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# A WEEKLY FORUM FOR NEW ENGLAND Gay Community News

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## R.I. Gay Conference

The Kingston Gay Liberation of the University of Rhode Island would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested to come to their second gay conference to be held on the 15-17 of February on the URI campus.

There will be a further announcement with a complete list of speakers and events coming out around Feb. 1. To better plan the conference, they would like to know in advance how many people would like to attend.

They are charging \$2.00 advance

registration. Registration at the Conference will be \$3.00 if you have not preregistered. This includes meals, housing, and entrance to all events.

People interested are asked to please bring sleeping bags, blankets, etc., if you have them.

Free housing is guaranteed to any individual or group who responds before Feb. 1.

Also, any persons interested in working on any workshops (which are listed below), or any other as-

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## Gay Studies Courses

Two gay studies courses will be offered in mid-February by the Institute of Homophile Studies, an educational division of the Homophile Community Health Service.

The courses will run about 12 weeks, and will meet from 7-9:30pm once a week.

The first course is called an introductory course to homosexuality, and will look at scientific, legal and social aspects of homosexuality. Dr. Jane Graham, who teaches a similar course at Boston University, will be the instructor.

The course will be taught with the aid of guest lecturers, films, readings and field trips. It is designed to be particularly useful to

gay people who are new to the community, gay speakers and professionals who work with gays.

The second course is entitled "Historical Perspectives on Homosexuality." Taught by John E. Boswell, a doctoral candidate at Harvard University, the course examines homosexuality in Biblical and secular history. It also looks at historical figures known to be gay, and examines gay attitudes in present and past cultures.

Tuition is \$25 per course, and a refundable \$5 deposit is required. Applications and further information can be obtained by writing to John G. Lawrence, director of education at the Homophile Community Health Service.

### Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial Service

This Sunday, Jan. 20th, there will be a special memorial service in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King — a high service for a martyr at Metropolitan Community Church.

MCC is proud to celebrate the anniversary of Dr. King's birthday because the same spirit of love and reconciliation which he preached to oppressed Black Community has deep meaning to Gay men and women today.

MCC Boston considers it an honor to celebrate this man's life and works.

Celebrating this service will be the Rev. Don Eric Loring, a young black priest who is also the Episcopal Vicar of the Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin on Lenox St. in Boston.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this Sunday and every Sunday at 7:00 pm, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass.

## Rob't Dow Sues Ex-employer

Robert Dow, president of the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB) is filing suit against his former employer, J.J. Nissen's Baking Corp. According to Dow, Nissen's fired him because they were afraid that his political and civil rights activism might give them a bad name.

"At first," Dow said, "it was a big joke, but when I started appearing on TV they were terrified that I might mention where I worked." Dow has been on unemployment since his job was "abolished" last April 3rd. He stated that he feels the pinch of too little money a lot lately and would very much like to be working at Nissen's again.

Dow's attorney, Richard Rubino, believes he has a sturdy case. Soon after Dow's position was abolished a new position very much like it was made and a new person hired. Dow was a maintenance electrician and belongs to the union.

## Gay Community Alert

At a meeting of the "Active Gay Community" held at the Charles St. Meetinghouse last Saturday, final details for the Gay Community Alert were among the subjects discussed.

The GCA will serve to mobilize Gays in the case of a crisis affecting more than one member of the Boston Gay community.

Three individuals will determine whether in fact a crisis does exist. Any individual who wishes to be

contacted in the case of an emergency should contact one of the numbers listed below: 536-3285, 523-0368, 267-0764. All telephone numbers will be held in strict confidence and used only to contact members in the case of a crisis.

Anyone who feels that a crisis exists should contact one of the three numbers listed. The telephone numbers will be listed in the Quick Gay Guide on GCN starting this week.

## N.Y. Discrimination Bill Blocked

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Intro 475 was defeated for the fourth time last month. Intro 475 was the gay rights bill before the N.Y. City Council.

The failure of the bill's passage this time came as a surprise to most of the city officials and the gay activists involved. It is generally believed that present N.Y. Mayor Abraham

Beame used much pull to try and get the bill passed before he took office, Jan. 1. This way, if the bill was passed in the last few days of the Lindsay administration, Beame would not have had to receive criticism for signing or vetoing the controversial bill.

The stoppage of the bill has mainly been attributed to a city council-

man from Queens, one Mathew Troy. According to inside sources Troy put up so much opposition to the bill that he singlehandedly killed it.

The New York GAA plans to enter a new bill in 1974. The bill will basically call for an end to all discrimination against homosexuals in New York City.



# REACT!!

A glance at the staff listing on this page might seem to indicate that GCN is doing fine. Well, in many ways we are, but looks can be deceiving. We have greatly increased our all-volunteer staff from our conception only 7 months ago, but the work and amount of time necessary to bring you a bigger, more diversified newspaper has increased much more than the size of the staff. Putting together a newspaper isn't easy — especially with no money, and as a weekly proposition — but it is certainly challenging, and usually fun.

But we are afraid that GCN may not be able to respond to its opportunities for further growth and diversification (and indeed may soon start stagnating) unless we receive a transfusion of new people — people to bring us their diversity, spirit, enthusiasm, and new energies. We need it — we need YOU. Come join us. If we have to beg you, that's OK. The gay community needs you. What more can we say?

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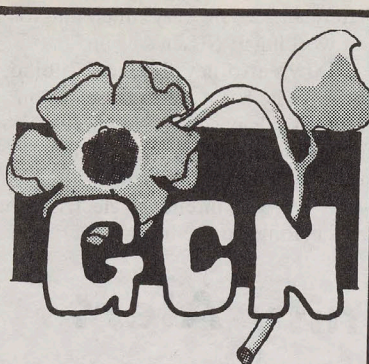
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# REACTIONS:

To the editors:

To A. Nolder Gay's self-critique in his "Year's-End Reflections" (Dec. 29 issue) my strong response is a hope that both the writer and the Editorial Board continue this insightful column well into the New Year. Though I read each issue cover-to-cover, "The View from the Closet" is especially helpful to me, as a younger gay formulating my own perspective outside the closet.

The Christmas article alone (Dec. 8 issue) was worth the price of a subscription, as it was a useful meditation on those occasions when the holidays seemed to get low.

Best wishes in the New Year to both this anonymous columnist and to the entire GCN staff to sustain the excellent service and spirit provided in 1973.

Vincent Hiskinson

Dear GCN:

Keep up the fantastic work. Your Dec. 29 issue was the best yet. We love you,  
Elaine & Karen

Dear GCN:

It was sort of revolting to read the list for the New England Gay Conference [GCN issue 1-25, page 2]. "Lesbianism" as a separate workshop? Thanks for letting us know there is one workshop for us. Your intentions were probably not malicious. You were probably just letting us know we are welcome even if we don't want to talk with men. Naturally, all the "gay" workshops are co-ed, you say. "Why are you being an itch?", you might be asking (unless you never use expressions like "itch"!)

By listing one lesbian workshop and calling it lesbian, by not proposing a "homosexual" workshop, you are indirectly saying that "gay" means "male," and further indicating that the consciousness of the planners is male.

An idea might be to look into lesbian conferences and find workshops that women set up for themselves. If you want women to be a part of this conference, you have to make a good portion of it a women's conference.

I don't want to put my energy into the women's corner of a men's conference. I'd rather just work on a women's conference.

Love,  
Jan Ryan

Ed. Note: This letter was forwarded to the planners of the gay conference for their response, which follows:

Dear Jan:

The Conference Planning Committee agrees with you 100%. About half of us are women. We are planning two workshops for women only. Also, we will hold a meeting to plan for a special Lesbian Conference. The other workshops planned for the New England Gay Conference are of interest to *all* gay people and are being planned jointly by both men and women.

We hope to see you at Emerson College, March 15, 16 and 17. You won't be disappointed!

## OTHER NEW ENGLAND GAY PUBLICATIONS

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# FOCUS ON:

The Worcester Gay Union is a newly formed non-profit organization of Gay women and men whose function is twofold. First, to serve the Gay community by providing places for Gays to meet and get to know each other, by providing places and opportunities for rap groups and discussions about Gay issues, by establishing committees to deal with the legal and moral problems encountered by Gays, by providing information to the Gay community about events and situations that concern us and by generally acting as both a support and reference group to help unify the Gay community in any way it can.

Secondly, through education and interaction, the Union hopes to be a liaison between the Gay and non-Gay community in an effort to establish better relations between the two. The Union wishes to establish itself as a legitimate community group whose needs and concerns must be recognized by the larger community, by those political persons who purport to represent us and by those businesses and service organizations who have so often in the past discriminated against and misunderstood us.

The Gay community in Worcester represents a large number of people. Individually, split off from each other, we are helpless. Together, we can exert a powerful economic and political influence on

the community. Only by becoming a strong, unified and articulate group can we hope to change society's existing derogatory and discriminatory attitudes. The Worcester Gay Union hopes to be a moving force toward the enhancement of the growth and development of the Gay community and toward the reform and change of the now intolerable conditions under which Gays live and work.

Interested persons from the Worcester area may contact Worcester Gay Union at Box 359, Federal Station, Worcester 01601.



On this week's "Closet Space," the WCAS Radio weekly "gay magazine of the air," Douglas Prince talks with Bob Dow about the Homophile Union of Boston; "Turnabout" declares Ann Landers a dysfunction; John Kyper gives a guide to the upcoming gay conferences; gay news is reported by "Jack Armstrong, the All American Boy"; and reads her poetry. In addition, there will be information on how to give testimony on gay discrimination and a "what to do" when you read anti-gay material in print.

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## Support for Prisoners

BOCO RATON, Fla.: Recent support for the Gay Prisoners Coalition has come from the Student Government Assoc. of Florida Atlantic University. In protest, especially, of the murders of Edward Rastellini (Bridgewater, Mass.) and Ernest Valenzuela (Secretary of Gay Prisoner's Coalition - Federal Prison in Leavenworth, Kan.), statements were sent to select U.S. Senators and Representatives.

The Gay Prisoners Coalition is an organization formed to try to check discrimination against gay prisoners in both state and federal institutions. Their demands range from a stop to the petty verbal harassment of prisoners by authorities and guards to an end to banning of gay reading material to bettering of medical treatment of all inmates.

The FAU Student Government Association passed the resolution to support the Gay Prisoners Coalition on the 8th of this month. Joel Starkey of the SGA commented on the importance of this decision: "The passage of the legislation is significant because not only does it back the demands of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition; it represents an effort to link the struggles of Gays in the penal system with those of gays in the academic arena. It indicates a sense of 'solidarity' between gays in all levels of society."

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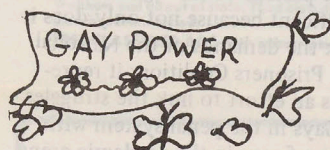


# The View from the Closet

By A. Nolder Gay

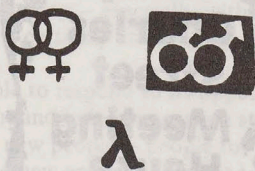
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TORAL POLITICS

We Americans are inveterate slogan-mongers. We castigate our enemies and recruit our friends with catchy phrases: "No Taxation Without Representation," "Fifty-four Forty or Fight," "Remember the Maine," "Nixon's the One" (yes, wasn't he!). For the last four years "Out of the Closet and Into the Streets" has been the keynote of your dedicated gay liberationist. Yet like all such slogans, it is longer on snappiness than on sense. Few of us live in houses, symbolic or otherwise, in which the closets open directly onto the street; we normally occupy different rooms at varying intervals between. Our very own slogans, like the simplistic labels applied to us, are inadequate to the variation and diversity we affirm among us.



Yet all of us, wherever we live, owe a libation to the foxy queens of the Stonewall Inn for ushering in a new age of gay activism. The Stonewall was, for us, the historical equivalent of the first black student sit-in a dozen years ago. Such resistance, in facing down the actual operation of "the system" in the name of its own fundamental law (right of free association, peaceable assembly, etc.) was a flash of lightning illuminating the range of alterna-

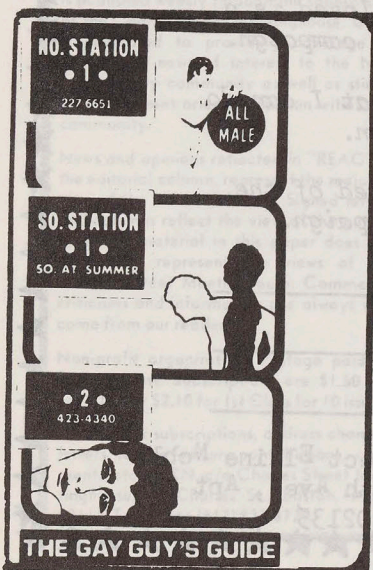
tives open to gays both within and outside the "normal" processes of democratic politics.



Resistance is a relatively simple form of social action. Its risks are short-term, its symbolic rewards often great. Yet it works only in special situations and limited "time frames." It might, for example, be superfluous in Boston's political context, and even counterproductive in New Hampshire's. For a liberationist movement to move from confrontation to the other principal styles of democratic politics (electoral politics and pressure group politics) is to move toward complexity and away from "purity". The graveyard of American politics is littered with the bodies of single-issue candidates, with movements unable to attract grass-roots support or at least consent, and with would-be movers and shakers who confused their personal hangups with some presumed long-term tendency of history.

To the degree that we engage in electoral politics, let us at least not stray too far from empirical reality. Where is it written that all gays have to be of the same political persuasion and vote for the same candidate? Yet some of our number talk blithely of "the gay vote" or "the gay bloc." Gayness and gay rights stances in candidates are really minor considerations (heresy!) beside the necessity to master the substantive issues of broader concern to ordinary folk, assuming that the end of electoral politics is to get elected. To be sure, American elections are not won by staying in the closet, but neither are they won in the streets, or by threat of taking to the streets (though they can, demonstrably, be lost that way).

The other principal form of democratic politics, that of the pressure group, appears more promising, at least until we take over the world. In that respect, the year 1973 presented gays with policy approaches which, in the long run, may well eclipse Stonewall in political significance, though not in symbolic power. On the presumption that we will not be taking over the world within the next two weeks, I defer the evidence for that dogmatic assertion to my next column. Hold your breaths.



## GAY GUYS AND GALS

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# COUNTRY CLUB

## The Tag in the fifth row

A commentary on area entertainments of gay interest by

Jonathan Cross

### CAMP FOLLOWING

Be warned; this column is an unabashed plug for Justin Freed's wonderful revival theatre, the Park Square Movie House. If you've had your fill of Sack's current offering of vicious cops satanically-possessed adolescents, and Devil's Island cockroaches, you'll find a bright and beautiful alternative at the Park Square. For the past week or so (Jan. 8 — 17) Freed has been showcasing the dazzlingly talented Katharine Hepburn, splendidly supported by all concerned, in two thirties classics: Howard Hawks' *Bringing Up Baby*, with Cary Grant as a bumbling but heart-stopping paleontologist and *Stage Door*, with a wonderful cast of wise-cracking ingenues, Eve Arden, Lucille Ball, Ginger Rogers, etc.

If you snatch the GCN hot off the presses, you may still be able to catch the luminous Miss Hepburn's creamy impersonation of the American aristocrat at play. She is all grace and intelligence and cool *noblesse oblige* in *Stage Door* as the slumming debutante with theatrical ambitions. In a play-within-the-movie Hepburn draws her famous line: "The calla lilies are in bloom again." Hear those classy Vassar vowels for yourself. *Stage Door*'s supporting

cast also includes Grady Sutton and Franklin Pangborn — the Stepin Fetchits of thirties effeminacy — and the art direction of Van Nest Polglase is a campy period delight — especially so is Adolphe Menjou's white-on-white penthouse in *Door* and Hepburn's glittery, satin-lined lovenest in *Baby*. Polglase is best known, I suppose, for his Astaire/Rogers interiors — remember his overwhelming art-deco cruise ship fantasies in *Shall We Dance*? You would if you were a Park Square regular.

Astaire and Rogers will be back, by the way, in the Jerome Kern, Oscar Hammerstein musical *Robert*, Sun.—Tues., Jan. 20—22. The co-feature is Judy Garland and Gene Kelly in the Cole Porter musical *The Pirate*, directed by Vincente Minelli. Enough said.

No, not quite. Freed is also bringing us Gloria Swanson in *Sunset Boulevard*; if you haven't seen this famous inside-Hollywood film — with Erich von Stroheim and William Holden — well, Swanson's clothes alone are worth the price of admission. Freed has paired *Boulevard* with the other Hepburn (Audrey) in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, altogether a stunning double-bill. And, at the end of the month, Miss G's *The Wizard of Oz* and another Minelli musical, *Ziegfeld Follies*, with Astaire, Kelly, Garland, Lucille Ball, William Powell, Red Skelton.....we shall overcome.

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# THE GAY PERSON AND VENEREAL DISEASE

by Donald M. Klein, D.D.S.

Venereal disease is a major health problem in the U. S. There are more than a million cases yearly, and many of these occur in the gay community. Many gays fear these diseases for other than the usual health reasons. Many straight physicians moralize about sex, making the gay person uncomfortable. Then there is the giving out of "contacts" which may be a sticky situation. Also there is the fear among gays that their anonymity will be destroyed leading to job loss, etc. And finally, there is the fear of opening up to straight people. Luckily, with much effort on the part of the gay community, enlightenment is coming to the medical field. Later in this article, I shall list clinics that treat us with dignity.

First, let me tell you about gonorrhea and syphilis, the two major venereal disease problems.



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## GONORRHEA

Gonorrhea is caused by the gonococcus bacteria. It thrives in the warm, moist mucous membrane tissues that line body openings. When exposed to air or subjected to slight temperature changes, these bacteria quickly die. Thus, you don't contract gonorrhea from toilet seats, dishes, or doorknobs. You get it from sexual contact with an infected person.

**Men:** Symptoms of gonorrhea in the male (usually showing up within 3 to 8 days after infection) are: BURNING when urinating and/or WHITISH DISCHARGE from penis. Scarring of the male tubes is common, so get it treated immediately. If you have penile symptoms, and you have fucked a friend in the past few days, you better get him treated too!

A man may be infected anally without any symptoms (though there may be a slight anal discharge and/or itching around the anus).

You can also get gonorrhea in your mouth from fellatio. Always ask for a throat culture. The clinic doesn't always remember to do this, since they still need education regarding gays and venereal disease.

**Women:** Nine out of ten infected women have NO symptoms of gonorrhea. In some women there is a discharge, but this is usually mistaken for something less serious. So please get checked out if there's the slightest chance of infection. Gonorrhea can cause damage to the female internal sex organs, and may prevent a woman from having children.

The early symptoms of gonorrhea (in both women and men) disappear without treatment. This does not mean that the disease is cured. It only means that the infection has moved away from the entry site to a deeper location.

**Treatment:** Gonorrhea can easily be cured by a physician's administration of antibiotics. DON'T try to treat it yourself. Inadequate self-doses of penicillin might only kill the weaker micro-organisms, causing the more destructive strains to take over and cause more damage.

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## SYPHILIS

The spirochete, the micro-organism causing syphilis, can survive in the open air for only a few seconds. Thus, like gonorrhea, syphilis is passed through sexual contact and not by toilet seats or cups.

The signs and symptoms depend on the duration of the disease:

**A) Primary Chancre:** This sore occurs from 10 to 90 days (21 average) after infection. This sore may be mistaken for something else, and, in any case, heals within one to five weeks. The chancre is not a dependable sign for syphilis. In some persons, it does not develop at all; in others, it might be too small to notice. If it does occur, it is at the site of entry (mouth, vagina, penis, anus). Gay men and all women need be especially careful, because a chancre would certainly not be noticed inside the anus or vagina. The chancre does not hurt or itch. A person may remain infectious (capable of passing this disease to others) for two years. The chancre is the most contagious stage of syphilis.

**B. Symptom-free Period:** This period usually lasts from 2 to 10 weeks.

**C. Secondary Lesions:** Following the symptom-free period, the person may develop sore throat, fever, and/or headaches. The skin may develop bumps ranging from a fine rash to oozing sores. Hair may fall out in patches. This period lasts anywhere from six months to two years. Throughout this stage, the person remains infectious to others. After this period, the syphilis will not be passed on to others, but will still continue destroying the infected person's body.

**D. Tertiary Stage:** The problems in this stage are severe: Brain damage (paresis); spinal cord damage producing severe leg pains, difficulty in walking (syphilitic gait), loss of bladder and bowel control; blindness; rupture of major heart vessels leading to death.

**Detection and Treatment:** The blood test for syphilis does not detect spirochetes in the blood. It detects the antibodies (reagin) which the body produces to fight the spirochetes. It may take as long as 3 months after infection for one to produce a positive blood test. So even if your first blood test is negative, you should have a retesting 3 months later if there is the slightest possibility of having been infected.

Syphilis can be treated effectively in any of its stages with penicillin or other drugs. **SEE A DOCTOR.** DON'T try to cure yourself.

Both men and women with untreated syphilis can infect others for about two years. There is one exception: a woman can infect an unborn child for an INDEFINITE PERIOD (even 10 years after initial infection). Congenital syphilis (inherited from a syphilitic mother) is not a pretty sight.



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## CRABS

Crab lice are a common problem. If you have a persistent itching in the pubic hair, take a close look for crabs. They can generally be seen, and look like small, brownish freckles. Crabs are passed from one person to another by sexual contact. They reproduce rapidly, covering your pubic area with their offspring in a few weeks after initial contact.

**Treatment:** This is one venereal problem you can cure yourself (and without a prescription). A medicine like A-200 lotion (which you can get at any drugstore) applied to the area will quickly kill these pests. Make sure to wash all clothing, bedsheets, etc. that may have come in contact with the crabs. Infected clothing can be a transmitter of this disease.

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## HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS

Herpes is a fairly common disease, but other than discomfort causes little harm. It appears as clusters of tiny blisters which soon burst and cause lots of itching. Herpes occurs most commonly on the lips where it is called a fever blister or cold sore. When it is found on the penis or labia, it is called Herpes Genitalia.

Herpes remains dormant (inactive) most of the time. It becomes active in times of stress, over-exposure to the sun, and for a variety of other reasons. Those 2 or 3 times a year that it becomes active, you can pass it to a sexual partner's lips or genitals.

**Treatment:** Once you've got Herpes, it will probably stay with you for many years if not for life. The healing process, which occurs naturally within a week to 10 days, can be accelerated by use of drying lotions or powders. A commercial preparation called Blistex has been recommended.

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## V. D. SERVICES AVAILABLE

1. Mass. General Hospital: V.D. detection and treatment is free to all people. All you need is a clinic card (issued free on your arrival), and you will receive considerate, personal, and confidential service. Phone: 726-2748.
2. Beth Israel Hospital: I have heard many compliments from the Gay Community on this clinic (especially the fast and courteous service). Phone: 734-4400 ext. 187 or 193.
3. Boston City Hospital: This hospital recently sent representatives to the Homophile Community Health Service (H.C.H.S.) to see how they could help serve the Gay Community better. Phone: 424-4081 or 424-4082.

All of the above mentioned clinics keep your name confidential. In fact, the information you give is protected against disclosure by a state law.

People under 18 do NOT need their parent's permission for treatment. Treatment will still be held confidential. Your parents will NOT be notified.

For more clinics, please call H.C.H.S. at 266-5477.

Venereal disease is a serious matter. One cannot merely wish gonorrhea or syphilis away. If you suspect that you have V.D., get checked now to prevent spreading it to others in our community. And please turn your friends on to the services available.



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## 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.

## CHARLES STREET APPAREL

123 Charles St.  
Men's Clothing Hand Made Shirts

## WHITCH

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

## GAY JEWS

We're having a get-together on Wed., Jan. 23 at 8:00 pm at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge Av., Boston. Let's meet each other and see where it takes us! A synagogue maybe? For more info call Linda Bach @ 523-6517 or write (or come by) Satya, c/o Gay Community News, 70 Charles St., Bos., Ma, 02114. Shalom,

## APT TO RENT

C. Bridgewater, M&/orF gays — \$150/mo. heated — 4 rms & bath. Write, GCN, 70 Charles St., Bos., Ma., GCN Box 41.

Ben of Pa. Furn you didn't come over the next nite. Please contact me. I want to help you to attend a school. Let me help you, I mean it too! 268-4342.

## THE MAJEKAL SYSTEM OF DEFENSE

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

## WHITCH

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

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

GWM needs roommate(s) in city. Friendly, quiet, and helpful. Enjoys living with men or women. New to city, needs to find a home soon. Write GCN, Box 144.

## HELP FOR HIRE

We do CLEANING and INTERIOR PAINTING and other odd jobs. Rates from \$3.00 — \$4.50 per hour. Experienced. (References on request) Write GCN Box 123 or call 440-9537 and ask for David.

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

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

## 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!

9:30AM to 12 MIDNITE DAILY  
SUNDAY 12-6 PM

18 BOYLSTON STREET  
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## Discount Records

## APT

4 rms, gas & gas. Acr St Lechm. Sq. \$90/mo. Call 268-4342.

Mormon and Gay? Frustrated by Church's position on homosexuality? Perhaps we could do something about it. Write Brother Gay, GCN Box 922.

TO JAY, please return the kiss the next time you see me. The person in the picture.

## 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 weeks. Interested? Write J.C. Kilburn, 502 Foundry St., So. Easton, Ma. 02375.

## ESPERANTISTOJ!

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

3M need M or F roommate for spacious (7 rm) Dorchester apt, near Fields Corner. \$40 + util & heat. John & Rick & Don @ 282-4977.

## DOMINANT MALE SOUGHT

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

## P.S. WHITCH

is back at the Saints Wednesday nights in January & Jan. 10, 11, 12.

## BROOKLINE

To share 5 rms, no lease or sec., \$110/mo. Prefer siml. GM quiet, steadily empl'd, 20's. Call 277-0382 aft. 4.

## LOOKING FOR HOME

GF 21 needs room in close, supportive, happy home. Pref. M&F must be near trans. Call Judi @ 731-8848, nights. Let's talk about it.

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.

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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.

## FREE CLASSIFIEDS

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:

- one issue for a 10-week subscription
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# DEBATE!

Heterosexuals spend an awful lot of time debating whether or not gays are sick. Here are some excerpts from a debate carried in the *New York Times*. The two people involved were Irving Bieber, M.D., clinical professor of psychiatry at the New York Medical College and Robert Spitzer, M.D., associate professor of clinical psychiatry at Columbia.

**SPITZER:** (To be called a psychiatric illness) the condition must either regularly cause subjective distress or regularly be associated with some generalized impairment in social effectiveness or functioning. Clearly homosexuality *per se* does not meet these requirements.....

**BIEBER:** There is no question in my mind: every male homosexual goes through an initial state of heterosexual development, and in all homosexuals, there has been a disturbance of normal heterosexual development. ....What you have in a homosexual adult is a person whose heterosexual function is crippled like the legs of a polio victim.... I can pick out the entire population at risk in male homosexuality at the age of 5, 6, 7, 8. If these children are treated, and their parents are treated, they will not become homosexuals.

**EDITOR DONALD JOHNSTON:** What difference does it make whether homosexuality is designated as a mental illness in the DSM (Manual of Psychiatric Disorders)?

**SPITZER:** Several years ago, I remember seeing a homosexual who was depressed after breaking up with his lover..... I think many homosexuals have avoided seeking psychiatric treatment because they believed their homosexuality would be attacked. This change will make it easier for homosexuals to get treatment when they want treatment, but they don't want their homosexuality disturbed..... If I could quote Freud, "Homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of. No vice, no degradation. It cannot be classified as an illness.".....

**BIEBER:** Everything I say applies only to our current culture. I can give you a group of cultures in which no homosexuality exists. One in which it's almost totally absent is the Israeli kibbutz.....

**SPITZER:** It seems wild to you because you have as your value system that everybody should be heterosexual.

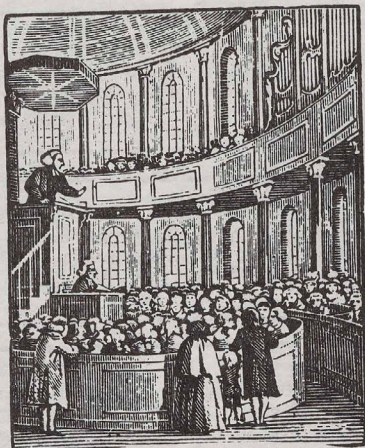
**BIEBER:** You think it's a value system? There are many homosexuals, maybe two-thirds of them, for whom heterosexuality is no longer possible.

**SPITZER:** But should they feel that their heterosexuality is injured or crippled?

**BIEBER:** .....they can view that their heterosexuality has been irreparably injured.

**SPITZER:** I cannot function homosexually, but I would not regard it as an injury. You wouldn't either.

**BIEBER:** That is not a counter-



part.

**SPITZER:** Well, I believe it is. We come into this world, according to psychoanalytic notions, with a polymorphous perverse sexuality.

**BIEBER:** I don't accept that.

**SPITZER:** The animal kingdom suggests that we do come in with an undifferentiated sexual response.

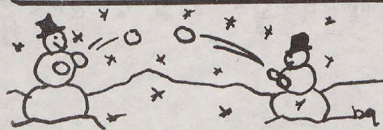
**BIEBER:** I'm surprised that you, as a biologist, could talk that way....

**SPITZER:** But the capacity for homosexual response is universal in the animal kingdom.....(and on and on)

Anyone who wished to write their opinions to these debaters could send their comments to the *New York Times*, Ideas and Trends section. Also, are there any conflicting reports from first-hand experience about the Israeli kibbutz?

## YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, BUT DO WE??

As a community newspaper, GCN wants to print news and information of interest to the entire gay community. Our small staff can't be everywhere at once, so if you hear of something of interest to gay people, let us know about it. Send news items to "News Editor," c/o GCN (be sure to include your name and phone number, or the name and phone number of someone else we can contact if we need more information), or call us at (617) 523-8729. You'll be helping the gay community.



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pects of the conference are more than welcome.

## Tentative Conference Schedule

**FRIDAY**  
Dance (8-11) Memorial Union Ballroom

## SATURDAY

Community Breakfast (Registration & Housing)

Announcements & Welcoming Committee

Workshops: S&M, Religion, Women vs. Men, Law Reform, News Media and State Organization

Community Supper

Movie (The Jail)

Coffee House - Folk Singers and "Gay-rilla" Theatre

## SUNDAY

Religious Services (Metropolitan Community Church & Dignity)

Brunch

Workshops: Lesbian Mothers, Transsexuals & Transvestites, and Gay Studies

Swimming and Volleyball

History of Homosexuality in Films

## HOW TO GET THERE

Directions from Providence: (45 min)

Take 95 South to Rt. 4 (E. Greenwich; Quonset Pt., Exit 9). Rt 4

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For further information call:

792-5817 - KGL Office

789-6030 - Tony, Harry, Stephen



Look for the area's first feminist bookstore "New Words" to open at 419 Washington St., Cambridge. The gala grand opening should be sometime during the first part of March. Stay tuned!

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.

# Movies

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Gays here have been protesting the movie *The Laughing Policeman*. According to protestors offensive language was used toward homosexuals by a major character in the film. The plot of the film deals with a homicide detective looking for a homosexual killer, that is a possible murderer who is possibly a homosexual.

San Francisco Chief of Police Don Scott also found the film offensive from his point of view, according to the *Advocate*. The gay groups picketing the film took on the title Gays Against Media Bigotry.

Although many individuals and groups were offended by the film, many have hinted that they are in a strange position because many gay people and police facilities were involved in the making of the picture.

Another upcoming film is the United Artists release *Busting*. The film deals with two vice squad cops whose dealings range from breaking up dope rings to raiding "fruit bars." Starring in the film are Elliott Gould, Allan Garfield, and Robert Blake.

According to people who have previewed the film, it shows most of the evils of a vice squad without making it obvious how disdainful these activities may be. Much criticism and perhaps protest is expected from the gay community upon the release of this film.

**YES, WE CAN!** A celebration by women, for women at a free all-day "Fair", January 18, 1974, 7:00 am to 11:00 pm at John Hynes Auditorium.



The Fifth Annual Birthday Bash for the Homophile Union of Boston will be held once again for the first time at the famous "Bill's Last Call", Sat., Jan. 19, 1974, 7-11 pm. For advance tickets (\$1.50) and further info call HUB - 536-6197.

Tickets will be \$2.00 at the door. Price includes Full Buffet, Entertainment, 2 Free Drinks, Door Prizes, Entertainment. Bring your friends.



# CALENDAR JAN. 17 — 30

Please submit Calendar items to  
"Calendar Editor," c/o GCN, by  
1:00 p.m. Monday prior to the issue date.

17	7:30 pm MCC Bible Study Group, info 266-7491 8:00 pm Les. Lib. Mtg., Women's Ctr., Cambridge 9:00 pm U-Mass Amherst SHL mtg., 908 Campus Ctr. 9:00 pm Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM, transex., D. Finbloom Nite: Project Place Gay Crisis Line: 267-9150	thursd
18	7am — 11pm Women's Fair, Hynes Auditorium 5:30-6:30 pm Hvd-Rdclf GSA, Brks Hse, info 498-3096 9:00-1:00 am Gay Dance, upstairs CSMH, \$1.50 donation	frida
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20	10:20 am Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM, 492-6450 1:00 pm Role Play in Dance, Bos Ctr f/Arts 539 Tremont, Fl 3 2:00-4:00pm Women's Basketball, Camb YWCA, Temp St, Cen Sq 5:30 — Interfaith Mass, cnr. Mass. Ave & Beacon St., Boston 6, 7, 8:15pm MCC mtg, ser, & filshp hr, rspctvly, Old West Church 7:00 pm Prov. MCC serv., 410 Waterman Ave., E. Prov. 8:00 pm Worc. Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, fl 3, rm 31	sunday
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