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U.N.H. wins?

CONCORD, N.H. — A Federal judge has ruled that the University of New Hampshire organization for gay students has a constitutional right to remain on campus and to hold social functions; thus ending, at least for a while, a battle that has raged between campus gays and N.H. Gov. Meldrim Thomson for several months.

The decision came on Wednesday, Jan. 16 from U. S. district court Judge Hugh Brownes in a suit brought against Gov. Thomson and the U.N.H. Board of Trustees by the gays.

Thomson began loudly complaining against the presence on campus of the Gay Students Organization (G.S.O.), after they hosted a dance at U.N.H. last November. The board of trustees then agreed to limit the activities of the G.S.O. They would no longer be allowed to hold "social functions." The play "Coming Out" had already been scheduled at that time and since it did not necessarily fit into the category of "social functions" it was presented one night in early December.

Angered by the fact that the play was presented and that copies of the Boston publication *Fag Rag* were distributed at the performance, Thomson then threatened to cut off all state building funds to the university unless the G.S.O. was removed from campus. Thomson was quoted as saying, "moral filth will no longer be allowed on our campuses."

In defense of their existence the G.S.O. then went to court, represented by David Hamlin of the A.C.L.U.

A large part of Gov. Thomson's defense centered around the testimony of witness Alan Bridle. (Bridle is the governor's student appointee to the U.N.H. board of trustees.) Bridle testified that members of the G.S.O. were distributing copies of *Fag Rag*. (The issue of *Fag Rag* in question contained an article titled "How to Proselytize." The governor apparently interpreted the alleged action as an attempt to convert innocent college students into homosexuals.)

Judge Brownes rejected Bridle's testimony. He ruled that under the protection of the 1st and 14th

Amendments, the gay students have a right to hold social activities on campus like other student clubs. Brownes said the university has the right to restrict the G.S.O. if the members incite violence or commit crimes but that the university presented no evidence that any crime had been committed.

Gov. to appeal

DURHAM, N.H. — The board of trustees of the University of New Hampshire has voted 14-9 to appeal the decision of U.S. District Court Judge Hugh Brownes on the rights of the Gay Students Organization here.

The trustees, acting on the recommendation of Gov. Meldrim Thomson, voted to authorize counsel to appeal the decision to the circuit court in Boston. University counsel Joseph Millimet told the board, "I am not sanguine about the outcome of an appeal. I may be bloodied just as much in the court of appeals."

David DeKing of the G.S.O. said, "I would hope, even expect, that it will be thrown out of court before it gets to Boston." DeKing said that the G.S.O. is unsure at this point what action, if any, they will initiate themselves against the university. He said that the trustees were only trying as best they could to get the whole matter cleared up and left to their own devices would probably not be showing any ill will toward the G.S.O. He felt that the governor was initiating the whole incident. "The governor is using us to take advantage of the university which he believes is undesirably liberal," DeKing said.

Elaine's party

Elaine Noble will celebrate her birthday as guest of the newly formed Committee to Elect Her this Saturday, January 25 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Bob White's 1270.

The hosting committee is asking for a \$5 donation in its first fund raising effort for Ms Noble who has not officially thrown her name in the hat as a candidate for State Representative.

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HUB's Fifth a Bash

The large banquet room at Bill's Last Call was packed to overflowing with festive gays sharing H.U.B.'s fifth anniversary celebration. It was the evening of Jan. 19, and the unity and gaiety of the participants was a fitting tribute to five years of service to Boston's Gay Community by the Homophile Union of Boston. H.U.B. wanted this night to be "not only a special night for H.U.B. members, but also as a unique event to be shared by the entire gay community." The whole community, indeed, was well represented. There were Paul Shanley, everyone's favorite priest, Loretta Lotman of Gay Media Action, and representatives

from D.O.B., the Charles St. Meetinghouse, the Advocate, Gay Community News, and a cast of hundreds of joyful brothers and sisters.

A sumptuous buffet, dancing, and entertainment rounded out the evening. Among the entertainers were folksingers Linda Lochman, Jan Fields, and Alex Kelly. Then there was a short play consisting of a "turnabout" where gay people confront heterosexuals about their sexual orientation.

H.U.B.'s eventual objective is to "remove all legal sanctions and public discrimination against homosexuals and to instill a sense of pride and integrity within all gay people."

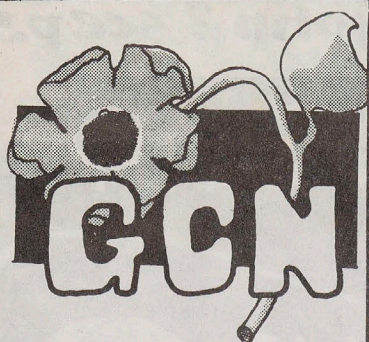
Yes, We Tried

"Yes We Can," an all-day fair sponsored by the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and the WBZ Public Affairs Department, at Hynes Auditorium January 13, was supposed to be a day for women to get together to discuss their role in society. In the words of Raysa Bonow, creator of the fair, "the purpose of this day is to bring all women together in one common cause... the celebration of women, and the exploration of all the wonderful things that have evolved in the last three and a half years."

The auditorium itself served as a melting-pot accommodation to diverse opinion. Thirty-five booths, set up by local community organizations, distributed literature and ad-

vice on how to find what you're looking for — in almost any life style. Subject matter distributed smacked of disparity, including women and law, fashion, culinary arts, crafts, household hints, employment, business, insurance, day care, children's toys, sex, education, medical concerns, credit, plant life, lesbianism and media women. Since many women were unable to attend the fair, WBZ broadcast speakers and discussions all day in an attempt to reach as many women as possible. Programming, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., was broken down to focus on the working woman, the woman-at-home, and the younger woman. Testimony given by women in the Gardner Auditorium at the

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REACTIONS:

Dear Sir:

With reference to volume 1, number 28, Dec. 29, 1973, I feel that the Bouquets & Brickbats Awards section needs a more careful approach: less flip, more perceptive. For example:

A Gilded Trash Can with Eternal Flame (page 9, bottom right), condemns Nini's Corner, Harvard Square, for not accepting GCN. Although you may not agree with their choice, Nini's carries The Advocate, CQ, Ciao, Body, and one or two physique magazines. Well now, what can you expect in a store with children's comic books only a few feet away? At least they do carry that trash. And when I buy it there, the clerks either offer me a bag or understandingly respond when I ask for one. I think we have a friend in Nini's, but we must be a friend in return.

Last Year's "We Always Get Our Man" Trophy (page 10, upper left) mocks the Boston Police Vice Squad for seizing films after their runs have ended. Whoever wrote that item should go to the movies more often. To me, your item is sufficient explanation for the obvious censorship of gay films in Boston since the Supreme Court's ruling. The only, or almost the only, hard core stuff is in the previews, and sequences in the previews are missing from the film when it is shown as the feature. It would seem that the ineptness of the Boston Police Vice Squad has succeeded, without messy court action, in showing that the Boston Police mean business. Result: If you want to see fellatio in Boston, lose weight and put a mirror next to your bed. (Yes, I know there are other ways; but this letter may be intercepted!) . . .

N. Even Older Gay

GCN:

I am outraged at the ideas of Reverend R. Burns and the Cita Center, that were expressed in the December 26th issue of your paper. Each to his own (and to his own ideas) but just because he believes — doesn't mean he can force it down the throats of people — gay people like myself.

I want Rev. R. Burns to think about something he must have forgotten: GOD LOVES ALL MANKIND, and the Bible tells us "even the worst of people are accepted into Christ's heart — even sinners," (though I do not consider myself a sinner nor do I feel as though other gay brothers and sisters are sinners just because of the way they live). In fact, I also want him to know that I am deeply involved in my church and do not hold back my life from any of my congregation, and I am totally accepted.

Gay persons unfortunately are being driven from the churches all over the country, by people like the Rev. Burns. Most gays have been repeatedly told that they are wrong in the eyes of the Church. Upon listening to this since they made their choice (either openly or secretly) they begin to feel that they should be ashamed of themselves and that they should not be seen in the eye of Christ. They are told that they should hide their faces in shame. THIS DOT NOT BE SO, FRIENDS!

I must say also that I totally enjoy your paper. In fact, I would like to get a year's subscription but my landlord receives my mail and would most likely put me out on the street if she saw it. Is it possible to put it in an envelope? I'm sure that this could be of an advantage to others also.

Keep up the good work and here's to our future.

Nathaniel Gregory Atwood

Editor's Note: Perhaps other GCN readers are concerned about receiving a subscription in the mail. Be assured that all GCN subscriptions are mailed in a sealed, "no-peek" envelope.

corrections on bills

The following are corrections on the numbers of the bills described in the Jan. 12 issue of GCN. Everything in the New Gay Bills article was correct except the bill numbers; the committee assignments are new information.

H.2524 (Buxbaum) "Legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual preference under the Employment Security Law" [employment, housing, credit, etc.]

H.2525 (Buxbaum) "To prohibit discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of sexual preference." Commerce & Labor committee.

H.2582 (Frank) "Prohibits discrimination in the sale of insurance." Insurance Committee.

H.2601 (Frank) "To repeal the laws prohibiting certain sexual acts." Judiciary committee.

H.2604 (Frank) "A legislative amendment to the constitution providing equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, sexual preference, creed or national origin." Judiciary committee.

H.2627 (Businger) "Prohibiting discrimination in examination or applications for public employment." Public Service committee.

tative from the newly formed district encompassing Bay Village and the Fenway.

A \$5 donation for a good time and company is a bargain these days but: why support Elaine Noble?

Sara Wenig, the unofficial campaign manager who first met Ms Noble while attending Emerson College, is excited and awed by her new job. Asked why she supports Ms Noble, she said, "She has been a prominent Gay lobbyist on Beacon Hill and was one of a few individuals responsible for Gay Americans Day. She knows the political system. She knows how to get bills through.

"She's a lesbian and a feminist; it's a hard thing to separate the two. Being a lesbian does not make her any less a woman or any less a feminist. But it isn't her lesbianism that makes her unique.

"She has a dynamic personality. She can hold up under pressure. And she makes a better impression than most people. Where Nixon isn't appealing, she is."

Cheri Barden, president of DOB, said she will not be running solely as a gay candidate because there are a lot of issues. Her constituents will cover many groups of people including a large number of elderly.

Ms Barden pointed out that Elaine Noble as a member of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus has learned how to relate with the whole community.

"Elaine is a rising star who happens to have the quality of gayness. It's Elaine's way of doing things, she's at ease. She has a way with people — that's her charm. She has that beautiful smile."

Rev. Gibson, minister of the Charles Street Meetinghouse church, community leader and Gay activist, was particularly outspoken about Ms Noble's qualifications. "People shoot their mouths off about her being closeted and don't have nearly the guts she has. She is highly qualified and as far as I'm concerned, she is the best thing coming or going."

Robert Dow, president of H.U.B., said, "Elaine is directly responsible for the stand that the National Organization of Women took on Gay rights. She is directly responsible for the Emerson College Gay group. She is moderator of the weekly Gay Way radio program and has been involved in public speaking on gay issues for several years around the state.

"She is open, honest and very beautiful. When she talks to people, she is electrifying."

Although invitations were sent out for the early evening gala event, the Gay Community and public are cordially invited. The highly touted all womens band "WHITCH" will provide the entertainment. The music, one drink and a light buffet will be provided.

GAME TIME

(The following is from a leaflet that has been distributed by the Unitarian Gay Caucus of Chicago.)

GAY QUESTIONS/STRAIGHT ANSWERS

This program was designed with the idea that reversals are one of the best methods for raising consciousness.

Directions: In situations where Gays are invited to be resource people for straight groups, ask for 4 to 6 straight volunteers (male and female divided equally) from the audience to serve as a mock television panel. Request that for the purpose of gaining new insights, the group project a new world where social standards are reversed, in this new world Gay life styles are everywhere present and heterosexuality is considered an abnormality. One or two Gays then assume the role of television interviewer(s) — setting the scene with name of program, purpose of having a panel of heterosexual deviants, etc. Ask the panel the following questions. Experience has shown that these eleven questions elicit the best responses.

1. When and how did you first realize you were a heterosexual?
2. Why are you heterosexual? Isn't it out of fear or rejection? We have read that heterosexuals like you have histories of failures in Gay relationships.

3. Isn't it possible that you are just going through a phase and that sooner or later you'll get over it and be Gay like the rest of us?
4. With such obvious physical differences, how can a man possibly understand what pleases a woman sexually or a woman what pleases a man?
5. We concede that heterosexuals like yourselves should not be treated as criminals and that the real problem here is that you are sick. Psychiatrists have now developed ways to cure your type of sickness through aversion therapy, shock treatments and hormone supplements. Which of these methods have you tried? If not any, why not?
6. Why would anybody want to hire a heterosexual?
7. I feel very uncomfortable around you-people because you are always trying to seduce or convert me to your perversion. Why must you do that?
8. Why do you feel like you have to tell everyone you are heterosexual? Can't you just be one and keep it quiet?
9. I don't understand why in your heterosexual world, certain tasks and personality traits are narrowly assigned to men and others to women. Why do you use such out dated and unhealthy masculine-feminine role playing especially since it makes you so obvious?
10. If you could have had a choice, wouldn't you rather have been homosexual?
11. What do you people want?

Additional Questions If Time Allows:

If you chose to nurture children, would you want them to be heterosexual, knowing the problems they would face?

Don't you think it's possible that all you really need is a good Gay lover?

Why are there so few long lasting relationships among heterosexuals?

Why is there such a high divorce rate among heterosexuals?

Why do you tend to use each other as sex objects?

Why do you insist on being so obvious and blatant and have to parade around showing your sexual orientation?

Crime statistics show the great majority of sex crimes are committed by heterosexuals, particularly men. Do you really feel safe having children in your care taught or counseled by heterosexuals?

Why are a disproportionate number of people in mental hospitals heterosexuals if you're not all sick?

Does being heterosexual mean that you're sexually interested in every person of the opposite sex?

If a person has loving friends of the opposite sex — at what point do these feelings make one a heterosexual?

The Tag in the fifth row

by Jonathan Cross

A Commentary on area entertainment of gay interest.

Vanity Fair

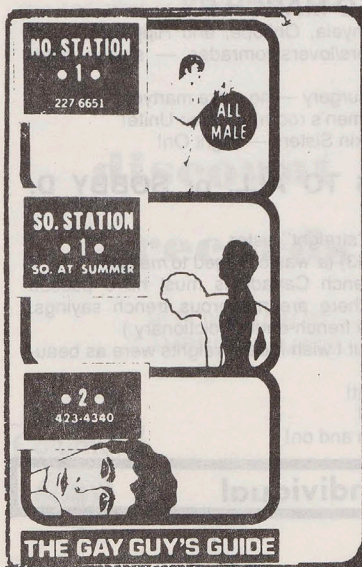
We caught the show at the Cabaret Lounge last weekend, and offer herewith an impression of this very gay, very entertaining new nightspot (on the off-chance you weren't there yourself).

It is just not enough to say that the Cabaret is both a dance hall and a show bar; the place has been conceived as a grand, if somewhat demonic, scale — somewhere between Barnum & Bailey and Federico Fellini. Basically, I suppose, it's a converted garage, or parking facility, or something. The designers have left empty thousands of square feet, simply installing two bars, one elliptical affair at the level of the vast dance floor, and another elevated on a series of ingenious curved platforms and stagings, connected with ramps, runways, and short flights of sinuous steps, treacherous in the half-light. A repetitive

light show fills one huge wall, and the disk jockey occupies a suspended wire cage, strung with flashing lights. His music is good, loud, and continuous, and the dance floor is wherever you happen to be. But be warned: despite its huge size, the place was wall-to-wall humanity last Saturday. Hundreds and hundreds of us (and a scattering of with-it straights), have found an up-front, far-out contemporary watering place.

The show bar is also out-sized, crackling with energy, and decidedly *not* for the faint of heart. Boston suddenly has a big-town gay nightclub, and last weekend it was jammed to the rafters.

The headliner was Mr. Brandy Leigh — a '70s version of China Machado — backed by a rack combo and a go-go boy in silver *lamé*. His show, fast, funny, and very dirty, concentrates on the pleasures and perils of the flesh; it features Mr. Leigh as a Vegas showgirl and his co-star Glenn Eliot creditably miming Moms Mabley. Like all dirty humor, the show is sexist and insulting. I don't like to think too long about the implications of drag shows and lavender humor, but Mr. Leigh and company brought down the house. At any rate, the Cabaret Lounge is filling its function with flash and verve and style. It's on Lansdowne Street, a block or two from Kenmore Square in the shadow of the ballpark.



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FOCUS ON:

THE B.U. HOMOPHILE LEAGUE

The Boston University Homophile League, the only gay organization on campus, is comprised of approximately 30 students. Primarily a social activities oriented group, the Homophile League is planning a gay dance this February, in cooperation with MIT and Harvard. But Boston University's gay students have shown their political gay consciousness on numerous occasions, such as last November, when the school's Homecoming Parade was infiltrated by the banners and bodies of the Homophile League. Although the president of B.U. was reported as being very upset over the gay showing in the annual parade, no repercussions were felt by the gay students on campus. Sandy Barkey, president of the League, feels that there is very little anti-gay sentiment on campus, that there is no harassment or oppression as being experienced by gay students in Maine and New Hampshire.

About the only reaction towards gays is the discussion of homosexuality as a topic in psychology classes. However, Sandy has been the recipient of several threatening telephone calls as a result of heading the League.

The organization is not funded by the school, but the Student Union has helped the League financially at times. A teacher-advisor to the group has been provided and recently, a twice weekly, hour-long gay sex-information phone line is in operation. The line is part of the (353-) EROS B.U. sex information service. The Boston University Homophile League has brought various speakers and movies to the school for the benefit of gay and straight students. The News, a B.U. newspaper, has run a gay comic strip in the past, and the gay student organization is currently planning a table for the students activities night.

forum

GRAFFITI

In GCN's further attempts to find out what the gay community thinks, we realized that there was already a forum of sorts very close to home — in the bathroom of the Charles Street Meetinghouse. On those venerable walls we found scribbles and scratches representing the feelings of more people than have ever expressed their views on this page. The wealth of material necessitated some selectivity; so we chose to exclude that material which was either illegible, purely pornographic, or named specific individuals (Nixon excepted). Another subjective decision on what was most interesting had to be made, with emphasis on subjects of debate within the community. As always, your comments are encouraged.

PHILOSOPHY

1. It's my weakness more than your strength.
2. "Life is but a sound between two silences." — Deacon
3. It doesn't matter what you are as long as you love all people.

POLITICS

4. "I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that which you heard is not what I meant." — Richard M. Nixon
5. I'm sick of all the politics on bathroom walls. I say that it can be summarized as follows:
—Gays have to solve their own problems
—Nobody gives a fuck about Vietnam anymore
—Most people are into living their own lives with a small circle of friends and don't give a damn about anything else.
—Boston-Cambridge is a small and isolated bubble in a large country that doesn't think like it.
6. (response to 5) Bullshit
7. (response to 5) Oppression leaves no choice but to fight to live or acquiesce.
8. (response to 7) There's a hell of a lot of acquiescing goin' on!
9. (above men's room toilet) Welcome to the Richard M. Nixon Memorial Fountain.

SISTERHOOD

10. I love my sisters! because they are my sisters—not so that I can use them or denigrate them—but because they are — Sisterhood IS powerful (and it feels good too!).

BISEXUALITY

11. I love men and women, and I refuse to refuse to love anyone that I consider worth loving, regardless of their sex!
12. (response to 11) Ambisexual Liberation!
13. (response to 11) Right On, my love!
14. (response to 11) Bisexuals have the same right to self definition that gay people demand. No stereotypes, Please!
15. Our bodies are accidents of fate — what we love is the soul, my sisters!
16. Hi!, I'm bi!
17. (response to 16) So am I!
18. (response to 16) We're a dying race sister!
19. (response to 18) No, we're just the beginning!
20. All I can say is Gay Is The Way!
21. (response to 20) Gay Is A Way!
22. Not straight, not gay, not bi . . . but omnisexuality-liberation.

CELEBRATIONS

23. Celebrate, friends of C.S.M.H.—celebrate the liberation of the middle class white male! Universalism lives!

SELF ANALYSIS

47. I never saw such unoriginal graffiti in my life — get with it people!

HUMOR???

24. (found in men's room) The sensious woman masterbates here!
25. Masterbation is a touchy subject!
26. (found in women's room) What is the definition of jello? Kool-aid with a hard on!
27. Gay is good to feel and touch — beautiful people in levis, but NO heavy sex.
28. (response to 27) Baby, as ugly as you are, you can't be fussy!

THE GREAT MEN'S ROOM DRAG DEBATE

29. Let's kill the stereotype fag who lisps and minces all over the place — Gays grow up!
30. (response to 29) Let's quit kissing the straight people's asses and be as "obnoxious" as possible if that's our style! The man is saying that only the masculine principle is respectable and that spells S.E.X.I.S.M. — love to my brothers and sisters, a ♀
31. (response to 30) Bullshit! Most of it is put on—grow up! No one is saying only the masculine principle is good, but deliberately being overly effeminate is disgusting. If you have no gender identity, you need help!
32. Drag queens are sick. They make the rest of the gays look bad in the eyes of the straight world. Let's end obnoxious camping too and act dignified like we have intelligence.
33. (response to 32) You're sick.
34. (response to 33) You're both sick to call someone else sick.
35. (response to 32) Honey, the day you decide you're a faggot is the day you will get all kinds of hell, and drag queens have a hell of a lot more balls than you ever had.
36. (response to 35) Drag queens are an insult to women. The lowest tramp never acted like the cheap drags that walk the streets of Boston. Gay is good, but acting sick is something else — there can be no gay liberation as long as gays act like the stereotypes that Tv makes us out to be.
37. (response to 36) And now YOU are deciding who is sick and who isn't?

AND IT CONTINUES INTO THE GREAT WOMAN'S ROOM DRAG DEBATE

38. Transvestites are pigs who mock and degrade women.
39. (response to 38) They mock women they don't identify with sister.
40. (response to 38) If this be true, then Butch Bull Dikes are pigs who mock and degrade men. So why don't you call everyone a faggot nigger and wrap the case up?
41. (response to 40) (Butch bull dikes) ignore men and refuse to chew scum bags.
42. (response to 41) Everyone learns in their own time.
43. (response to ?) Right On! Queens illustrate the absurdity of the female role!
44. Drags are disgusting poor imitations of women.

POETRY

JESUS

45. was a lover
who had no cover
so they strung him up
& now he's fed up
with the shit that you assholes put on,
& so he's leavin you to your games
& goin where people are knowin his name.
46. Roses are red
Violets are blue
Gay is the way,
so why don't you?

ON PEOPLE

- (many notable gays have anonymous derogatory slurs about them adorning the walls, this writer included — Surprise!)
48. Will the "real" ——— please shut up and sit down!
 49. (response to 48) People are always resentful of those who have either made it or who they think have more than they do. What they don't know or don't care about is that ——— and a lot of us have worked our asses off to get where we have gotten.
 50. (can I respond to 49?) Where have we gotten?

SEXISM

51. We are all children of the universe. Let us all love one another in peace and harmony.
52. (response to 51) How can one live in peace and harmony when men have been [next word illegible] women for years.
53. (response to 51) Are you equal with your man? (no one even said "what man?"
54. Do what you think is fair.
55. I want to fuck you honey — honey I love it.
56. (response to 55) Be my guest!
57. (response to 55) Sexist, you oppress women.
58. (response to 57) How do you know a dude wrote that?

SLOGANS TO MARCH BY

59. Avenge Oreithyeia, Ontiope, and Hippolyte, three Amazon sisters/lovers/comrades — smash patriarchy.
60. Stop psycho surgery — no more martyrs.
61. (huge sign in men's room) Women Unite!
62. Keep on Truckin Sisters — Right On!

GREETINGS TO ALL, or SOBBY D. WAS HERE

63. Love to all, a "straight" sister.
64. (response to 63) (a was changed to many).
65. (a bus of French Canadians must have passed through, for there are numerous french sayings, but I forgot my french-english dictionary.)
66. I'm straight, but I wish most straights were as beautiful as gays!
67. Boston is great!
Make it better!
68. and on and on and on!

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DID YOU SEE?

by Wendy Bauman
and Ginny Collins

Boston Globe, January 13, 1974: Ann Landers, don't you know the new trend is to be proud of what you are? Even if it is gay? Or black? Or a Jew? asks a writer. To compare homosexuality with "any ethnic group is about as cockeyed an analogy as I have ever heard," according to Ms. Landers. Still, "I don't view deviant sexual behavior as something to be proud of."

Boston Globe, January 13, 1974: Judy Jarvis gives an up-date of the Wayne April-University of New Hampshire issue. Since the threat of Gov. Meldrim Thomson cutting off funding to the university, April and his lawyer, Richard Cohen of the American Civil Liberties Union, have filed suit to insure "the rights of people to peaceably assemble." The suit comes as response to the prohibition of gay social functions at the university. If the Federal court is unfavorable, April will appeal the decision.

Female Liberation Newsletter, January 14, 1974: The 1973 videotape of the Lesbian Conference is available. It is 1/2 inch standard tape for \$25 a copy. For further information write to Vulva Video, 606 Venezia Ave., Venice, Calif. 90291.

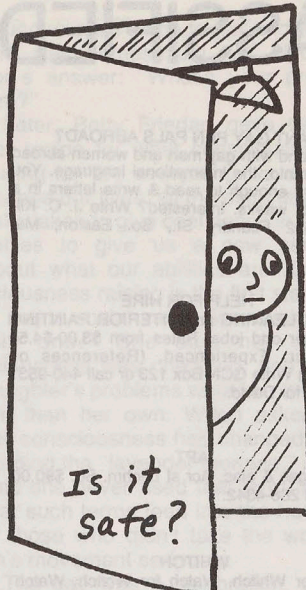
Boston Globe, January 8, 1974: Ann Landers defends herself: "In the past I have said homosexuals are sick, in the sense that homosexuality is a dysfunction, a form of aberrant behavior. My opinion has not changed." Yet Ms. Landers is "18 years ahead of the American Psychiatric Association" — she's "battling to have all questions relating to sexual behavior removed from employment applications. I am also fighting to protect homosexuals from job discrimination." Maybe Ms. Landers would care to investigate some statistics?

Boston Globe, January 13, 1974: Page 43, no by-line: The Christian Civic League opposes formation of a homosexual club at the University of Maine, Orono campus. The 25-member Silde-Stein club was opposed by the Rev. Benjamin Buber on the grounds that since homosexuals do not reproduce, they must recruit. The objection is to perversion, "although it has existed for many centuries," as part of the campus social life.

Boston Globe, January 8, 1974: Carolyn Clay reviews "Suppose I Fall." C. C. says it's similar to the Stan Edelson, 1972 version of "Come Closer, You're Smothering Me." But, this time it's a broadened (by "a homosexual dimension") marriage manual. Still, Ms. Clay likens it to a therapeutic group session of role playing. There are some good words in the review though — mainly about homosexual relationships, and the 'actors' "do some nice work."

Female Liberation Newsletter, January 14, 1974: A lesbian group is forming. First meeting was on January 17, at Female Liberation Office, 639 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Rm. 314. Call F.L. for further information.

Time Magazine, January 21, 1974: Turn to page 63, "The Sexes." The article is about transsexuals, and it's not half bad.



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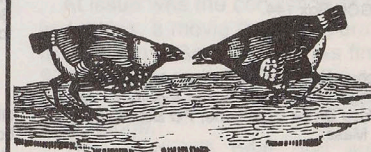
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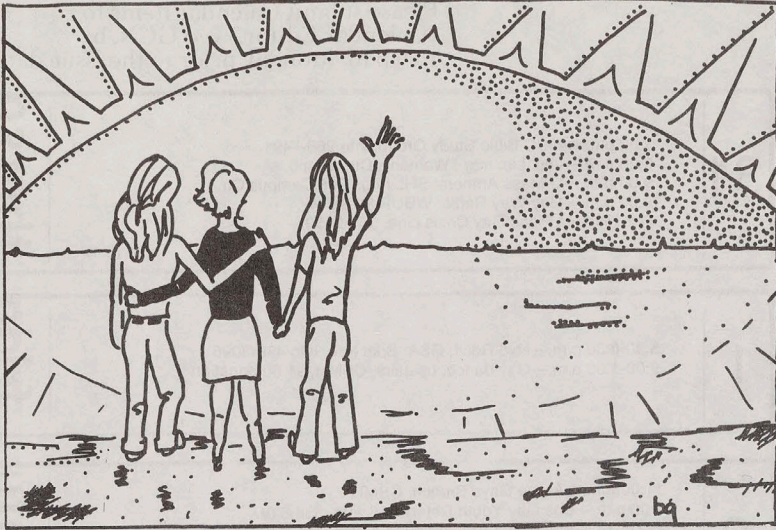
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State House was also televised.

Early morning programming, emphasizing the working women's situation, offered expert opinion on day care, financing, cooking, insurance, health, and the poor woman's plight. Experts were later available for consultation.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the woman-at-home was emphasized by discussion on roles these women take. Many third world women participated in early morning discussions, but as time went on fewer were appearing. Arniece Russell, the current Miss Black America, and participant on the televised discussions, told GCN she felt there was a certain amount of tokenism at the fair. She said black women had not been represented as thoroughly as they should have been. Ms. Russell felt that sexism and racism have been so institutionalized that they are hard to recognize. She continued to say that there were relatively few minorities represented, and as for "liberalism," the fair had something to be desired. Some of the topics discussed in this time spot included, an examination of roles played in marriage, pregnancy, children's toys, household protection, plants, widowhood, sex, and the changing role of women today.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., evidence of women's changing role was manifest in a protest march representing some 38 feminist groups in the area. Protesters felt it was unreasonable that WBZ should use women and the women's movement to perpetuate commercialism. They objected to the lack of representation of working women, minorities, and low income women. The feminists felt that the booths dealing with fashion and beauty, and food, were not relevant to the Women's Liberation Movement.

In a leaflet which they distributed among the 20,000 women attending, the protesters listed these grievances:

First, that the sponsorship of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women fostered the false impression that government is sympathetic to and working for the Women's

Other third world response came from Elma Lewis, who, when asked how she felt about black representation at the fair said that black women weren't there because they're not interested. The black woman has a different problem. Hers is not a problem of man to woman, as is the white woman's. Ms. Lewis never questioned whether she would work, and she never expected to have difficulty gaining professional status. Black men would be expected to wash dishes or change diapers if his wife was working. So the black woman's oppression is not sexual. It is racial. "You don't depend or rely on any one else's opinion of yourself, and you don't ask for permission. You don't get power by asking for it, you just take it." Elma always wanted things her way, so she did them her way.

The next segment of programming focused on the younger woman. Sexual problems, abortion, birth control, careers, natural foods and consciousness raising were among the topics discussed.

Lesbianism was represented at the fair by the Daughters Of Bilitis. DOB shared a booth with the National Organization for Women — in the rear of the booth. Some DOB members resented the position, likening it to blacks at the back of the bus in the South. The response to DOB by women walking through each booth was incredible. They picked up literature, bought Focus (the DOB newsletter), and also purchased old and new copies of the Gay Community News.

Elaine Noble was there, and was interviewed by Pat Mitchell. Elaine disclosed that she is the "lesbian in residence on the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women." Her plans include outreach programs in which she can talk with communities and get information out to them regarding homosexuality. Standing by was Helen Reddy whose feeling about homosexuality is that it's like being left-handed, a natural difference. After the interview, Pat Mitchell asked Dr. Carol Nadelson, psychiatrist at Beth Israel Hospital, what she would do if a

young woman came to her and said she was homosexual. Dr. Nadelson's answer: "What's your problem?"

Later, Betty Friedan gave GCN her recipe for what consciousness raising is: "It's everything we do to change our lives, all the actions and risks taken to give confidence in ourselves to give us a new sense about what our abilities are. Consciousness raising is the first step in a major social revolution such as this one." She said her consciousness was changing, and her daughter's problems would be different than her own. When asked if her consciousness had changed regarding the "lavender menace," she said she never used that term, and that such terms feed into the hands of those who didn't take the women's movement seriously.

The day was a celebration, and many regarded it as a success. For those who didn't, maybe part of the problem was the various stages of development women were at who participated and viewed the events of the day. Education is slow, but maybe WE CAN after all.

en's Liberation Movement; Second, that most issues were "represented by established and safe institutions," giving instances of lack of representation of tenants' organizations in the housing section, of "low-cost legal groups such as Legal Aid or the Lawyers' Guild" in the legal help booth, and of "community-based health groups such as the Lesbian Therapy Research Project" in the health section; And last, that "Business is trying to co-opt the Women's Movement." The feminists objected to the involvement of the corporate sponsors Polaroid, DuPont, and WBZ owner Westinghouse, stating that they could not support "corporations which have distorted women's needs and image in this country to create a huge consumer market."

After they made their presence felt with a demand for "Liberation, not Tokenism," some of the feminists were invited to air their views in a televised interview with WBZ's Sonya Hamlin. During the interview, Leslie Kagan, one of the representatives of the group, said, "We are outraged at the role big business has played in this fair. Women don't have to learn how to put on makeup, as one of the booths here would have us believe; but rather, we have to learn how to fight a system that keeps us powerless."

The protesters met with a favorable reaction from the women in the auditorium. At the end of their allotted air time, the feminists left the stage and resumed handing out leaflets.

Because the broadcasting was supposed to reach as many women, and as many kinds of women as possible, the protesters were invited to share their feelings on the air. Later, a spokeswoman said she felt the offer was a token, but necessary to accept.

Protesters also felt that the fair was not representative of all women. Third world women, Spanish

speaking women, etc., were not represented as well as they should have been. In fact, some were not represented at all. In response to the objectors, Florence Kennedy, civil rights lawyer and a founder of the National Organization for Women, said that WBZ should be last on the list of confrontation for the feminists. The real question, Ms. Kennedy posed, is to find out who your real enemy is. Ms. Kennedy asked the women what they have done in response to other stations broadcasting habits. "What have you done about 'I Love Lucy' or 'Flipper'?"

Court looks at porno again

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed recently to review its decision of last June, which permitted states and local communities to make their own decisions as to what is obscenity in films.

At issue was the conviction of Billy Jenkins, a movie theatre operator from Albany, Ga. Jenkins was fined \$750 and placed on 12 months probation for showing the film "Carnal Knowledge."

The court will hear oral arguments on Jenkins' appeal later this term and will hand down a new decision, which may give new guidelines on obscenity and pornography in films and publications.

Britons Ban Books

LONDON, England — 450 copies of the Gay Liberation Book were seized here and declared obscene recently. The book is in its second printing and was published last January. The banning of political books in England is a new practice and is said to reflect the conservative feeling growing in the country. Recently there have been several anti-pornography campaigns in England and gay liberation has been singled out as corruptive of youth.

Closet Spacers tell all

This week, "Closet Space" takes a more personal look at gay life with personal views and statements by the program's staff members on their own coming out; Douglas Prince reads a letter from two straight friends; Donovan's music is featured; "Jack Armstrong" reads the latest in gay news and announcements; and several other segments are featured.

"Closet Space" is broadcast Sunday mornings at 10:20 on WCAS Radio, 740 on the AM dial. If you wish to contribute ideas or written material to the show, write: "Closet Space," WCAS Radio, 620 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139.

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