay community there. Ms. Joanne Hunneshagen, M.S.W., will be in the office Tuesdays from 6-10 pm and John Lawrence, R.N., will be there on Wednesdays from 4-9 pm. Hopefully, within a few weeks Donna Medley will be in the office on Thursday evenings. Those three people will be available on an individual basis; there will also be a therapy group forming which will meet on Wednesday evenings.

HCHS-Providence has urgent need of donations to help it through the first months until it becomes self supporting. The success or failure of this venture may well establish the viability of opening other branch offices of HCHS in other areas, such as Worcester, where there is also a clear need and desire for such a thing. Branch offices would have to prove to be self-supporting in the respective communities, since HCHS-Boston is in no financial position to absorb the costs of running the branch offices.

To make an appointment at the new offices in Providence or for information, call (1-401)274-4737. The initial intake fee is \$10.00. As at HCHS-Boston, the fee for counseling on a regular basis is established according to income. Donations or inquiries may be sent to:

The Counseling Service (HCHS)  
Lapham Building, Room 510  
290 Westminster St.  
Providence, Rhode Island



## Dukakis on Gays

Michael Dukakis' support of gay rights marks another small, albeit significant, victory for those in the human rights movement. Dukakis, a former Brookline representative, is viewed as a strong and serious contender for the governor's seat in next fall's elections. Thus, his encouraging support for gay rights legislation most certainly provides more strength to the ever-controversial bills, and his support brings the issue of gay rights a step closer towards the forefront in the 1974 elections. Moreover, Dukakis' support cannot but compel his two most important opponents, the other Democratic contender and unannounced candidate Attorney General Robert Quinn, and the incumbent Governor Francis Sargent to take a more definite stand on the issue.

Bills to end discrimination of gays in housing, public accommodations, insurance, and employment practices, and repeal of the sodomy laws will be filed within days for the next session of the General Court.

Some members of the group drafting next year's gay rights bills are presently seeking stronger support from the legislators who voted affirmatively on last Spring's bills by increasing the number of co-sponsors of the forthcoming bills. Presently, Reps. Barney Frank (D-Boston) and James Collins (D-Amherst) are the only sponsors. It is believed that an increase in co-sponsors would add more weight to the gay rights bills, and perhaps an increase would also persuade those who privately support gay rights to show a more definite and positive stand publicly. Many legislators fear being voted out of office next November should they demonstrate support for gay rights, an issue which remains highly controversial in Massachusetts, as elsewhere. On a recent WBUR "Gay Way" program, Sen. Chester Atkins (D-Acton) stated that he does not support gay rights because it is not in the interest of his constituents.

The liberal 26 year old senator went on to say that a strong constituent demonstration of support for gay rights would change his vote. On various occasions other legislators have made similar statements. At the November 20th Charles Street Meeting House forum on whether government can work, Rep. Barney Frank maintained that a serious problem for the legislators is not knowing how their constituents feel on many issues. Rep. Frank holds the view, as do other legislators, that letter-writing has a definite impact on their law-making decisions. "Five genuine letters concerning an issue

can change a legislator's vote." Rep. Frank claimed.

Members of the ad hoc committee which is drafting the 1974 legislation are hoping that legislators do hear from their constituents concerning gay rights and the committee is making efforts to initiate a state-wide letter-writing campaign. Notices to groups across Massachusetts will be sent out to inform people around the Commonwealth of the latest news concerning the 1974 legislation. Last spring a small number of legislators voted affirmatively on gay rights bills. In favor of Barney Frank's bills to end discrimination were: Reps: R. Bolling (Boston); R. Bolling, Jr. (Mattapan-Dorchester); Buckley (Abington); Bunte (South End-Roxbury); Businger (Brookline); Buxbaum (Sharon); Guzzi (West Newton); Mofenson (Newton); Pines (Newton); Rotenbert (Brookline); Segel (Brookline); Volterra (Attleborough); Masnik (Worcester); Nordberg (Reading);

## G.A.T.E. Rights

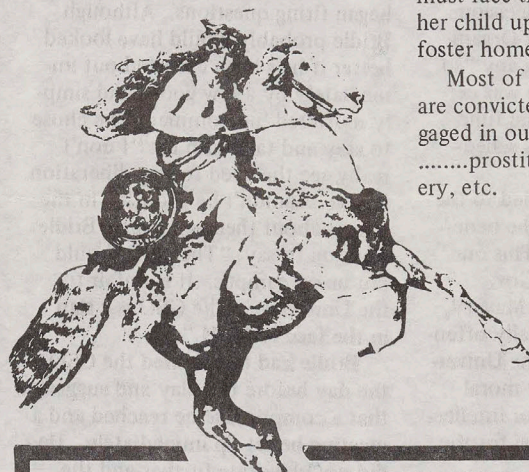
TORONTO — On Oct. 10, 1973, the City Council of Toronto, Ontario, passed a resolution directing that the Ontario municipal government not discriminate against its employees because of their sexual orientation. The Toronto Gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE) worked hard and long to get this resolution passed. It is the first time in the history of Canada that a legislative body has recognized and moved to protect the civil rights of the homosexual minority. Of great help to GATE was the support coming from community, religious, and labor groups.

GATE is making available a collation of the important documents relating to the passage of the resolution, including copies of the text of the resolution, letters from civic groups and individuals, and supporting letters from the Canadian Union of Public Employees. GATE feels that gay groups should have these copies as visual confirmation of the validity of gays' struggle for civil rights, and as a help in furthering our own fight for equal rights.

Individual copies and small bulk orders (no more than 5) may be ordered by writing to the Gay Alliance Toward Equality, 8 Boswell Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M5R1M4, Canada. They ask 50¢ a copy for printing and collating costs.

and Sprague (Sherborn). There were six senators who favored passage of the gay anti-discrimination bill last spring; they were: Irving Fishman (D-Newton); Allan McKinnon (D-Weymouth); Robert Hall (R-Lunenburg); John Olver (D-Amherst); Jack Backman (D-Brookline); and Edward Burke (D-Framingham).

In a recent letter to a member of the Homophile Union of Boston Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Michael Dukakis expressed support for gay rights legislation, i.e. "ending discrimination in housing, public accommodations, insurance, education and employment practices because of sexual preference." In the same letter he added that he "felt that criminal sanctions against private behavior between consenting adults should be repealed, first, on basic civil liberties grounds, and second, because with the kind of lawlessness that currently infects our communities, I want to see our police used to provide us with basic public security and not on the policing of private morals."



### ARTIST ANYONE?

GCN would like to once and for all change its banner (the thing on the front page that says *Gay Community News*). We have heard many comments and criticisms, and now it's time to channel them constructively. How would you like to see it? If you all out there think about it a bit and take out your pencils, GCN can have the best banner ever! Just ship those sketches away to us as soon as possible and for the new year we hope to look a little different. (After it's over, we plan to never change it, so tell us NOW.)

General guidelines are that our name, *Gay Community News*, must stand out better than it does presently. Another complaint has been that it is "too busy," and nothing stands out. It shouldn't be too cold either though. More specifically:

1. Size must be 2 1/4" x 9" maximum.
2. Must say *Gay Community News*, easy to read at a glance.
3. Must also say somewhere "a weekly forum for New England."
4. Must have space at the top to insert a banner headline easily.
5. Must have space for Vol. No., date of issue, again easily inserted as to not disturb the banner itself every week in layout.
6. Must carry the price, 25¢, somewhere.
7. Without being messy or cluttered, must create some sense of people and humanity and not be too slick and mass media oriented. (We think this must be possible.)

Unfortunately, the winner will not win an all-expenses paid trip to Morocco, but only the pride in having created something and helping the community. But what could be more? A trip to Morocco, you say? Well, maybe we could swing one to Magazine Beach.

## Women in Chains

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A rarely mentioned topic, in print or conversation about prison conditions are the special problems of women in prison. The Washington D.C. based Prisoners Solitary Committee held a workshop recently on this topic and found no printed matter on the subject satisfactory to educate themselves. What they did find were numerous women ready with first hand information.

In D.C. 73% of the women in prison are black. 97% of those sentenced to 90 days or more are black.

Practically speaking, job training is non-existent. A few "privileged" women receive training for low-paid stereotyped jobs. Time in prison is spent doing laundry, dishes, scrubbing, etc.

Medical care and food are very poor. There is no regular program for treatment of venereal disease. It is totally up to each woman to find care for her children while she is incarcerated. If she cannot she must face the decision of putting her child up for adoption or in a foster home.

Most of the women in prisons are convicted of small crimes, engaged in out of the need for money .....prostitution, shoplifting, forgery, etc.



## FOCUS ON

### FAG RAG

*Fag Rag* is a Boston oriented gay male newspaper, which is open to any gay male with some feelings about gay life in Boston. Charlie Shively, the coordinator of *Fag Rag* talked about the purpose behind the paper:

"The most important thing about *Fag Rag* is that we are printing articles that express gayness. The problem is that most gay people are trained to be straight, to think in straight terms, and to live what is generally considered straight lifestyles. We must break out of that hold to find our own forms and voice. A good newspaper means more than just a column, it goes deeper than the certain amount of information being published about gays. There are no politics about *Fag Rag*. The gay male community has different ideas relating to the gay community. *Fag Rag* is involved with getting people together to reflect the changes made in that gay male community. *Fag Rag* is reflective of the group growth and sense of strength of the growing community."

*Fag Rag* is a publication which has come out sporadically, but which will become a quarterly paper starting in January. *Fag Rag* 6, the last issue, has sold very well, with 5000 copies in print. The first issue of *Fag Rag* was put together by both men and women, under the name of *Lavender Vision I*. It did well, but the women on the staff decided to split from the original idea and work on a newspaper of their own. The female liberation group could not work with men and complained that more than half of the work had been done by women. In June of 1971, the men's section was renamed *Fag Rag* and has come out two or three times a year since.

The name of the paper has come under considerable discussion. "Faggot" is the strongest word of homo-

phobia," says Charlie Shively. "We had at one point considered using Cock-sucker as a title. But it would not be accepted, it would be a name that would remain ours. *Fag Rag* was mentioned on a WEEI talk show one night, and the word fag was completely deleted. An interesting story about how the word faggot affects some people came about in New York. I was selling the paper in front of the theatre where the play "Faggot" was being shown. People were spending ten dollars for a ticket and five dollars for a t-shirt with "Faggot" written on it but when they saw me selling the *Fag Rags* they made some incredible comments about how filthy the name of the paper was. This is because a lot of gay people would rather be straight. They themselves look upon homosexuality as unclean and dirty and define themselves and their lives in straight terms. This is the reason why some gay males find the word "faggot" so offensive."

*Fag Rag* is constantly trying to bring gay people incarcerated in prisons to come out and write for the paper through correspondence. *Fag Rag* is interested in the gay professional, in people who came out years ago and their experiences. Encouraging gay males to work towards a better gay community is a prime function of Boston's *Fag Rag*.



## DID YOU SEE ?

by Wendy Bauman & Ginny Collins

**HUMAN BEHAVIOR**, Dec. issue: Under **THE GAY WORLD** there's a photo essay (7 pages of photography) by Anthony E. Friedkin.

The photographs used in the article were part of a 70-photo, one-man exhibit on gay lifestyles presented in Los Angeles last summer. A portion of the photographs have been on exhibit at the San Francisco Museum of Art.

Mr. Friedkin says, "The experiences I had while photographing these people were vastly different and at times beyond my own imagination. I found a tremendous honesty amongst them, a wonderful sense of the absurd and a fantastic passion. There is much to learn from the gay community. Who knows? Maybe they were caught in transition during cosmic reincarnation. The point is — how wants to know?"

**NEW YORK TIMES**, Dec. 3: "BLACK FEMINISTS PREPARE POLICIES/ A Drive Against Racist and Sexist Films is Proposed." By Judith Cummings.

The National Organization of Black Feminists wound up its first organizing conference yesterday by preparing an agenda of policy proposals ranging from seeking Government money for the establishment of drug programs run by black feminists for the exclusive treatment of black women-addicts to mounting a campaign of "box office women-cotts of racist, sexist films."

The three-day conference, at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, drew black women from throughout the country to discuss the dual problems of racism and sexism. By the meeting's end, 425 participants had registered.

One of the speakers received a standing ovation when she told the black feminists that theirs was the first conference she had attended where there had not been "a battle between the 'straights' and the 'gays'." The participants acknowledged this conflict as a serious flaw of the white women's-rights movement and one they intended to avoid.

### CHARLES STREET APPAREL

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**BOSTON GLOBE**, Nov. 30: "Names and Faces" reports that Betty Friedan told the Yale Political Union that the women's movement is moving from sexual politics toward human liberation. According to polls, Ms. Friedan said, "Women 'now' believe in sexual equality."

**TV GUIDE**, Dec. 20: Catch 44 (Channel 44) will present a show about The Boston Daughters of Bilitis, a lesbian feminist organization.

**NEW YORK TIMES**, Dec. 2: "Women in Sports" by Jill Gerston.

"Stanford University announced last month it would award athletic scholarships to women next spring in field hockey, basketball, and golf, among other sports.

Pamela Strathairn, the chairman of the women's physical education department, said eight or nine scholarships would be granted in 1974 to women on the basis of financial need and athletic talent. By 1977 the number of scholarships may increase to 35, she said."

**BOSTON GLOBE**, Nov. 28: **NIGHT WATCH/PERCY SHAUN**. Actor Martin Sheen says about his role in "That Certain Summer" (Sheen played the young half of a homosexual liaison with Hal Holbrook), "I got more reaction from that than anything I've ever done. In a number of psychopathic roles along the way I have raped, killed, maimed and shot at people without number, yet none of this has bothered people as much as this one gay role. It shows how uptight America is on this subject."

**BOSTON GLOBE**, Nov. 28: Ann Landers lets a transvestite talk for himself. Ms. Landers had a fairly sane reply, although she did say "stay home and enjoy yourself."

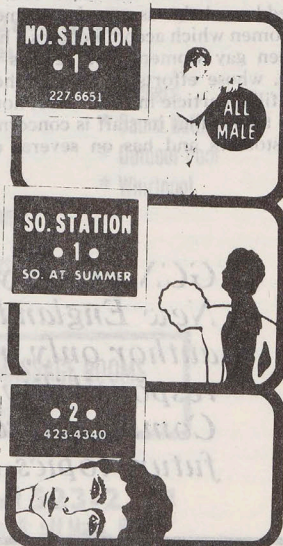
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### GAY GUYS AND GALS

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### THE GAY GUY'S GUIDE



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## THE BARS

*The Question: What is the place of the Gay Bar in the Community?*

### *A Place for Gay Bars in The Community*

By H. Andrew Graham  
Assistant Medical Director of H.C.H.S.

and Leo Emord  
Student, Counseling Program, H.C.H.S.

In the gay therapeutic community one is frequently confronted by two types of people who would welcome the gay bar as a locale of positive gay interaction: those people who have frequented gay bars in the past and have been turned off to them as a result of the discrepancy between their experiences and expectations, and those people who prefer a night life atmosphere and who can thus not have these social needs fulfilled by coffee houses and such, however commendable these places are in themselves.

Historically speaking, the bars *have* been oppressive. They have been owned and staffed by straights or gay Step-n-Fetch-its, they have ripped off and exploited the gay community, and they have perpetuated all the negative self-definitions of gays which the straight community upholds. Some of these bars are still around and are well known to us. But this is today, not five years ago, and now some new bars have emerged which are managed and staffed by gays, which attempt to provide the gay community with an environment and atmosphere which is safe, non-oppressive and which are sincerely designed as places where gay people can meet and relate to each other as people, not as articles of merchandise.

The two most outstanding examples of these bars are the Saints and the 1270. The Saints, from our limited knowledge as men, is a women's bar staffed by gay women which accommodates a healthy interaction between gay women. The 1270 is managed by Bob White, whose efforts at helping the gay community could fill an article in itself. Most notably to the credit of the 1270 is that its staff is concernedly observant of its customers and has on several occasions noticed



individuals whose behavior clearly indicated that they have been in need of counseling and have helped and directed these individuals by placing them in touch with the H.C.H.S.

We do not mean to imply that coffee houses and other alternatives to the bars are of no value or are in any way to be criticized. What we are saying is that as we struggle to free ourselves and our sisters and brothers from our oppression and thus gain the freedom to be as expressive as possible of our tastes, interests and orientations, we should not be defining those places which are appropriate locales in which gay people can interact, but, rather, we should be opening up *all* possibilities. And the gay bar is one of these possibilities.

Thus, those people who have been turned off to bars in the past, and sensibly so, and those people who opt for the environment and atmosphere which only a bar can provide should take a look at the Saints and the 1270 and the few other non-oppressive bars around. We now have the bars in which we can relate to each other as human beings. We can take all the crap we have learned about ourselves from straight society and from the oppressive bars of the past and, sadly, the present and bring it with us to these bars and throw it out on display to fuck each other over, or we can use these bars to our advantage. The possibility is open to us. Let's make use of it.

### *Not For Me*

By John Kyper

Gay bars have not held much attraction for me. I attended the bars for a time as I was coming out, but I soon discovered the Student Homophile League, which seemed a far more agreeable environment. Only sporadically have I gone back since.

As a nonsmoker, I can't stand smoke-filled rooms. I am not a heavy drinker. Any setup that encourages the compulsive consumption of tobacco and alcohol to blot out pain can hardly be encouraged.

It is a chicken-and-egg argument, whether the bar's management or its clientele create the oppressive atmosphere. Obviously, it is good economics to push the drinks — especially for criminal syndicates that profit from the shadowy legality of gay bars. (But then *all* bars have an interest in human misery.)

Their prices, while exorbitant, are hardly worse than those charged in the popular non-gay bars that rip off the youth culture, like the Welles and the Plough. (I guess we're equally ripe for exploitation.) The owners of the local gay bars are certainly a mixed bunch, with varying degrees of respect toward the community that supports them. Can we equate Bob White with the Varas?

No, I am more upset by the sexual games that I feel forced to play when I step into a bar. I resent the uptight cruising, the cock-teasing and the cliquishness. Standing around for hours and communicating with no one is not my idea of "fun."

Goddamn it, if I want sex that badly, I'd rather cruise on the Esplanade or The Block.

## COMING TOPICS

- *The Gay Woman*
- *The Gay Man*
- *Being Gay is...*

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Why we're sick  
by Satya

The straight world says we're sick. And to prove it, here are some of their conclusions as to why this malady (gayness) is so widespread:

If we're from the city, our sickness is due to overcrowding.  
If we're from the country, it's due to lack of sophistication.  
If we're poor, it's because we're commies.  
If we're rich, it's because we're bourgeois (thank you, Cuba).  
If we're a strong woman or slight man, it's a hormonal problem.  
If we're a voluptuous woman or hunky man, we must be rebelling against authority.  
If our father is dead, it's too much female influence.  
If our mother is dead, it's too much male influence.  
And if we have two loving parents, it's obviously due to too much love.  
And on and on.  
But maybe someday, these mental giants of the straight world will take off their blinders, and see a bit of reality: that the reason why we exist in every culture, past and present, despite every attempt to exterminate us, is simply that we are an integral and beautiful part of Nature's plan of life.

## MEDIA MESSAGE

### MEDIA ACTION STARTS AT HOME by Loretta Lotman

This, quite frankly, is a plug for a highly overlooked gay organization. Gay Media Action is its name, and it is concerned with fair, accurate representation of gay people and lifestyles in all mass media. I have a double interest in the group. On a personal level, I'm among the original members and its current chairperson. More generally, I believe this is the one organization equipped to teach every other gay organization what it needs to know about PR, news coverage, press releases, advertising campaigns, etc.

GMA is not political. It makes no judgements and favors none of the existing groups. Nor is it a flunky organization to be used to do everyone else's PR. What it offers is assistance and guidance to any people or organizations seeking help with media representation.

The members of GMA are varied. Some are professionals working in local media — TV producers and crew members, newspaper reporters and columnists, and the "little people" in media organizations. Many other members are simply gay people who are tired of being put down and want to change the homosexual's media image. Since forming, GMA has spearheaded the protest against the Ch. 5 series on homosexuality; appeared several times on "Mass Reaction"; coordinated all press for Gay Americans' Day; organized a series of gay programs on "Catch 44"; and, through talking, meeting and letter-writing, raised the general Boston media consciousness towards all gay people.

Right now, GMA is developing a weekly gay half-hour program for WCAS radio. The program is projected to start on Sunday, January 6. A "magazine" format will be used and the group is open to suggestions for segments. Already planned are gay news and announcements, "turnabouts" on gay/straight encounters,

reviews, legal information, interviews, gay gourmet and performances by gay artists. People with ideas, talents to offer or time to work on the show should contact GMA at 868-5729.

After last week's discussion with Bernice Buresh from *Newsweek*, it seems inevitable that Boston gay groups are going to have to work directly on the media for coverage. And make no mistake — the responsibility is ours. With the rapid approach of the New England Gay Conference, the HCHS conference and Gay Pride Week, the time to start learning the media ropes is *right now*. Gay Media Action can't do all of Boston's gay media work by itself, but it's willing to teach what its members know to anyone in the community who's interested in helping out.

**MEDIA NOTES:** Three farts and a raspberry to Ch. 5 for its manhandling (and that's exactly what I mean) of homosexuality on the Dec. 6 "Good Morning" show. Though planned by program staff as an open, honest discussion of homosexuality with Rev. Don McGaw and Marion Trudeau of HCHS, plus scenes from "Coming Out!", the results were far from fair. John Willis, the homophobic program host, began with melodramatic moralizing. He kept interjecting his own difficulty in discussing homosexuality and asking enlightened questions like, "Is it true homosexuals have a higher VD rate than the rest of society?" Don and Marion salvaged what they could in the discussion and came off far better than Willis, answering phoned-in questions and getting in digs whenever possible (Thank you, Don!).... Ann Landers has a new ploy. She now quotes letters against homosexuals (Dec. 9 column) and makes cute, non-libelous comments after them. I suggest letters on her latest tactics be sent to Marshall Field, Managing Editor, *Chicago Sun Times*, Chicago, Ill.

## The Tag in the fifth row

A Commentary on Area Entertainment of Gay Interest

by Jonathan Cross  
**BLACK AND BLUE**

The South Station Cinema offered up a preview of coming attractions the other night — between *Country Chickens* ("they laid more than eggs") and *Peter Peeper*. The new film, due in town next month, is Max Blue's production of *Black Heat*, and above average, state-of-the-art porn it is. *Black Heat* stars someone called Elijah as "Leroy", an aging LA pusher and general con artist. Leroy is gotten up in blaxploitation mod capes and jump suits, trying to look as much like Isaac Hayes as possible. At one point he wears nothing but a bandolier and a belt of bullets. Alas, instead of Ron Neal's *Superfly* Eldorado, Leroy has to make do with a knock-out motorized tricycle — the humiliation of low-budget filmmaking.

Despite the shoddy, derivative touches, director Lancer Brooks has managed to find an attractive gay cast to play out the Spanish Fly fan-

tasies of the film. Yes, it seems old foxy Leroy has been switching pills and turning on his customers in unexpected ways. One pair of Brook's *cafe au lait* cuties, cleverly mirrored and frolicking on fur rugs before a fire, is especially lithe and tawny. The various skin tones are sensitively photographed, without the harsh, grainy overlighting of most porno epics. The moaning and heavy breathing on the sound track, though obviously over-dubbed and out of sync, attempts at least to involve us in this rabid love-making.

Eventually, like all such limited movies, *Black Heat* grows wearisome and repetitive — though Brooks tries hard to amuse. He sets encounters in *verite* tea rooms and speeds up one stripping scene *a la Clockwork Orange* (or *Laugh-In*). But *Black Heat* has no theme or plot and could go on forever in its episodic way — Leroy turning on couple after couple. Mercifully, though, it stops in an hour or so.

What all Gay Males of New England  
have been waiting for!

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But people have been taking advantage of the Church and of Rev. Gibson by thinking that the Meetinghouse should be open 24 hours a day and that Randy Gibson should be at their beck and call at all times. The Meetinghouse hours are posted on the door and yet people continue to interrupt Rev. Gibson and his family before the opening hour. Even the Sunday Services of the Unitarian Universalist Church have not escaped the interruptions of unthinking persons.

The Charles Street Meetinghouse serves an enormous purpose in the gay community by giving us a place to congregate, get together and enjoy each other's company. But if that purpose is ignored or abused by even a few people than the gay community does not deserve the Meetinghouse.

## REACTIONS:

Dear GCN:

You're doing a great job! Keep it up! We really appreciate the coverage our group's troubles are getting. We've received many letters from all over New England, giving us support. Thank you very much for the trouble . . .

Wayne April  
President  
University of New Hampshire  
Gay Student Organization



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To whom it may concern,

I am now and have been incarcerated for two years. I write this letter because i feel that i should inform my brothers & sisters that i am not in heaven—it's just another myth that hurts our very existence. Even with the liberation struggle for homo's going on now, i still find that the straight society is still programming my people by giving us a more pleasant label "Gay"; it might be acceptable for some but to me it is an insult. Changing for a society that has given us thousands of years of oppression is not my idea of freedom. I am in no way a stereotype homo—my life is not motivated by sex—I fought for my self-freedom and found my whole homo-nature which i am proud of.

There is no way for me to go on fighting by myself—I now must find some help from those who wish to function as a race. A drug problem brought me here yet i have been turned down by two federal drug programs because i refuse to change my God-given nature. I know that i'll do the rest of my 8 years because the parole board refuses to let me go without going through a drug program. I am sure you can see the injustice of it all. I am now in the process of going into a federal court again, this time for justice—my heart's doing 10 years in another federal prison and i have shared 5 years of my life with him and i wish to go on in life with him. These people can't hurt me by keeping me here. My freedom is of the mind, and more time will only add to my awareness of my people's struggle.

I hope that i will be a credit to my race and that my pride stays with me. Help me stay aware of what's going on in my community. I was born in Cambridge and lived there all my life. I don't have to tell you that all fags aren't rich—it is another myth. I can not afford a subscription to your paper.

Peace & Love  
GEORGIE  
Ashland, Kentucky

P.S.—I am skeptical of those who seek liberation through profit—so prove my thoughts wrong and send me a subscription.

ED. NOTE: GCN's policy is to give free subscriptions to prisoners, and has announced this on WBCN's "Lockup" program. We are pleased to send Georgie a free subscription. Best of luck, Georgie, in all your struggles—if only we can try and struggle together.

To the Editors,

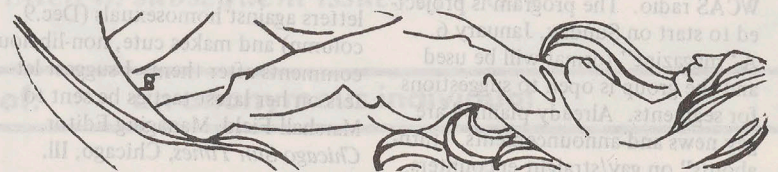
Thank you for the coverage of Dignity/Boston's first anniversary celebration. Satya was a real pleasure to talk with, and he writes with a beautiful style. However, I feel as though he left me hanging by my thumbs. The final statement in the article, in answer to the question, "Why can't women be priests?" needs some follow-up. The answer, "Because we're Catholics," is simplistic at best. Also said was that Dignity has no control over the laws of the Church on this issue, and other issues.

With the help of Dignity's women across the country we hope to be an instrument of making our Church more open and receptive to the Gay Woman. We recognize the problems and (here's the key) we talk about them. Many times the men and women of Dignity rap for hours about the particular problems of the Gay Woman in the Church.

Our organization exists, as Satya pointed out, for Gay Catholics, in mutual support, educational and social events, and in our religious beliefs. One of the main reasons we are together, men and women, as Dignity, is because we love our Church. We do recognize many serious problems and are trying to work within our Church to bring about necessary change for the benefit of all Catholics, and hopefully for society in general. The priesthood for women is only one of the many issues which are being considered within the Church. As Dignity we support those who are in the thick of this battle already. Our main focus remains: the relationship of the Gay person to Christ.

In closing, I'd like to extend our prayer for the Boston Gay Community that God, present to us as Mother and Father, will bless us with a happy Christmas and a new year filled with the realization of our every dream.

Yours in Dignity,  
PAUL DIEDERICH, President





## Feature

An Experiment in Education — The Institute of Homophile Studies  
by John Lawrence

The Institute of Homophile Studies is a subdivision of the Homophile Community Health Service. One purpose is to offer courses that will be useful in educating straight people, particularly professionals. The second purpose is to offer courses that will enable gay people to explore their own history and culture which has so often been repressed.

The Institute has not had much funding and thus has not been properly advertised to the general public. We have, however, attempted to publicize our courses to the gay community. There has been limited response. There is much talk about discovering our past heritage, yet we had no inquiries into courses that we have been prepared to offer in the last year, the most recent being an Art History course. The play "Coming Out!" certainly relates to our history, and I cannot believe that those who have seen it are not stimulated and curious to learn more about it. While the Institute has received interested inquiries from all over the country, many of whom are interested in using our program as a model, there seems to be little interest and much apathy towards the idea here in Boston.

I continue to hope that this situation is more our fault because we have not adequately supplied the community with information, but as the word goes steadily out this becomes gradually more difficult to believe. With that in mind, we are planning to reprint a new brochure and to publicize the courses in one last effort to spark some interest. If this fails, then we have to seriously consider scrapping the whole idea. Both courses that were to be offered this Fall had to be cancelled because of a lack of interest. I hope this will not be the case for the courses which we plan to offer next year.

One course that will be offered is an introductory course (to homosexuality). Dr. Jane Graham, who teaches our intro credit at Boston University is willing to teach a similar course at the Institute. This course involves a multidisciplinary approach which examines different perspectives about homosexuality that have been set forth — biological, sociological, psychological, historical, philosophical, and theological perspectives, among others. Other kinds of sexuality are also considered — transsexualism, transvestism, sado-masochism, etc. Readings, films, and guest speakers are used to assist the instructor in the presentations.

A second course, "Historical Perspectives on Homosexuality", will also be available. It would be taught by Jeb Boswell who is a graduate student at Harvard University. For any who have heard Jeb speak, you will know that he is a fascinating, humorous, and captivating speaker. He knows many exciting things about gayness in history and many interesting and little known facts about certain historical figures whose sexuality has been conveniently left out of conventional history books. He has studied gay history all the way back to ancient times in great depth, and also has a background in linguistics and theology. From personal experience, having heard Jeb speak on numerous occasions, I can assure anyone that this would not be the usual boring history course — anything but!

There is also the real possibility that the course in "Homophile Influences in Art History" and another course "Homosexuality in Literature" might be offered if there were interest. There are qualified instructors willing to teach both. We have other instructors qualified and willing to teach courses in education, counseling, development of the homophile movement, more specific history courses, gay novel, gay theatre, etc., but we cannot afford to develop any of the courses and offer them only to find that there is not any interest.

All courses are offered in the evening, usually from 7–9:30 pm. The courses meet for 10–12 weeks and a certificate is available on completion. We hope one day we might be able to affiliate with a University and develop a homophile studies program. The two above courses are scheduled to begin in mid-February. Applications and information are available by writing to:

John C. Lawrence, Director  
419 Boylston St., Rm. 403  
Boston, Mass. 02116  
Phone: 266-1950

A \$5.00 deposit is requested at the time you send in your application. This amount will be applied to the tuition when you enroll, and is fully refundable if the courses are cancelled or not offered for any reason. The total tuition is only \$25.00 per course. This is very minimal when one considers what you pay for courses anywhere else. The tuition serves to defray administrative and publicity expenses and to provide minimal honoraria to instructors. We must have at least ten students in order to offer a course. We will also be happy to place any one on our mailing list if they write to the Institute. You will then receive all the information about courses to be offered.

I hope that there will be some substantial response to the courses being offered in February. These courses can provide one means to

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*BOSTON GLOBE*, Nov. 28: In an interview with Rev. Dr. Sterling Cary, President of the National Council of Churches, Kay Longcope reports that he finds the ecology, gay and women's movements distracting from "the nation's number one problem" — racism. He admits the significance of gay liberation, but cannot compare it with the injustice of the blacks in the ghettos. He goes on to say that the burden is with the white church — it has to stop believing it knows what's best for the entire racial spectrum.

explore our history, culture and heritage which so many of us know so little about and frequently do not take time to investigate. Having studied certain aspects of gay history in some depth, I find it to be excit-

ing and rewarding. It also serves to reinforce the fact that gay is indeed proud, for there are many events and persons in times past who were gay and did much to contribute to our general culture. It seems to me that we ought to take more interest in it and make others aware of it. I hope there are those willing to take advantage of the opportunities being offered. We in Boston have only the second such organized educational facility in the country, the other being the One Institute in Los Angeles. They have had tremendous response in the 18 years in which they have offered courses, and now we have a similar opportunity. We also have an opportunity to once again make Boston a leader and pioneer in this field. From what I can gather from inquiries from other areas of the country, there are those who would welcome the opportunity to have such a facility in their areas. To interject some measure of hope, I might just add that the One Institute in California only last year affiliated with the State College at San Jose and has begun to offer credit courses in Homophile Studies there.

*BOSTON GLOBE*, Nov. 28: Gov. Sargent signed a statute-repeal bill on the 27th of this month abolishing truancy as a crime. The "stubborn" child, and the runaway will no longer be treated as a criminal when he/she has "unmet social, psychological, medical or educational needs." How about some funds to help these kids?

*TIME MAGAZINE*, Nov. 26: Under the heading THE SEXES.

Dr. Richard Green, psychiatrist, has a unique psychiatric clinic at UCLA, the Gender Identity Research Treatment Program.

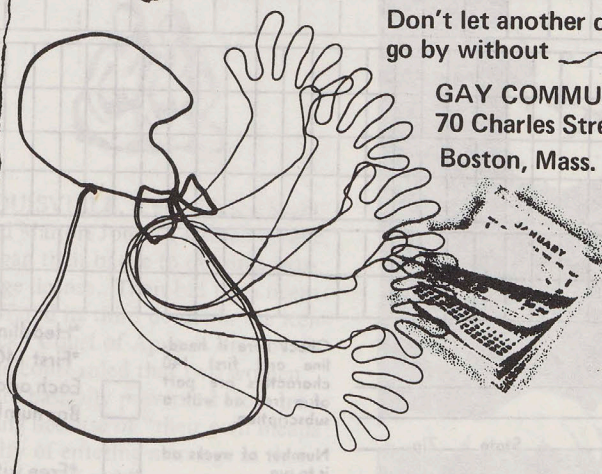
"Begun in 1967 by Dr. Green, to study homosexuality, the program's current enrollment includes 50 boys between the ages of 4½ and 10. All the youngsters are overtly effeminate: many walk with a mince, talk with a lisp and want to be girls. Left untreated, Green believes that most of them would grow up to be homosexuals, if not candidates for transsexual operations. By studying and treating them through adulthood, Green hopes not only to discover why they became effeminate but also to help them handle the hostility they generate among their peers and families, and perhaps make it possible for some of them to grow into heterosexual relationships.

During the six years that Green has been working with his patients, many have shown a good deal of apparent improvement, but no definitive judgment can yet be made on his program.

Though Green's research is too new to have aroused serious professional criticism, it has prompted local Gay Liberation groups in Los Angeles to charge that Green is "tampering with the sexuality of delicate and sensitive children." Replies Green: "We're not interested in making swaggering John Wayne types out of these kids. All we want to do is make life easier for them and, frankly, open up more social options."

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Gay commune has farm near Amherst. Now peopling, living and loving together. Write only. Hop Brook Commune, PO Box 723, Amherst, Mass.

Work with yourself and encourage others to create feminist and socialist lifestyles and politics. Only hard work and persistent conscious effort will make these things possible as viable alternatives.

### TO UNHGSO AND FRIENDS

Thanks for the great time in New Hampshire!!! From Barbara, Dave D, Dave P, Ellen, Ian, Mike, Satya, and Tom.

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### TO A TENOR WITH STRINGS

I miss laying against your heart feeling your warmth and hearing your music  
 THE GINGERBREAD PERSON

### RHODE ISLAND - SE MASS

Brown University Gay Liberation is growing. In 1974 our mission is to liberate the state of Rhode Island and drag SE, Mass. down with it! We desperately need your support! Come to 88 Benevolent St., Prov., 8pm (every Wednesday) and join us. Everyone is welcome!

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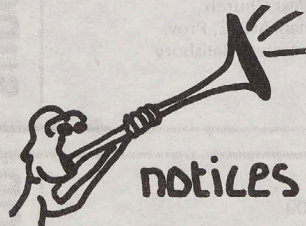


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that these brunches could be valuable to overcome this, with everyone face to face and working together. Many of the attendees met others at the brunch whom they had never met before, which seemed an indication that these meetings would indeed be a force of unification.

In attendance were representatives of: The Archdiocese of Boston; Charles St. Meetinghouse Unitarian Universalist Church (CSMH); Coming Out!; Daughters of Bilitis (DOB); Dignity/Boston; Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts; *Gay Community News* (GCN); Gay Nurses Alliance (GNA); Gay Speakers Bureau (GSB); Gay Way Radio, WBUR; Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS); and the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB).

Although invitations were sent to all Boston Area groups, attempts are being made to induce other groups as well as other active gay individuals to attend next month's brunch, Jan. 12th, 11:00 am, CSMH.



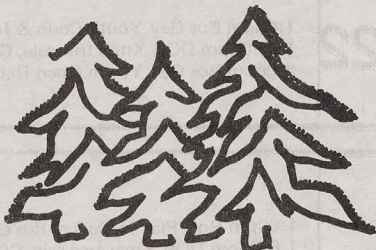
A Gay Community Christmas party, sponsored by HUB and DOB, will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, from 3 to 8 pm at Bob White's 1270. To insure admission, an admission blank (available at the Charles Street M.H. or at HUB) should be filled out and sent or brought to HUB at 419 Boylston St. Admission is one dollar and a child's toy (toys are to be given to charity).

Also on Dec. 15, Dignity dance at St. Clement's Church. BYOB (bring your own booze) and bring decorations for the tree. Someone may want to bring chips and dips too. Let this be a warm and together celebration of Christmas for us all.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 15, the MCC will throw a Christmas Happening at the Old West Church at 131 Cambridge St. The church describes the Happening as "an educational venture for our entire church family (adults and children) to get at the meaning of Christmas through music, art, and film." There will be carol singing, viewing and discussing of a film, art projects, and a pot-luck supper. Bring any food or Christmas-type art supplies (burlap, colored cloth, greens and boughs) that you want to contribute. A dollar donation is asked for the pot-luck supper. The Happening is from 2 pm to about 10 pm.

All GCN staff and foreign correspondents are wanted — nay expected — to be at the office, 70 Charles St., on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 9:30 pm for class pictures for the centerfold of the Christmas issue. Ellen says.....so does Ian.

The Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) will be selling Christmas trees on December 15 & 16, 22 & 23 from 1:00 to 8:00 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse 70 Charles Street at Mount Vernon, Boston. Buy from your sisters! Prices will be reasonable.



The first Boston appearance of the New York Womanspace Theatre will take place Sunday and Monday, Dec. 16 and 17, at 8:00 pm at the Om Theater Workshop at Boston Center for the Arts, 541 Tremont St. The group will present "Cycle", which they call "an unfinished piece about our personal lives, what's happened between us, and how it's all connected." There's a \$2.50 donation, tickets at the door.

People interested in forming a Gay Student Union at Boston College should contact Tom Willenbecher, 12 Stearns Road, Brookline, Mass. Starting in February, a regular lecture-discussion series on human sexuality will be conducted on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, Devlin Hall 008, Boston College, Newton. After initial lectures by Boston College faculty members Jack McCall and Julaine Solomon, student group leaders will head discussion groups. Those interested in participating in the human sexuality series can contact Tom Willenbecher at the aforementioned address.

On Dec. 31, 1973, the business offices of the MCC Boston will be moved from 419 Boylston St., Rm. 408, to the Old West Church at 131 Cambridge St. near Government Center.

A special presentation of "Coming Out!" will be at Emerson College, 69 Brimmer St., Lecture Hall 1 at 8:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16. All are welcome. Donation — \$2; with Emerson ID, \$1.00.



## NEWS SHORTS

WASHINGTON D.C. — The National Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a 20,000 word statement on the role of the Virgin Mary in the "salvation of mankind", hoping to revive interest in her. The Virgin was referred to as "the model of all real feminine freedom". Also mentioned was the fact that it was Christ's redemption that "won dignity for all women."

SEATTLE — Seattle has quite a strong and organized women's community. The University of Washington's YWCA houses a Lesbian Resource Center providing counseling services and a library, and a Third World Women's Center offering classes as well as a library and referral services. A 3-year-old project, Save Our Sisters (SOS) provides temporary housing for women of various ages who for specific reasons need short-term housing. Boston has yet to establish a similar center specifically for gays or women.

HOUSTON — The Harris County grand jury has charged that the investigations into the Corll mass-murders by the Dist. Atty. Carol Vance and the Houston and Pasadena police were not conducted as professionally as they should have been.

The police have denied these charges. "They obviously don't know what they're talking about."

Former and present gay residents will readily classify the southwest as one of the worst places for gays to live in this country. Witch hunts invariably follow such things as the Corll case and gays must seal closet doors tight.



LOUISVILLE, KY. — Tracy Night and Marjori Jones, a lesbian couple, began their battle to obtain a marriage license. Their bid for a license suffered its third defeat in the Kentucky Court of Appeals on Nov. 9. The court ruled that two women were basically prevented from marrying because of "their own incapability of entering marriage as that term is defined."

MINNEAPOLIS — Jack Baker, long associated with gay issues and gay himself recently lost his bid for city council. Votes were mainly lost to the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party which had the support of the bulk of the student population and many gays. Baker ran a hard driving campaign but although he was not basically disliked, he was not the best liked.

ANN ARBOR — The morning after pill has been linked to cancer. DES, the working ingredient, has already been banned by the FDA as an additive in cattle feed because of its danger to humans but the morning after pill was not questioned. The morning after pill contains 835,000 times the amount of DES that was banned for human consumption in beer.

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15	1:00pm Bos Gay Youth Coun & Info 536-6197 2:00pm Bos Gay Youth Open Rap & Mtg, 419 Boyl, Rm 509 2-10pm *MCC Xmas Happening, Old West Church 3-8pm *DOB/HUB Xmas party, BW's 1270, info call HUB/DOB 8:00pm *'Coming Out!' Emerson Col, \$2 donation, \$1 Em, ID Dignity Dance at St. Clement's Church 8:00pm *DOB Xmas tree sale, CSMH 9:00pm Gay Dance, 73 Church St., Burlington, Vt.	satu
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20	7:30pm MCC Bible Study Group, info 266-7491. 9:00pm U-Mass Amherst SHL mtg, 908 Campus Ctr. 9:00pm Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9FM Nite: Project Place Gay Crisis Line, 267-9150	thursd
21	5:30-6:30pm Hcd-Rdclf GSA, Brks Hse, info 498-3096. 9:00-1:00am Gay Dance, upstairs, CSMH, \$1.50 donation.	frida
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Bisexual Rap Counseling Group	864-8181
Boston Gay Youth	536-6197
B.U. Homophile League	353-7238
Charles Street Meetinghouse	523-0368
Comina Out (the play)	536-1715
Daughters of Bilitis	868-5729 or 536-1592
Dignity/Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215	
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts,	
Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108	
Fag Rag	536-9826
Gay Community News	523-8729
Gay Craftworks	738-0428
Gay Media Action	868-5729
Gay Nurses' Alliance	266-5473
Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston	542-6500x607
Gay Speakers Bureau	547-1451
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM)	353-2790
(Contact Elaine Noble or John Lawrence)	
Good Gay Poets	536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn.	498-3096
Homophile Community Health Service	266-5477
Homophile Union of Boston	536-6197
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM)	261-8526
(Contact Andrew Kopkind or Littlejohn)	
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.)	354-8807
Metropolitan Community Church/Boston	266-7491
Project Place	267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley	267-0764
<b>EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS</b> (area code 617)	
Worcester Gay Union, P. O. Box 359 Federal	
Sta., Worcester 01601	
<b>WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS</b> (area code 413)	
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women)	545-0154
Everywoman's Center (Amherst)	545-0883
Gay People's Hour Radio (Amherst)	546-5176
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst)	545-0626
UMass-Amherst Student Homophile	
League	545-0154
Valley Women's Center (Northampton)	586-2011
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b> (area code 401)	
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Brown Univ., Prov. 02912	751-5091
Homophile Community Health Service	
(Providence)	274-4737
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(Providence)	831-3773
Morning Glory (Kingston)	792-5817
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Vermont Gay Women	453-2678
	425-2782
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Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101	
Metropolitan Community Church	
(Hartford)	525-3523
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> (area code 603)	
Univ. NH Gay Student Org., c/o Mem'l Union, Durham	
03824	
Occupant, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261 (Gay Women's	
group; do NOT use "gay" on any mail to them)	
<b>MAINE</b> (area code 207)	
Gay Support and Action,	
183 Union St., Bangor 04932	