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gay battles for citizenship

BOSTON — Stanley Maillet of Back Bay has won a sort of victory in his continuing battle for United States citizenship as an admitted homosexual.

At least the Boston office of the U. S. Immigration Service has temporarily halted its attempts to deport Stanley to his native Canada. And the Immigration Service has agreed to consider the 24-year-old man's petition for naturalized citizenship.

The Immigration Service's decision followed pressure from Stanley's attorney, Richard Rubino, who said he was prepared to seek a constitutionality ruling from the U. S. Supreme Court, if necessary, to prove that the Immigration Service had no right to attempt to deport Stanley.

Attorney Rubino also had appealed to the governor's office for help, but the governor's aides forwarded the request to the offices of senators Edward M. Kennedy and Edward W. Brooke because the governor has no influence over the ac-

tion of federal agencies.

Aides in the offices of both senators said last week that they investigated the case, and learned that the Immigration Service was attempting to deport Stanley because of his "psychopathic condition."

But the senators' aides said no definite action has been taken, pending the outcome of Stanley's citizenship hearing.

Aides in Sen. Brooke's office were particularly reticent about giving out information on the case, saying they did not want to "hurt Mr. Maillet" through undue publicity. They did not indicate whether they might be concerned about how publicity of the gay rights issue might affect the senators.

The Immigration Service was basing its deportation actions on a little-known law that bans a person from entering the United States if that person admits to prior homosexual activity.

But attorney Rubino argued that Stanley has been residing in the

United States for more than seven years, and that Immigration Service officials did not ask about his "homosexual tendencies" until he recently applied for naturalization.

Technically speaking, Rubino said, the Immigration Service was required to act on Stanley's citizenship petition, and could not begin deportation proceedings until the petition was either granted or denied.

Rubino said it was around that legal point that he built Stanley's case.

He speculated that Immigration Service officials dropped all of their deportation actions because "they knew we would fight."

Rubino added, "We intended to take it (the case) to the Supreme Court."

Rubino also charged that the Im-

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gov. scared by Fag Rag

NEW HAMPSHIRE — Gov. Mel-drim Thomson threatened last week to cut off all state spending on building projects at the University of New Hampshire unless the Gay Students Organization is kicked off of campus.

The reason behind the latest attack, according to GSC president Wayne April, was the distribution of the Boston publication Fag Rag on campus the night of the "Coming Out" performance earlier this month. Cited in particular as a cause of woe in conservative New Hampshire was an article in Fag Rag VI, titled "How to Proselytize."

Thomson, according to April, has made an assumption that the views of the writers of Fag Rag in some way reflect the views of the members of GSO. April has gone so far as to speak on local television in order to explain the GSO's position.

UNH President Bonner has taken no action to date towards removing the GSO from campus.

The article, which caused the most commotion — "How to Proselytize" — was written humorously and explained step by step, how today's "real men" can be changed into tomorrow's queens.

As you are reading this special holiday issue of the Gay Community News, the GCN staff members are packing bags and heading for their various secret hideaways for a short vacation.

There will be no issue of GCN dated January 5, 1974 (don't worry about missing

any news — we have arranged that nothing newsworthy will happen during that week...). Our regular schedule will resume with issue number 1-29, dated January 12, 1974.

Anybody who thinks the GCN staff doesn't need a vacation should see the picture on page 3.



lesbian questionnaire

The Lesbian Feminist Therapy Research Project is currently preparing a questionnaire to be used as reference material for a manual or handbook they have been working on. The book will deal with lesbianism as it is related to therapy and how therapy has traditionally been oppressive to lesbians. "We don't see lesbianism as a diagnosis for any mental illness and are working from that point of view." Their approach is to write a book for the gay woman who is either considering therapy or already is involved in therapy.

Initially, the idea for the project was developed as a result of a training session three of the women were involved in. Their feeling was that the issue of gay women went unexplored and much of the time was devoted to the gay male.

Meetings began in June and

shortly after the group of twelve women decided to break-down into two sub groups in order to examine the subject more efficiently. One of the groups geared their discussions toward socio-economic class, race, and became somewhat autobiographical. The other group spoke specifically of lesbian identity in general and the survey was developed.

The group plans to begin interviews by mid January and will be mailing out questionnaires to women's centers and lesbian groups across the country. They are also interested in mailing the questionnaire to any individual gay woman who would like one. If you would like to participate please write:

Lesbian Feminist Therapy
Research Project
c/o The Women's Center
46 Pleasant St.
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

gay runaways a new concern



According to many Social Services Agencies, changes have occurred in the type of runaway children that they are generally coming into contact with. At one time the average runaway was considered to come from middle class families and were experiencing adjustment problems; 90 percent of these runaways were able to be placed back with their families. Now most runaways come from what are considered to be problem families and less than 50 percent are able to return to their homes.

The arising problems of runaways are now somewhat different. This article, in particular, will deal with gay runaways. Many are hustling to support themselves, a number of those who are hustling are also involved with professional credit card syndicates (the hostler is in a good position to obtain credit cards). Being involved with such credit card syndicates can lead the person into tremendous legal problems. Many are finding themselves in situations that they don't know how to get out of.

Several private organizations in the Boston area, Project Place and Bridge Over Troubled Water, are attempting to meet the problems of such individuals by way of on-the-street counseling. Street Counseling attempts to help runaways before a major crisis might occur by discussing their problems with them and by informing them of alternatives.

For example, gay foster parents, private facilities and Homophile

Community Health Service.

Street counseling has been beneficial; however, the new runaway law will cause various legal hassles in the treatment of runaways, and in the way the state agency deals with them.

The runaway law by its appearance is progressive. It no longer considers the runaway child a criminal. A policeman can take into custody a child who is thought to be runaway and then he is turned over to the State Division of Child and Family Services. Before the law the Youth Services Board dealt specifically with runaways and "problem" children. Now the already overburdened Division of Child and Family Services is faced with the responsibility of dealing with these cases, in addition to their other work load.

In addition to the legal aspects, a recent questionnaire issued by the Homophile Community Health Center, sent to various social service agencies, has revealed an unwillingness to deal with gay youths.

An effort to help runaway gays is being organized by the State Division of Child and Family Services, in coordination with Project Place and Bridge Over Troubled Water. It would attempt to expand on the street counseling.

It is hoped to get members of the gay community involved in this counseling effort. All those interested in this program should call Dick Bavely of the Division of Child and Family Services at 442-0880 or 442-1776, or write to the division at 491 Tremont St., Boston.

R.I. weekend

A Gay Conference will be held on the weekend of Feb. 15, 16 and 17, 1974, at the University of Rhode Island. More detailed information will be forthcoming in announcements before Jan. 1.

Reserve that weekend to avoid conflicts with any other activities that other New England Gay Organizations may be planning.

Included in tentative events are: workshops to discuss creating a stronger gay group for all of Rhode Island, S&M, transsexuals, Gay Studies, Gay Parents, Men and Women Workshop (to air differences between gay women and men), movies, plays coffee houses, welcome dances, and community meals. Also a discussion of a New

England Gay Newspaper by the former "Morning Glory" staff in a Media workshop, which will also include discussion on the starting of a permanent Gay Radio Show, such as "Gay Way" in Boston.

Free housing will be provided to those who respond to further announcements.

A weekend is being planned that will be constructive and fun for those who attend and you are urged to do so. Come to Rhode Island, see another part of New England, and help us build our movement there.

Kingston Gay Liberation, c/o Memorial Union, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I. 02881., telephone (401) 792-5817.

"Closet Space" opens

A new weekly radio program for gay people premieres this Sunday, Dec. 30 on WCAS (740 AM). "Closet Space" is produced by Gay Media Action for and about the Boston gay community. The show's regular time slot will be a half-hour on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:20 (yawn!); however, this first week, "Closet Space" will be broadcast at 11:30 a.m. and will be a one-hour show.

The first broadcast will feature an interview with Wayne April on the University of New Hampshire Gay Student Organization; poetry and

songs by Linda Lachman; book reviews on gay literature; "turnabout" plays on gay/straight relations ("What do you heteros do in bed, anyway?"), and five minutes of news and announcements. The program uses a magazine format, so the content will change every week.

Gay Media Action is interested in any gay material that can be used in the program. If you have music, poetry, features, interviews, or plays about the gay experience, please call WCAS (617-492-6450) or Gay Media Action (617-868-5729).

the incident at Bridgewater

by David A. DeNeef

Ed Rastellini died early in November of this year at MCI Bridgewater. He was stabbed by one or more fellow inmates. He was gay.

Articles and letters were written, and there was a minor stir for several weeks after the incident. As the facts of this case were investigated, it became apparent that before us was the story of a man whom the entire machinery of law enforcement and correction had conspired against from the beginning to the end.

Ed had been in and out of various houses of correction since he was eight years old. Neal Deschamps, now an inmate at Walpole, recalled what it was like when he and Ed were the youngest kids at Middlesex County Training School in a recent letter to the Real Paper. Beatings and sexual abuse were everyday happenings. Torture replaced civilized punishment.

To GCN, Deschamps wrote, "many, many damn hurts have come into my heart with this story, many memories, and damn it, I don't want to see this story forgotten."

Ed spent more than 5 years of his childhood at Middlesex. Out on the street he hustled.

In 1968 Ed went to Charles Street Jail and spent two years there awaiting trial on morals charges. (He was caught in the act of putting his penis into the anus of a 16-year-old boy — according to police testimony. No one who knew Ed and his situation believed it, and Ed denied it.)

In 1970 Ed was convicted of *unnatural and lascivious acts with a child of sixteen or under and abominable and detestable crimes against nature*. He was sentenced to 5 years on the first count and 5 to 15 years on the second.

In the summer of 1973 Ed had served 5 years and was only in jail because of the abominable crime against nature that is committed every day in the prison. Relation with the other prisoners in the various prisons that Ed was in had always been bad. They were convinced that he was a child molester... there could be no other reason for such a long sentence. And although Ed was eligible for parole it was denied because, among other reasons, Ed "did not relate well with the other inmates."

Ed was stabbed this fall because of a personal problem with another inmate, according to rumor. Rumor also has it that Ed was not stabbed with intent to kill but he was not discovered for some time and bled to death.

Reactions from people in a direct position to improve prison conditions and policy were practically non-existent. The following is a letter sent to David Brill, HUB Director of Public Relations, from Frank Hall, Commissioner of Corrections. This letter was received only after two letters were sent to Hall and Brill has telephoned him once.

Dear Mr. Brill:

Thank you for your letter of November 20th, reflecting your concern about an incident that occurred on Nov. 7th at Bridgewater. My position, in regard to any identifiable group of people housed in our institutions, is that we will administrate this Department not on the basis of, or the exclusion of any particular segment of our population. We will take every possible step to insure public safety as well as the safety of those who are under the supervision of the Department of Correction.

Sincerely,
Frank A. Hall
Commissioner



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(left to right) Front row: Bill Rose, Dee White, Ellen B. Davis, Ian Johnson, David Peterson; Second row: Ronnie, John Kyper, Boots Garrett, Marty Wander, Satya; Third row: Ken Stellwagen, Joe Martin, David A. DeNeef, Mike Rubinstein; Back row: A. Nolder Gay, Douglas Prince, Mike Procnier, Loretta Lotman.

(Not Pictured): Wendy Bauman, Bill Canfield, Ginny Collins, Jonathan Cross, Laura McMurry, Mitch Morgan, Barbara Piccirilli, W. Emerson Smith, Dave Stryker, Dennis Thomas.

DID YOU SEE?

By Wendy Bauman
and Ginny Collins

The Patriot Ledger (Quincy), Dec. 19: The Rev. Paul Shanley of Boston brought a little gay awareness to a faculty meeting at Sharon, Mass., High School when he told teachers that suburban communities generally ignore the needs of young gays, forcing gays to flee to big cities to find acceptance and understanding. There were some giggles and wide eyes when Father Shanley exploded myths about "butch" and "fem" outward appearances, and when he quoted Kinsey Report statistics on the large number of people who take part in gay

sex acts. Frather Shanley was appointed by the Archdiocese of Boston to minister to gays.

Boston Globe, Dec. 22: "Medley" by Bill Fripps says that "Cambridge's New Theater canceled staging 'Tubstrip' when it got reports from New York labeling it a 'sex show and nothing more,' but Theatre Two of Cambridge will present the production, which deals with the lives of homosexuals in a Manhattan steam bath.

Win Magazine, Dec. 20 has Martin Duberman's keynote address of the first conference of the Gay Academic Union, held over Thanksgiving weekend at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. More than three hundred people attended, including students and teachers from all over the country.

Duberman, a historian at Lehman College, City University of New York, is the author of plays and biographies, including the recent "Black Mountain: An Exploration in Community," an Anchor paperback. He is also active in the peace movement in New York.

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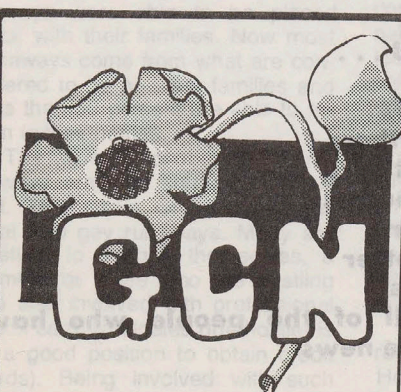
Reflection at this time and space of the last year (or rather past six months since GCN's conception) seems to be appropriate rather than self-indulgent.

It is quite apparent that the whole game of life revolves around one theme and that is GROWTH. We have grown not only in numbers but more importantly as a community. Looking back at previous issues of the paper we can see great advancements in gay consciousness in the straight world. Perhaps not with great success but to some degree successful.

Gay Americans Day can be cited as one example. A minor police liaison was formed through the misfortune of the Arboretum murder. The Boston bureau chief of Newsweek has given support and along with one part of the press our media knowledge and exposure is beginning to become a visible avenue through which heterosexual society can start to see us as we really are.

Before we get too black and blue from patting ourselves on the back the recent neo-Nazi tactics taking place in New Hampshire should be mentioned or rather given some thought and focus as we approach the New Year.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE NEW YEAR!!!



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The View from the Closet

By A. Nolder Gay

YEAR'S-END REFLECTIONS

It is now nearly four months since the first of these biweekly columns was written for GCN. After some considerable agonized hesitation, and in response to the urgent appeal of GCN staffers for older gays to join them in their efforts, I "came out of the closet and into the Meetinghouse," as Dave Peterson puts it. The result has been the discovery, at age 40, of the world of gay liberation, and of a Boston gay community, in Yeats' phrase, "struggling to be born." (Is it permissible to quote Yeats and Dave Peterson in the same paragraph?)

Of course my "coming out," if that's what it can be termed, has been in many ways an emotionally difficult experience. I am by temperament an introspective, inner-directed person, and while I had long since accepted myself as a gay human being in that inner space where we cannot and would not conceal anything from ourselves, it was very scary to be for the first time in a roomful of avowedly gay people who also knew I was. Now that I've had time to think about it, I had experienced a similar gut scaredness nearly twenty years ago when I found myself the only white person in a church full of blacks. I was welcomed then as a fellow human being and I was welcomed by the GCN staff in the same way. Both encounters were important lessons for one who thought he had learnt them.

At present, I still lead a double life, socially and spatially, which I suppose is one meaning of being "in the closet." To some, I am a reputable scholar-teacher in a university just outside of Boston; to others, a pseudonymous GCN feature writer who lives in an old town house on Beacon Hill. To one or two of my straight friends who know, I'm out too far — you're taking too many personal risks, you're potentially damaging your usefulness as an academic. To one or two of my gay friends, I'm not out far enough — your position gives you a responsibility to the cause of all gay people, and if Howard Brown and Martin Duberman can come out in *The New York Times*, why can't you? But in general people have credited me with a measure of integrity, sincerity and social concern, and beyond that are letting me work things out at my own pace.

No one has been more conscious than I of the shortcomings of this column. It represents one person's viewpoint, one special experience. While it was hoped that this column would appeal to older gays, it has seldom specifically addressed itself to them. Also, I have been painfully conscious that I have spoken often from the perspective of the white Anglo-Saxon Protestant elitist fifties-style male chauvinist pig that I am, and to that I plead the circumstances of having made my first lesbian friends only within the last few months. (I'd be pleased as punch if an older lesbian would do a matching column.) I am also remarkably ignorant of many segments of the gay experience: the world of the gay bar, for instance, or more specialized "scenes" and locales. The view from the closet is inherently limited, and perhaps at times one most thinks he is looking outward, he is really only seeing his own shadow in the closet mirror.

That aside, I've gotten much personal satisfaction out of doing this column. I am highly amused by reports of people who tax my fellow staffers and others with "But who is A. Nolder Gay?", as though that mattered. The staff has quietly and effectively protected my privacy, but occasionally I have had encouragement from people, straight and gay, who have ferreted me out to express their pleasure in something I've written. The discipline of writing these pieces has been great; the iron-clad limit of space under which I (usually) work, like the prospect of hanging, powerfully concentrates the imagination. At the same time, I don't believe I have the right to coopt space indefinitely, and I plan shortly to ask the Editorial Board to review this column to determine whether another feature, or perhaps another person doing this feature, might do more for the paper and for the community. Meanwhile, I am planning a series on the forms of gay social engagement, the first of which will constitute my next column.

An older meaning of the word "closet" is as a place of meditation, a refuge from the world, giving one time to spin the straws of experience into what is hopefully the gold of reflection, to explore the inner dimension of meaning and value in human life. Activism has its place, an important one, yet it must be matched by equally intensive contemplation. A wise acquaintance of mine once wrote "Your liberator must first liberate himself. Whence comes liberation if not from within?" Protest against injustice and oppression is appropriate and right, but so is thankfulness for our condition and the opportunities it affords, however restricted these may appear.

At the end of a year whose last third has meant more for me in terms of personal growth than many a year preceding, I am grateful for the support of friends, old and new, straight and gay. I am thankful for the opportunities we have in this newspaper and in our community to forward the work of gay, nay of human liberation. In the middle distance we can see a vision, calling us to transcend our present limitations, our rationalizations and our closets and our public ego-tripping, to respond to the task of making a new and higher consciousness come true for each of us, individually and together. As Tiny Tim says in Dickens' *Christmas Carol*, "God bless us, every one!"

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The Tag in the fifth row

by Jonathan Cross

A Commentary on Area Entertainments of Gay Interest

Varisty Drag

The latest example of 30's camp-nostalgia opened last week at the Colonial for a three-week run; it is a big, flossy, stylish revival of *Good News* (vintage 1927), with Alice Faye, John Payne, and would you believe Stubby Kaye? Actually, *Good News* was carefully crafted nostalgia back in '27. It is a harmless, sentimental fantasy of college life, and it shamelessly milks all the American Joe College mythology — the whole football-hero, Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, John Held, mildly flaming youth *schtick*.

But somehow, despite wooden, unfunny dialogue, rigid characterization, and the dreadful mindless *meaninglessness* of it all, *Good News* manages to divert us for its three hours. Part of the fun is sheer celebrity-watching; Alice Faye looks marvelous — SCULPTURED AND Dietrichesque. The middle-aged preview audience went wild whenever Alice moved, even a little. If Alice Faye can still dance, can still fall believably in love with big-shouldered John P., we can all believe in eternal youth and that nothing has really changed.

And the clothes! Donald Brooke concocts a svelte collection of pleats-on-pleats, fitted jackets, pom-poms, and crushed violet fedoras. His incredible sweater-designs (patterned in lollipops and ice-cream cones), and his vibrating window-pane plaid football coats in primary colors are dazzling and delicious. The tousled, good-humoured young cast seems delightfully at home in Brooks' exaggerated images and glide effortlessly through Donald Saddler's devilishly elaborate choreography. A sexy football-practice ballet and the manic athleticism of the "Varsity Drag" soda-shoppe number are especially vivacious.

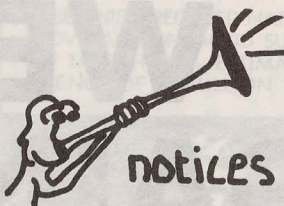
Movement, color and melody keep *Good News* alive; the tunes are old Broadway stand-bys: "Button Up Your Overcoat," "You're the Cream in My Coffee," "The Best Things In Life Are Free," "Keep Your Sunny Side Up," all familiar and hummable. Between songs, everyone does endless battle with the empty-headed, senior-class skit dialogue and an impossible, turgid plot line. And just think, they've got to mouth all that nonsense for nine months before opening in New York. The real question is: will Alice make it to the big city?



"If Michelangelo had been a girl, her mother might have said, 'You draw nicely, dear. Now wash the shirts, give the baby his dinner, and sweep the kitchen for me, there's a good girl.'"

**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year
to all our friends
from**

Dave and Kim
Lavender Hour—WBCN
To Jane; Love, Kathy
Mitch & Rod
Dave Peterson



ANNOUNCEMENT

Geri Bidwell and Karen announce their wedding, a celebration of commitment, to be held Monday, December 31, 1973 at 7:00 pm at Old West Church. The Reverend Nancy Wilson will officiate.

They extend an invitation to the Gay Community.



A Women's Sleigh Ride to be held in February, is being sponsored by DOB. The tentative date is Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. The cost of \$5 per person includes skating, sleigh riding, tobogganing, a bonfire and barbecue. Bring skates, toboggan, warm clothing, food and liquor (if desired). There will also be a dance in the barn, with Deadly Nightshade performing.

The event will be held at Ellendale Stables, Rte. 27, Sherborn, Mass. (People will meet at Grossmans in Wellesley on Rte. 16 at 12 noon.) Call DOB office for more information; 262-1592.

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Next Planning Meeting for the N. E. Gay Conference Committee will be held Saturday, Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Worcester Gay Union office, 78 Franklin St. (at Worcester Common near the public library.)

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GCN responded to the copy of the ad appearing on this page which was run several times in the Boston Phoenix. The letter also appearing on this page was returned, along with a copy of The Gay Blade, which also appears in this feature.

GCN sent two reporters to interview the director of CITA, Rev. R. Burns. Another reporter called CITA as a homosexual. The following stories are their experiences and reactions.

NOTE: The Gay Blade is not produced by CITA. Like many other groups, they purchase them in bulk from a Bible tract company, in this case Chick Publications, P.O. Box 662, Chino, Calif. 91710.

Dear Sir:

Would you print something in your paper that shows that the Homosexual needs help and that only Christ's death on the cross is the deliverance for the Homosexual.

In The Master's Service
Rev. R. Burns

The Not so good Rev. Burns and his Guilt Machine

by W. Emerson Smith

To get rid of nagging limp wrist or swishing torso call 686-0434.

In Lawrence, Mass., Reverend Burns of Cita Center Inc. has a homosexual hotline which he and his followers have set up to curb "the homosexual tendency." Mr. Burns advertises his mission on the *Phoenix* newspaper . . . Do not be deceived those who participate in homosexuality will not enter the kingdom of heaven. A GCN staff member called.

GCN: I have homosexual tendencies and am unsure of my sexuality. Can you help me?

Cita Center Inc.: We all have these tendencies, brother, but Jesus tells us he can save. It says in I Corinthians 6 that no effeminate shall enter the kingdom of heaven. Sodom and Gomorrah tells us that the angels of God came down and destroyed those men who were practicing homosexuality.

GCN: Have you had any similar (homosexual) experiences?

Cita Center Inc.: Yes, I was an opium addict in

Viet Nam; I had sex with several men and with my brother when I was young. But II Timothy 3 tells us it is without natural affection.

GCN: Do you feel guilt about that?

Cita Center Inc.: Of course I felt guilt, but now I know that God has this beautiful plan for me . . . a woman. I have claimed the blood of Christ. My sins were washed away; all my sins have been lost in the sea of forgetfulness.

GCN: Some people say that Jesus may have slept with men.

Cita Center Inc.: True, it says in the Bible that Jesus was tempted in every way, but he overcame these temptations.

GCN: Wasn't Sodom and Gomorrah the sin of inhospitality?

Cita Center Inc.: You're from Boston?

GCN: Yes.

Cita Center Inc.: You've been talking with the coffee house minister?

GCN: No.

GCN: Why do you distribute the publication *Gay Blade*?

Cita Center Inc.: Rev. Burns gives them out. We don't question our elders. *Gay Blade* is the truth about homosexuality.

GCN: Wouldn't such propaganda have a real negative effect on a young gay person, if taken seriously?

Cita Center Inc.: We had one hard core homosexual who went through our program. He still has the movements and actions of a homosexual but he's found Jesus now and he knows it's wrong.

Righteous Rev. Burns and his guilt machine are waiting for Massachusetts' young Gays to come a tapping . . . gently rapping, rapping at their chamber door . . . Quoth the Raven (GCN), "Nevermore."

Interview with CITA

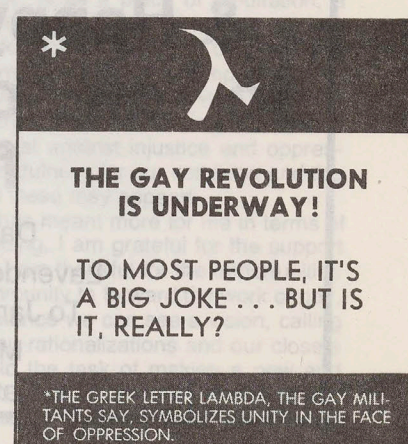
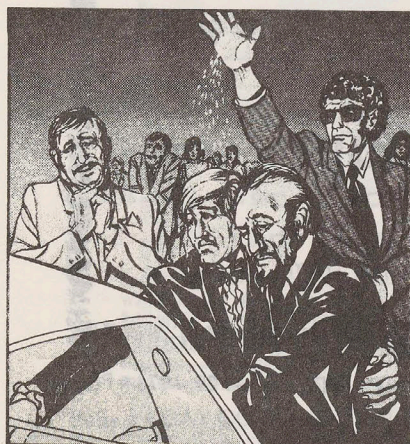
by Satya

Tom Morganti and I had the task of interviewing Rev. Richard Burns, Director of CITA, the group which has been spreading anti-gay literature throughout New England. Expecting a vicious person, we were surprised to find him warm, open, and in some ways even radical. Why, then, would a person like this be so anti-gay? The problem is common to Christians, Guru Maharaji freaks, and Krishna devotees. Rev. Burns simply feels his mind to be too impure to think for itself, so he becomes a computer which is programmed to a book, the Bible. Our questions to him were like buttons which when pushed caused words of scripture to mechanically flow from his mouth. He can no longer think for himself.

We wouldn't be concerned over someone like this except that he is in a position to influence some of our guilt-ridden brothers and sisters. In one of CITA's pamphlets, a young gay person writes that he used to lead the "sinful life" of homosexuality, but has now turned to Jesus.

Jim Gervasi who was also interviewed said that he personally didn't like the approach of the *Gay Blade* pamphlet. Nor did he consider homosexuality any worse than other "sins." "We're all sinners."

★ Burns and Gervasi are interested in participating in a panel discussion and open forum with Gay Christian leaders and the gay community. Anyone interested should write GCN, c/o Feature Editor.





OUT OF SATAN'S SHADOWY WORLD OF HOMOSEXUALITY, IN A DISPLAY OF DEFIANCE AGAINST SOCIETY, THEY COME FORTH — THOSE WHO SUFFER THE AGONY OF REJECTION, THE DESPAIR OF UNSATISFIED LONGING — DESIRING — ENDLESS LUSTING AND REMORSE CRYING THAT GAY IS GOOD — THEIR TRAGIC LIVES PROVE THAT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING GAY ABOUT BEING GAY.

LESBIANISM RECEIVED NATIONWIDE COVERAGE ON DAVID SUSSKIND'S TV TALK SHOW — ESTIMATED AUDIENCE OF 32 MILLION VIEWERS.



SATURDAY REVIEW, Feb. 12, 1972

HOMOSEXUALS ARE NOW INVITED TO SPEAK AT CLUBS AND RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.



THEIR CRY IS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS — MILITANTS BOAST THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS NORMAL, HEALTHY, EVEN A DESIRABLE FORM OF SEXUAL OUTLET.

LIFE, Dec. 31, 1971

THEIR POWER STRUCTURE IS WIDESPREAD — THEY OCCUPY ALL KINDS OF JOBS.

THEIR IDENTITY FOR THE MOST PART IS CAREFULLY HIDDEN.

*SOME HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE VERY ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S LIB ORGANIZATIONS AND EVEN HINTED TO BE IN HIGH GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

*LIFE, Dec. 31, 1971

*THERE IS AN ESTIMATED NUMBER OF U.S. HOMOSEXUALS THAT RANGES FROM 2 TO 20 MILLION.



HAS SUCH A CONDITION EVER EXISTED BEFORE? — LET'S SEE —

*LIFE, Dec. 31, 1971

SOME EXPERTS SAY HOMOSEXUALITY IS A DISEASE, OTHERS BLAME FAMILY PROBLEMS OR HORMONE LEVELS.

I THINK I'D BETTER GO!

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT I'M SICK — AND YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPASSION ON ME!

IT'S LIKE A DEMONIC POWER THAT CONTROLS THEM — ONLY CHRIST CAN OVERCOME IT: IF THEY'LL RECEIVE HIM AS PERSONAL SAVIOR.

GOD'S WARNING TO HOMOSEXUALS . . .

YOU SHALL NOT LIE WITH A MAN AS WITH A WOMAN; IT IS AN ABOMINATION. Lev. 18:22 Amp. Ver.

"... DO NOT BE DECEIVED (MISLED); NEITHER THE IMPURE AND IMMORAL, NOR IDOLATERS, NOR ADULTERERS, NOR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN HOMOSEXUALITY, . . . WILL INHERIT OR HAVE ANY SHARE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

I Cor. 6:9 & 10 Amp. Ver.

IF YOU ARE EXPOSED TO THIS SIN — THEN YOU MUST TURN AWAY FROM IT. ONLY JESUS CHRIST CAN GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH TO CONQUER IT.



"FOR THERE IS NOTHING COVERED, THAT SHALL NOT BE REVEALED; AND HID, THAT SHALL NOT BE KNOWN."

Matthew 10:26



I CANNOT CHANGE-AND I DON'T WANT TO!

"FOR THIS CAUSE GOD GAVE THEM UP UNTO VILE AFFECTIONS; FOR EVEN THEIR WOMEN DID EXCHANGE THE NATURAL USE FOR THAT WHICH IS AGAINST NATURE;"

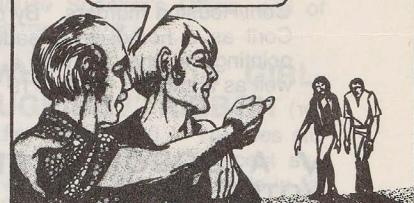
Romans 1:26; Scofield

STUDY ROMANS 1:20-32

ROMANS 1:27, AMP. VER.

"AND THE MEN ALSO TURNED FROM NATURAL RELATIONS WITH WOMEN AND WERE SET ABLAZE (BURNED OUT, CONSUMED) WITH LUST FOR ONE ANOTHER, MEN COMMITTING SHAMEFUL ACTS WITH MEN AND SUFFERING IN THEIR OWN BODIES AND PERSONALITIES THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCES AND PENALTY OF THEIR WRONG DOING AND GOING ASTRAY, WHICH WAS (THEIR) FITTING RETRIBUTION."

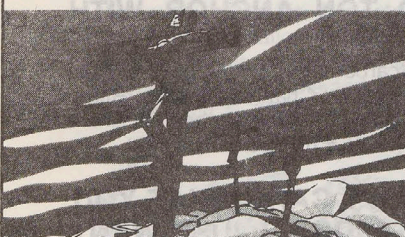
LOOK—HE'S GOT A NEW ONE—GOOD FOR HIM!



THOUGH THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS DECREE THAT THOSE WHO DO SUCH THINGS DESERVE TO DIE, THEY NOT ONLY DO THEM THEMSELVES, BUT APPROVE AND APPLAUD OTHERS WHO PRACTICE THEM.

Romans 1:32, Amp. Ver.

WHEN *THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE DIED ON THE CROSS — IT WAS FOR YOUR SINS — THAT'S WHY HE SHED HIS BLOOD.



"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHO-EVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

John 3:16

*John 1:1-3-Hebrews 1:2



"... *BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED, AND THY HOUSE."

Acts 16:31

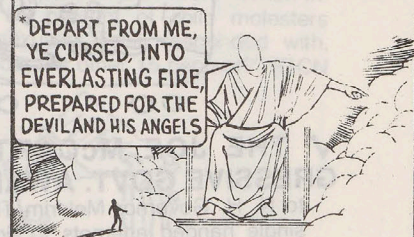
*TRUST, CLING TO, RELY UPON

JESUS LOVES YOU AND WILL CLEAN UP YOUR LIFE FOR YOU, AND WILL MAKE IT WHOLE



WHEN YOU SURRENDER TO HIM, YOU WILL BECOME A NEW CREATURE. OLD THINGS WILL PASS AWAY, ALL THINGS BECOME NEW.

ON THE **DAY OF JUDGMENT, ALL OF THE LOST WILL STAND BEFORE GOD — ALL OF THOSE WHO DIED IN THEIR SINS.



*DEPART FROM ME, YE CURSED, INTO EVERLASTING FIRE, PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS

"THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE, . . . NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE."

II Peter 3:9

*Matthew 25:41

**Revelation 20

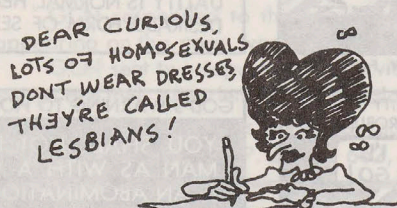
This feature is the first in a series to provide the community with a better understanding of the level of consciousness outside our sometimes small spheres of influence and chosen ghettos. GCN feels that this will aid us in our attempts at changing these attitudes — and you can't change what you don't know.

THE GCN FIRST ANNUAL

BOUQUETS & BRICKBATS AWARDS

DRAWN BY MIKE R.

GCN has chosen this method of acknowledgement of those individuals or organizations outside the core of the gay community who, through their tireless or tired efforts, have become worthy of the gay community's applause or condemnation. We have undoubtedly missed many deserving entities and your additions are encouraged.



✓ THE COMBINED "OOH, AAH, ICKY POO, NASTY, TISK-TISK" OR THE OMINOPTENT PSYCHE-MOTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

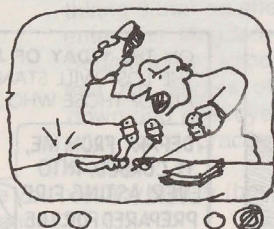
to Ann Landers for her constant use of homosexuality as sensationalism, snide remarks, self-righteousness, and at her utmost best — aloof condescension.

✓ THE JACK THE RIPPER MEMORIAL HETEROSEXUAL SADIST CITATION

to Newsweek Magazine for their response to irate letters about their coverage of the Corll/Houston murders. "By referring to Dean Corll as a homosexual sadist, we are only pointing out that he was a homosexual, as well as a sadist." (GCN #19 Letter to the editor)

✓ A BOUQUET AND MANY VOTES

to Rep. James Collins (D-Amherst) who not only agreed to support future gay rights bills but also agreed to co-sponsor them as a result of Gay Americans Day and letters from his constituents. He was a former opponent. (GCN #17)



✓ THE JOE McCARTHY PROGRESSIVE GOVT. AWARD

to N. H. Governor Meldrim Thomson for his single handed attempts to rid N. H. of any gays. Some of his most memorable quotes: the U. of N.H. "should not be run for the benefit of persons who suffer from the social disabilities of the gays," "we don't have to put up with this spectacle," the University should be "a citadel of moral persuasion . . . not a hospital for the disturbed." His most recent response has been to threaten to veto all finances to UNH unless the trustees kick the gay group off campus. (GCN #22, 23, 25, 27, 28)

✓ THE GCN "SOME OF OUR BEST FRIENDS ARE STRAIGHT" AWARD

to Bob Getz of Two Penny Press and Joan Cameron, our printer and typesetter, who have aided us immensely. Bob Getz taught us what a newspaper physically is and helped get us started when we didn't even know the technical use of the word "layout."

✓ THE POISON PURPLE PROSE PENDANT

to William Loeb, publisher of the *Manchester Union Leader*, for his great example of turning a newspaper into a vehicle for one's personal vendettas.



✓ THE LOIS LANE SELECTIVE ACCURACY AWARD

to United Press International and the *Boston Herald American* for their blatant misquoting and use of an interview with Dr. Brown of Baylor College of Medicine in the aftermath of the Houston tragedy. In a feature story he was quoted, "The actual murder was a part of the syndrome of homosexuality, sexual abuse and eventual homicide, which must be carried out. They all add up — you don't have one without the other." Although Dr. Brown was publicly outraged by the misquote, neither UPI nor the *Herald American* have seen fit to correct the situation — even with an acknowledgment. (GCN #11)

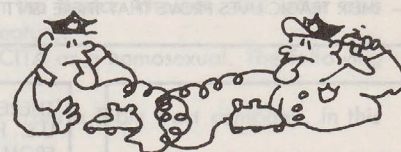
✓ A BOUQUET AND BULLETPROOF VEST

to UNH President Thomas N. Bonner and the UNH Board of Trustees for their struggle in the politically and financially difficult task to keep UNH a citadel of learning, understanding and freedom and not a citadel of "moral persuasion (oppression)." (GCN #24)



✓ THE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS AWARD

to William Loeb and Governor Thomson.



✓ GCN HOOF IN MOUTH SILVER PRINCESS PHONE AWARD

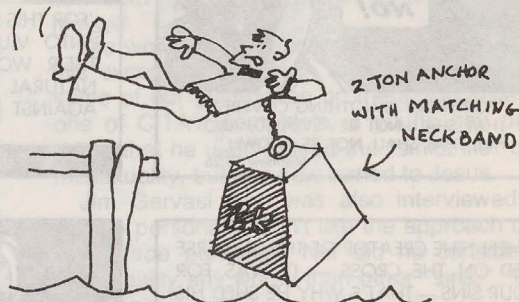
to the Boston Police Dept. Homicide Division. Despite the fact that it has been more than five months since a gay brother was brutally murdered, there have been no convictions to date. The latest quote from the Homicide Dept. was that police "just keep walking the streets and talking to people." (GCN #9)

✓ AND A BOUQUET

to Rev. Alberts, ex-pastor of Old West Church, who was fired for marrying two gay male parishioners. He now writes for the Boston Ledger.

✓ THE BEIBER MEMORIAL "AND YOU THINK WE'RE SICK" AWARD

to the anonymous wealthy Boston Brahmin neighbor of the Charles Street Meetinghouse who, in his passion to rid the neighborhood of fags, voiced hope that "someone would be killed at the Meetinghouse so that the place would be shut down."



✓ A TWO TON ANCHOR WITH ANKLE STRAP

to Chuck Scarborough, pretty boy, such-a-stud, anchorman for Channel 7's *Mass Reaction*. "We've given the faggots their fair share of air time." (GCN #10 Media Message)

✓ THE I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO TO ME JUDGE, I JUST WANT TO DANCE AWARD

to Father's Three Bar on Charles St. for their July 31 physical eviction of three lesbians for the "obscenity" of dancing together. (GCN #8)

✓ THE DOWN ON ME AWARD

to Dinah Vaprin for trying to show WBCN that women and their music do exist in a sexist world.

✓ THE "IF THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, THEY WON'T TRY IT" BUTTON

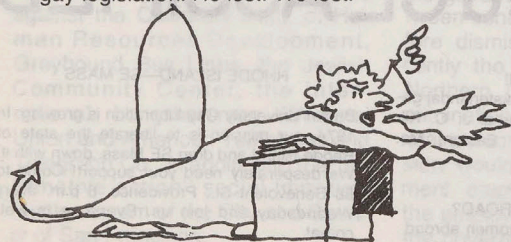
to David Wilson, Boston Globe columnist, who withdrew as host of Channel 56-TV's October *Point of View* show rather than appear with Elaine Noble of *Gay Way Radio* and Rep. Barney Frank. "I felt that I could not participate in a show which might have the effect of making the gay choice appear attractive and thus influence people into their choosing of a gay life style." (GCN #17)

✓ THE MARIE ANTOINETTE "LET THEM SODOMATE" AWARD

to Sen. Zarod (D-Springfield) whose reaction to Gay Americans Day was, "Who has given permission" for these groups, "to use the Statehouse?" (GCN #16)

✓ THE McCARTHY/McGOVERN POLITICAL ACCUMEN AWARD

to Mike Amato, candidate for State Senator in last year's Aug. 14 special election who ran on a platform including openly supporting pro-gay legislation. He lost. We lost.



✓ THE COTTON MATHER PURITAN PRUDERY PLAQUE OR THE THAT'S-WHAT-MADE-THIS-COUNTRY-GREAT TROPHY

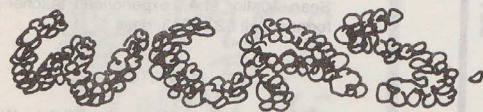
to Dr. Harold Ockenga for his July 15 Park Street Church sermon which included the increased acceptance of homosexuality, along with abortion, Watergate, and pornography as "evidence of increased corruption and degeneration in the nation in the areas of truth, integrity, honesty and dependability." (GCN #8)

✓ ANOTHER BIG BOUQUET

to Bernice Buresh, Boston Bureau Chief for *Newsweek*, for going out of her way to not only promote understanding in *Newsweek* but aiding the gay community in working with the realities of the straight media. (GCN #225)

✓ ONE HALF A BOUQUET AND MAYBE THE REST NEXT YEAR

to former representative Michael Dukakis, serious potential candidate for governor of Massachusetts. He has strongly endorsed gay rights legislation which seems impressive, but candidates seem to have a habit of forgetting after they are elected. We hope Dukakis will not. (GCN #26)



✓ AND A LAVENDER FLORAL DISPLAY

to radio station WCAS in Cambridge for their interest in the gay community with public service announcements, gay programming and now a gay-produced and directed weekly show. SCAS now joins WBUR, Boston University and WBCN as three radio stations who have not only listened to us but have shown their commitment.

✓ THE BOUQUET FOR SWIFTEST CONSCIOUSNESS CHANGE OF THE YEAR

to George Frazier, who went from a June 24 quote on *Mass Reaction* that gays shouldn't "scare the horses" by "protesting too loudly or making themselves too public" to writing a very fine and up-front column in the *Boston Globe* supporting Gay Americans Day.



✓ AND A BUNCH OF FLOWERS

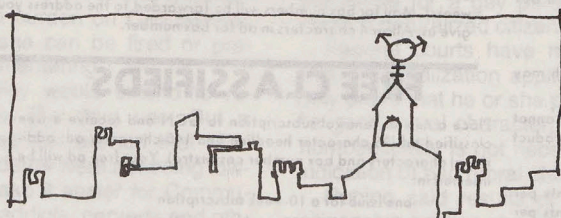
to Michelle Cote, Ms. New Hampshire 1973, who publicly expressed her support for women's and gay movements during the Atlantic City Pageant, incurring the wrath of William Loeb and the *Manchester Union Leader*. (GCN #19)

✓ THE I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU ARE SAYING, I'VE HAD MY EYES CLOSED FOR YEARS AWARD

to the Boston Police *Post Gazette* which in its Oct. 5 issue editorial termed Gay Americans Day "one of the sickest spectacles on Beacon Hill."

✓ AND A BOUQUET WITH A THANK YOU NOTE

to Senator Robert Hall (D-Worcester) who, in a letter to the editor of the *Post Gazette*, responded, "of course, psychologists tell us that those who persecute homosexuals usually do so because they are unsure of their own sexuality." He also asserted, "Any citizen has the right to file bills in our General Court, whether the *Post Gazette* likes them or not. This is a part of our Constitution, which I assume you support." (GCN #19)



✓ AND A NOSEGAY

to the Unitarian Universalist Church. In October, they became the first "straight" church to actually make a commitment to gays to help end discrimination and prejudice by establishing an Office of Gay Concerns. (GCN #20)

✓ THE WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT VIRILITY COUPON

to Sen. McCann (d-Cambridge) quoted on Gay Americans Day as saying, "I voted against it in the past (gay rights bills) and will also in the future — get lost." (GCN #16)

✓ THE AGNEW CUP FOR OFFAL ELOQUENCE

to self proclaimed "Jesus of Dorchester," who determinedly shouts her heavenly insights from the streets of Boston. Her favorite prefixes being fagot and lesbian (as in fagot-priests, lesbian-nuns, fagot-doctors and lesbian, Golda Meir) which she affixes to any term or person she sees as being "the devil," which seems to be everyone and everything.

✓ THE LOEB MEMORIAL SILVER BLUDGEON

to the *Brockton Enterprise* for its printing of names, addresses, occupations and places of employment of the eleven men arrested in a police entrapment drive billed as "a crack-down on alleged homosexuality along roadside rest areas on Rte. 24." As a result of the publicity many were fired, intimidated or harassed, including two area school teachers. (GCN #16)

✓ AND THE LARGEST PURPLE CARNATION WE CAN FIND

to Rep. Barney Frank (D-Back Bay) who has done so much for the Massachusetts Gay Community, particularly Boston, that it is impossible to pick any one reason. He has stood up for us, marched with us, fought with and for us, educated us and others, given us needed advice and encouragement, used his own initiative, and through it all remains a real person and friend. Thanks.



✓ INDIVIDUAL BOUQUETS

to the following for their interest and aid in Gay Americans Day: The League of Women Voters, National Organization of Women, Americans for Democratic Action, C.P. Pax, American Civil Liberties Union, Co-Op Metropolitan Group, the Mass. Senate President's Office, the House Speaker's Office, and of course Rep. Barney Frank.

✓ THE "WHY IS YOUR GIRLFRIEND LAUGHING?" RIBBON

to Allan Briddle, UNH Board of Trustees student representative. Although a recent student poll shows 85 percent of students in favor of the Gay Students Organization on campus, his stand against GSO has been more reactionary than most of the other trustees. He is appointed by the governor of New Hampshire. (GCN #23)

✓ LOGIC IS THE POLITICIAN'S WORST FEAR AWARD

to Rep. Scalli (d-Charlestown) who was quoted on Gay Americans Day as saying, "If I were a landlord, I wouldn't rent to a homosexual either, for fear of my children." When informed that 85 percent of child molesters were heterosexuals, Scalli responded with, "But what about the other 15 percent?" (GCN #16)



✓ A GILDED TRASH CAN WITH ETERNAL FLAME

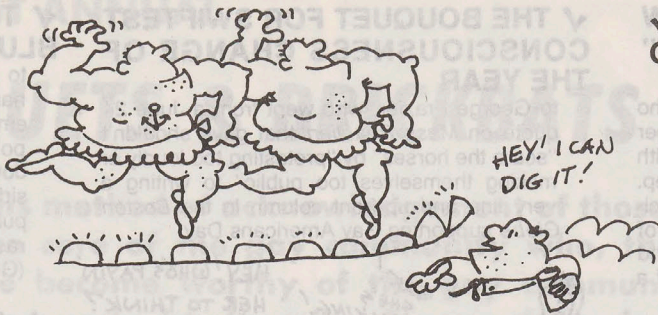
to Nini's Corner, Harvard Square magazine and fruit store, which has the dubious distinction of evicting GCN and its distributors not once but twice with the message, "We don't want that trash anyway."

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✓ LAST YEAR'S "WE ALWAYS GET OUR MAN" TROPHY

to the Boston Police Vice Squad for their Aug. 15 seizing of the film *Trick or Trap* at South Station Cinema which had already finished its run; and an earlier raid on the Art Cinema after the flick had already finished and had been sent back to the distributor.



✓ THE GCN SPECIAL "GO BE-GET YOURSELF" AWARD

to Elinor Stout, spokeswoman for the Boston Ballet, who, in the Aug. 26 *Globe*, was quoted as saying that one of the Ballet's problems was building a male audience. Stout blamed this problem on the "effeminate image of the dancers." She claims higher salaries will correct this by (quoting Agnes de Mille of "Okla-homa!" fame) enabling what she calls "real men — men interested in begetting" to pursue ballet. (GCN #11)



✓ THE NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD AWARD

to the Boston Police Dept. for using tear gas several nights in the Fenway as "standard procedure" in locating the possible dead body of a robber wounded by the police in a local holdup. (GCN #25)



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DEAR MOTHER,

Yes, I AM Gay! and I want my piano. Love, Loretta.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, meets for worship every Sunday at 6:45 p.m., 131 Cambridge St. (Old West Church). Fellowship hour 8:15 p.m. Rev. Lawrence Bernier and Rev. Nancy Wilson, pastors. All persons are welcome. Church offices, telephone 266-7491.

GAY AT BC?

G students interested in bringing enlightenment to a dark campus or just plain getting together. Write GCN Box 800.

GMs new to area seek friends in or near Amherst, Brattleboro, Greenfield, Gardner, Keene. Esp. people into country living. Write GCN Box 303.

WHITCH at The Saints now thru New Years & New Year's Eve; Cabana, Prov., RI, Jan. 4, 5, 6.

Gay Brother, 28 yrs., looking for part or full time job. Have DDS degree, but main interests are natural foods, plants or greenhouse work, writing, working with kids. Call Satya at 523-8729 or write c/o GCN, 70 Charles St., Boston, Ma. 02114.

ESPERANTISTOJI

Iu, kiu dezirus korespondi kun eksterlandaj gesamseksemuloj, bonvole skribu al J. C. Kilburn, 502 Foundry St., So. Easton, Ma. 02375.

WANT GAY PEN PALS ABROAD?

Correspond with gay men and women abroad in Esperanto, the international language. You can learn enough to read & write letters in a couple of weeks. Interested? Write J. C. Kilburn, 502 Foundry St., So. Easton, Ma. 02375.

GM 20, musician, looking for a place to live with one or more similar people starting the end of Dec. Tom, 266-7835.

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., Providence, 8 p.m. every Wednesday and join us. Everyone is welcome!

To John-Claude, Merry Christmas from Frank.

DOMINANT MALE SOUGHT

GWM 27 masc appearing needs dominant stud type to age 35. No fems or fats. Please state desires, photo and phone helpful. GCN Box 211.

THANK YOU DOB SISTERS

for selling trees, even in the rain & snow. Love, Sheri.

GWF sks GWM roommate, 24-30, working resp. person share 2 bedroom Beacon Hill apt. Eves, 523-6517.

WHITCH

The all-women's band. For booking info call Elaine days 536-5390, eves. 289-8363.

Lambda/Boston Button. 25c each, 5 for \$1, 10 for \$1.50. Stamped, self-addressed envelope to GCN Box 821.

VOICE LESSONS

Private instruction in singing: classical, folk, show, etc.; speech, and dramatic interpretation. Serious students only. Nicholas Sean Austin, M.A., experienced teacher-performer. Call 523-3213, days.

WHITCH

Watch for Whitch. Watch for Whitch. Watch for Whitch.

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

GM 20, musician, looking for a place to live with one or more similar people starting the end of Dec. Tom: 266-7835.

All ads must be paid in advance. Make check or money order payable to "Gay Community News" or "GCN."

Include area code in all telephone numbers appearing in ad.

Replies to box numbers should be sent to: GCN Classified Box Number . . . 70 Charles St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

No ads accepted by phone.

GCN reserves the right to edit or reject advertising which may result in legal action.

GCN has no control over classified advertisers; hence, we cannot assure you that your inquiry will be answered or that the product or service is accurately presented.

Rates: 50 cents per week for first 140 characters. 50 cents per week for each additional 70 characters. Headlines 50 cents per week for 25 characters.

Full name, address and telephone number of advertiser must be given with each ad. This information is strictly confidential; however, we cannot print your ad without it.

Send classified ads to: GCN classifieds, 70 Charles St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

Deadline is noon of the Sunday prior to the issue date.

Box numbers are available at the rate of \$1.00 (good for six weeks). Mail for box numbers will be forwarded to the address you give us. Allow 4 characters in ad for box number.

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Place a new or renewal subscription to GCN and receive a free classified ad (25 character headline and 140-character ad; additional characters and box number cost extra). Your free ad will be inserted in:

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two issues for a 25-week subscription

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single men's rights

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay activist Don Jackson has filed complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) here against social action agencies, private employers and a labor union.

Jackson charges that employers and employment agencies "conspire" against him and other single men in order to show preference to single women and married people in helping them locate jobs.

The EEOC has agreed to hear his complaints, which he says are based on the Civil Rights Act of 1964. That law prohibits job discrimination on the basis of "race, sex, religion, national origin or any other non-performance related factor."

His complaints are directed against the California Dept. of Human Resources Development, Greyhound Bus Lines, the Jewish Community Center, the International Longshoremen Workers' Union and American Telephone and Telegraph Co., in addition to the "affirmative action" social improvement program of the City and County of San Francisco.

He said that both the Longshoremen's Union and the Jewish Community Center have policies excluding single men from clerical jobs. AT&T and a federal Employment Law Center also offer jobs to "minority females only," according to job order files.

Greyhound Bus Lines imposes hair style and dress codes on men that are not required of women employees, Jackson says.

And he says the state Dept. of Human Resources Development has refused to send single men to apply for such jobs.

Jackson contends that unemployment among single men of all races is 18 per cent — four times that of single women. And he says unemployment among married men is only about 4.7 per cent.

He also points out that unemploy-

ment among single women and married men has declined in recent years, while the number of single men out of work has steadily increased.

'homo' ban

The U. S. Civil Service Commission may soon end its blanket discrimination against the hiring of homosexuals and drug users. According to the *Federal Times*, a newspaper for government employees, the commission intends to "introduce a measure of due process in disqualifying applicants and dismissing employees considered unsuitable for federal service because of past or present conduct."

CSC proposals are in response to court decisions demanding that the government establish a link between conduct and performance before dismissing an employee. Recently the U. S. District Court for Northern California prohibited discrimination against "any homosexual person who [sic] the Commission would deem unfit for government employment solely because the employment of such a person in the government service might bring that service into the type of public contempt which might reduce the government's ability to perform the public business with the essential respect and confidence of the citizens which [sic] it serves."

In the past the government had argued that the presence of known homosexuals detracted from "the efficiency of the service." The proposed changes mean that there must be definite proof that a homosexual is a burden on Civil Service before he/she can be fired or prevented from entering.

This policy would extend to related areas, like drug use. But a CSC spokesman warned that suitability standards were not being lowered "to make it easier for Communists, drug addicts, perverts and other so-called undesirables to get into

government."

There was no indication when the changes would be enacted, or by whom. Unaffected are the military's discrimination against homosexual Service people and (presumably) the refusal to grant gays security clearances.

CITIZENSHIP

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migration Service acted illegally in questioning Stanley about his gay past in Canada. He said the Immigration Service is not legally allowed to question a person about things that occurred more than five years ago, and that questions of "moral conduct" must not be specific in nature.

The attorney said immigration officials "probed too deeply" into Stanley's life, asking extremely personal questions about gay relationships and activities dating back many years.

He claimed the Immigration Service did not become aware that something was "different" about Stanley until it learned that he had a 1-Y draft classification. Rubino further claimed that Stanley naively agreed to answer personal questions after Immigration Service interrogators allegedly offered him lenience in return for his "cooperation."

Rubino said Stanley's chances for becoming a naturalized citizen now appear to be good.

Ironically, although it is technically illegal for an admitted homosexual to enter the United States, it is not illegal for a gay person to become a naturalized citizen.

Federal courts have maintained that a naturalization applicant need only prove that he or she possesses "a good moral character," and that homosexuality is not necessarily an indication of bad moral character.

Rubino said results of Stanley's citizenship petition should be known in about three months.



religious survey

In a survey of 1367 Catholics, Protestants and Jews, America turned thumbs down at the suggestion of approval of homosexuality. The poll, conducted last summer by the *National Catholic Observer*, revealed that 71 percent of the Catholics, 76 percent of the Protestants and 31 percent of the Jews questioned did not approve of homosexual activities of any kind.

Also indicated was a slight liberalization in the attitude of the average Catholic on the question of abortion.

There is, however, a ten percent discrepancy between the findings on homosexuality approval in this poll and the Kinsey poll taken this summer. The Kinsey findings showed that 60 percent of the 3000 adults questioned did not approve of changes in the laws to permit sexual encounters between consenting adult members of the same sex.

Attitudes, however, are changing drastically on the question of premarital heterosexual relations. While the 1968 Gallup Poll showed that 68 percent of the nation was against sex outside of marriage, only 48 percent were against it in findings released on August 19, 1973.



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28	5:30-6:30 p.m.—Hvd-Rdcll GSA, Brks Hse, info 498-3096 9:10-10:00 a.m.—Gay Dance, upstairs, CSMH, \$1.50 don.	frida
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