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Maine campus trouble

ORONO, Maine—Trustees of the University of Maine at Orono have overridden the university president to allow Maine's first gay conference to be held on campus.

The trustees' unanimous decision came last Thursday. The decision reversed a ruling by university presi-

dent Howard Nevell, who had earlier said the Wilde-Stein Club could not sponsor a gay conference on campus.

The Wilde-Stein Club, named in honor of gay writers Oscar Wilde and Gertrude Stein, had asked permission to sponsor the conference in the university's conference center.

Sturgis Haskins, a gay leader on campus, speculated that the trustees voted to support the gays because the Maine Civil Liberties Union announced it would join the Wilde-Stein Club in fighting the case in court.

The student governing board also unanimously voted to support the club in a court fight.

Haskins said indications of trouble began when he asked the conference center director for permission to use the conference center April 20 for

the gay conference.

The center director advised him that approval would have to come from the university vice president.

Haskins later heard from the campus director of equal opportunity that the university president had assumed responsibility for the case.

Haskins said he was unable to contact president Nevell. But he learned from a presidential assistant and the student government president that the president had denied permission to use the building.

The president's decision supposedly was based on the fact that this is an election year in Maine, and many Maine residents might be offended by the gay conference.

The president also cancelled the university library's subscriptions to *The Advocate* and *Focus*.

Haskins said the subscriptions probably will be resumed, although no official action has been taken yet.
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Jewish gay group

Three minyans (30 people) met together Jan. 23 to share their common heritage as Jews and gay people. A minyan is the minimum of 10 men required to have a synagogue service. This group has, of course, discarded the patriarchal rule of 10 "men." One's heart, and not one's body type, is the important factor in serving God. The meeting was well represented by both women and men, and there were even a few token Christians. M.C.C. (Gay Christian group) and the Old West Church congregation generously donated their historic church for this occasion.

Many ideas were discussed, and it was generally agreed that a combined spiritual study group meeting would be held on Friday, Feb. 1. This meeting will be at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, at 8 p.m. A committee was set up to present a Sabbath candlelighting and prayer program for the Feb. 1 meeting. After the spiritual program

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APA backsteps

A petition has been received at the headquarters of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) bearing the required 200 signatures of members demanding a poll of the entire APA membership on the question of the deletion of the term "homosexuality" from the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. The question on the move will be sent out to all members in February.

Critics of the deletion on homosexuality from the manual see the Trustees of the APA as bowing to the pressures of gay activists and irresponsibly moving to water down the APA's stand to the newly created category—"sexual orientation disturbance."

In defense of the decision, Dr. Robert L. Spitzer, basically upon whose rationale the manual was changed, argues simply that many homosexuals function well, lead basically happy lives and are quite comfortable and cannot be classified as "sick" simply because they have sexual relations primarily with members of their own sex. The category "sexual orientation disturbance" is for those homosexuals who, due to various pressures, either need help in adjusting to their sexuality or if they so desire changing their sexual orientation.

Gay Liberation groups will now have to watch and see if the APA's decision was only a brief grasp at Camelot or if the Trustees will stand by their position.

Elaine's party



More than 300 persons were in attendance last Saturday at Bob White's 1270, to celebrate Elaine Noble's 30th birthday. Donations for the party will be used by the Committee to Elect Elaine Noble. The four-hour celebration was capped by Rep. Barney Frank's intro-

duction of Elaine, and Ms. Noble's brief speech. Elaine stated that she would not be a one-issue candidate, and that her platform will represent all the people in the Fenway area, including the elderly, students, and gays. Elaine received rousing cheers when she asked her friends and well-wishers at the party if they could deal with the fact that she is not a one-issue candidate.

Rep. Frank remarked that Ms. Noble's candidacy was important nationally as well as locally in that a gay person seeking a high political office will most likely be recognized by the news media and the nation as an important step in the Gay Liberation Movement. After Elaine made her remarks, several birthday cakes were disposed of in her honor. The all-women's band WHITCH provided the music.

Elaine Noble has not as yet officially declared her candidacy for State Representative.

SPECIAL!!! CATCH G.C.N.

The Gay Community News Staff, stars of local radio, Japanese television and Canadian radio, will debut on their first television show in this country. Be sure to tune in for this landmark in television and gay liberation. It promises to be a different and interesting format for *Catch 44*. That's right, the lovable loonies from G.C.N. on *Catch 44* on channel 44, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1974 at 8:30 p.m.

couples rap

Friday evening, Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm saw something new at Boston MCC. A pilot program for couples in the church community was initiated with a couples dinner and rap group.

There were 11 couples at the dinner, which was pot luck, and the atmosphere was comfortable and expectant. The dinner itself was delicious, with everything from cranberry pilaf to hash, and after dinner everyone gathered in a conversation circle to talk about being a couple and being Gay.

The group included male and female couples, and one male and female couple. The topics included problems and joys of Gay relationships, the "extended" or "Covenant Family" project which is a long-term goal of Boston MCC, children in Gay families, couples social events, and much more. The group decided to meet regularly the last Friday of each month, and also to expand to include couples not necessarily of the Boston church community.

The idea of a couples get-together originated last year at MCC-sponsored rap groups. At that time it was recognized that something should be done to assist and affirm the relationships existing and beginning in the congregation, but the church was not sufficiently strong at the time to expend a concerted effort in the area. Pastor Nancy Wilson, however, felt that in recent months MCC had developed the ability and facilities to support a couples program, and plans were made to hold last Friday's get-together. The response was considered to be exceedingly good, considering the limited preparation for the event. The couples get-together are for couples formally joined in Holy Union according to the church's rite, and for couples building a relationship who have not had or do not contemplate the rite. The couples also felt that it would be a good experience to invite heterosexual couples from the congregation of the Old West Church (where Boston MCC meets for worship) to a future couples get-together. Informational programs are being planned for future gatherings, and couples social events are also being planned.

Couples in the community interested in dialogue and social interaction with other couples who are seriously in, or seriously striving to build relationships, should call the church (523-7664) days, for information on the next meeting of the MCC couples group. Or, join the MCC Boston family for worship and fellowship on Sunday evenings at 6:45 pm at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

MAINE:

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He noted that every recognized campus organization is allowed to subscribe to two publications through the university library.

The president's decision followed much publicity of complaints about the gay group from members of the Maine Christian Civic League.

Most of the complaints came from Benjamin C. Bubar, Jr., superintendent of the league. He wrote to legislators saying the gay group would attempt to "recruit and enslave" students.

Haskins recently met Mr. Bubar through a talk show on the campus radio station. Haskins said Bubar believes "all gay people do is have orgies, and that we recruit people."

Haskins said he explained to Bubar during a lengthy conversation over coffee after the show that gays are not subversive people. He also told Bubar that his complaints had brought much national publicity and gay solidarity that would have been difficult to achieve otherwise.

black gay bar

Boston now has a bar Black gays can call their own. Its name is the Elite Bar and Restaurant, located at 38 Warren St., right across from Dudley Station in Roxbury.

Gay people first began frequenting the club last summer and it officially became a private gay club in December. An equal number of women and men might be found here on any given night. The dance bar is open from 11 am-1 am on weekdays and until 2:00 on Friday and Saturday and Sunday nights. The restaurant serves food from 9 am-2:30 am (at this time the restaurant is in the process of renovation).

There is a \$2 cover charge on weekends. The cover is \$1 for members. Membership cards and application cards may be obtained from the bartender.

lavender hour

"Lavender Hour," the monthly gay cultural radio show aired on WBCN, will celebrate its first birthday on Feb. 3 with a special birthday celebration show. Best segments of the past year's shows will be used to make up this hour-long special.

First produced in early 1973 by Andrew Kopkind and John Scagliotti, Lavender Hour was originally to be only a one time affair. But listener response and enthusiasm about the show prompted its regular scheduling on the BCN format. It is now heard the first Sunday night of every month from 10 to 11 pm.

Linda Lachman recently joined Andrew and John on the staff of Lavender Hour and will be producing an all-lesbian special for the March 3 show.

Any member of the community who has poetry, music or skits (or scenes) which they have written, or know, and would like to have it on the show, please contact the Lavender Hour staff at WBCN in the Prudential Tower. They are interested in trying to use more local artists on the show, but need to know who the local artists are!

obituary

James Pope-Hennessy, the well-known and highly regarded gay English author, died in London Friday, Jan. 25, as the result of stab wounds he received in his home. According to the N.Y. Times account, London police speculate that Mr. Pope-Hennessy was the victim of a gang attack some time that Friday morning. The deceased was found bound and gagged and suffering knife wounds and head injuries.

James Pope-Hennessy had been vacationing with friends here in Boston through the holidays, and had returned to London just a few days previous to his death.

He was a writer who was best known for his biographies. He was the author of the official biography of Queen Mary, the present Queen's grandmother. Also among his works are "Queen Victoria at Windsor and Balmoral," and "Lord Crewe, the likeness of a Liberal." His most recent book was the highly praised biography of Anthony Trollope, published in 1972. At the time of his death, Mr. Pope-Hennessy was researching material for a biography of the late Sir Moel Coward which had been commissioned by the playwright's executors.

Mr. Pope-Hennessy is survived by his elder brother, Sir John Pope-Hennessy, currently director of the British Museum.



JEWS:

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will be a general business meeting in order to set up study groups and committees.

The interest in study groups was exhilarating. Topics brought up (to be discussed in depth at later meetings are

—Judaism, the 5700 year old tradition?

—What does the Torah say about homosexuality?

—What is a Jew?

—Traditional Jewish punishments for gay Jews. (Did you know that some parents sit shiva, pray for the dead, for 30 days if their child is discovered to be gay?)

—Gay Jews and their families.

—Women's and Men's Roles in Judaism.

Besides study groups, other activities were suggested. These included:

—a synagogue

—Sunday brunches (hooray for bagels and lox)

—Folk dances

—Special holiday encounters inviting Christian Gay groups (such as a traditional Passover dinner).

—A speakers' group to go to straight synagogues and other Jewish groups to educate them and help eliminate the sickness of homophobia.

GCN will have regular announcements on all activities of the Gay Jewish group, so keep posted. Also there is a radical Jewish paper (Chutzpah, P.O. Box 60142, 1723 W. Devon, Chicago, Ill. 60660) which has had good coverage of other Jewish gay groups and would probably be of interest to our readers.

Don't forget the Feb. 1 get-together. A hearty Shalom and congratulations from the GCN staff to Boston's newest addition to the growing Boston Gay Community.

coming out

where our readers share this continuous process

Coming out means different things to different people. Surely, it is a continuous process, one of self-acceptance and opening up to others. Who can ever forget those painful moments of finally telling one's parents, or the joy of coming out to a friend and hearing him/her say "I love you." And there is the coming out to oneself, the slow discarding of guilt and fear to be replaced with pride and happiness. We must work together to help all of us come out in all ways. GCN feels that a regular 'Coming Out' column would immensely benefit the Gay Community. In this column, readers would share their experiences — all the anxieties, fears, and joys — of coming out. As

we have already mentioned, coming out is many things, so it's up to you to relate those experiences which were/are important in your own life.

This column will give each of us a chance to see just how common are the problems of coming out; will give us pointers on how to come out to parents and friends; and will help those sisters and brothers still in the closet to realize that they are not unique or alone.

Please send your experiences to "Coming Out Editor" c/o GCN, 70 Charles St., Boston, Mass. 02114. Please keep your contribution between 1½-2 pages long (typed and double-spaced).

LESBIAN IS

(reprinted from the Jan. 1974 Cleveland Gay Activist)

LESBIAN LOVE IS . . .

1. finding out how many of us there are.
2. when tears come as easily for her as for you.
3. being as able as she is when you wrestle in play.
4. remembering to brush hair out of your lover's eyes.
5. heals asthma.
6. the wonder of enjoying women only parties.
7. knowing your relationship is part of building a feminist revolution.
8. not being afraid to say you have to stop for a Kleenex.
9. the joy of making love with no power hassles.

10. completeness of loving, understanding, trusting your lover, sister, mother, daughter.
11. never ceases to be a miracle.
12. not thinking about men anymore.
13. being so much in touch with your body because you're in touch with hers.
14. digging the softness of a woman's skin.
15. energy giving.
16. right on.
17. lavender.

LESBIAN OPPRESSION IS . . .

1. when your parents find your "gay is good" button.
2. all the years before a gay liberation movement.
3. losing your job or house just because you love women.
4. being told you're not oppressed.
5. having to stay two feet away at her parents' house.
6. having a shrink tell you your whole problem is that your emotional growth was arrested at age twelve.
7. getting looks that say you're sick when you show affection in public.
8. listening to fellow workers put down dykes and fairies.
9. feeling as invisible before your straight sisters as you do before men.
10. having straight men put the make on you just because they know you're gay.
11. being told the only reason you're gay is because you hate men.
12. being called your lover's name instead of your own.
13. feeling so oppressed you can't even express it.
14. having six straight women flock on you because you mentioned you're gay.
15. being given the title butch or femme.
16. female chauvinist pigs.

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The View from the Closet

By A. Nolder Gay

FORMS OF SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT II: PRESSURE GROUP POLITICS

"To begin is poetry, to continue is prose." When the history of gay liberation is written, 1973 may well go down as "the year of the pro's." (Ouch!) In retrospect, last year saw a phenomenal number of accomplishments in the field of gay rights by professionals, straight and gay (or, if you like, by the Establishment).

Here is a bouquet of blossoms from 1973 which strike me as significant: (1) the ABA urged repeal of all laws regulating sexual behavior between consenting adults; (2) the U. S. Civil Service Commission is repealing their ban on homosexual employment, after the mandate of a Federal District Court in a class action suit; (3) the APA's Board of Trustees dropped homosexuality from their list of psychiatric disorders; (4) a U. S. Court of Appeals ruled that three gays had been improperly denied security clearances; (5) the D. C. Mayor and Council approved sweeping protections for gays as part of a new Human Rights law; (6) professors organized as a Gay Academic Union;

(7) a gay legal defense fund was chartered in N. Y. after a court battle; (8) the ACLU finally got into gay rights in earnest; (9) the National Council of Churches recognized a gay rights group, as did some denominations; (10) about eight states have decriminalized sex between consenting adults and another six have changed "sodomy" from a felony to a misdemeanor; (11) a bill now in Congress would prohibit disclosure of reasons for military discharge, such as "homosexual tendencies, desires, or interests"; (12) a National Gay Task Force was formed on the model of the powerhouse civil rights groups.

There were setbacks, too, of course. But these dozen plusses have two qualities in common: (a) they are largely achievements stemming from or aided by gay professionals; (b) they are largely ecumenical in style; that is, they anticipate working closely with straights and within the general framework of civil rights laws and movements. In being professional

they are also characteristically elitist, they work better behind the scenes than up front, and they appeal to traditions of fundamental law and ethics latent within our society as it exists rather than to radical change. They and other such groups (gay nurses, gay anthropologists or whatever) signal an approaching period of consolidation, even quasi-"respectability" — of prose, in short. Given a society in which 70 percent of the general populace still believe that homosexual relationships are *always* wrong (according to a November poll), their pressure group style of politics is likely to secure more gains for gays than can either electoral politics or the politics of confrontation.

I hope these observations are not read as a put-down of the happy anarchists of FAG RAG or the activists of the GAA or the Come-Outers of Gay Pride Week or the poetic, hard-working, and sometimes bloody efforts of the young and unestablished. Howard Brown is beautifully right when he pays tribute to "these gallant boys and girls" who have worked and put their bodies on the line when "pompous, closeted, successful gays" like himself (and myself) stayed hidden. But the current coming out of establishment groups is the necessary bridge toward gaining support among professionally successful, politically heavy gays and the ditto sympathetic straights. Such gains depend also on developing yet another form of social engagement, gay dialogue, subject of a later (though not necessarily my next) column.

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The Tag in the Fifth row

by Jonathan Cross

A commentary on area entertainments of gay interest.

Poor Butterfly

Papillon is a movie about survival; it's also about brutality and love, inhumanity and sacrifice, courage and compromise. Yes, it's an escape-from-Devil's-Island picture, and director Franklin Schaffner (*Patton*, *Nicholas and Alexandra*), can't seem to evade the adventure, matinee-trade cliches. At one point, Dustin Hoffman's gangrened broken ankle has to be cauterized, without anesthetic, as he floats helplessly off Honduras. Later, Steve McQueen as Papillon, given up for dead, is rescued by a simple tribe of beautiful savages, including one aloe-eyed Indian princess. Remember Hedy Lamarr as Tondaleo in *White Cargo* (wasn't it John Hall as the *bwana*, I forget?)

So Schaffner is working in familiar territory here, and his film must succeed by overcoming its story-line. First of all, *Papillon* gets by on size, by being *BIG*, in scope, in intention, in cast. Schaffner crowds his scenes with people and movement and lavish detail. His eye for the historical specific of costume and landscape and manner is sharp and precise. The pigs and the parasols, lizards and centipedes, the noisome mechanics of prison life, are all thoroughly realized. Schaffner has spent his millions, all thirteen of them, with care and

craftsmanship.

But it is Hoffman and McQueen who give *Papillon* its punch and muscle. Hoffman's Louis Degas, the careful, pragmatic counterfeiter, a fortune in bribes crammed up his colon, is a nervous, mannered collection of tics and twitches and awkward gestures. He survives by corruption and influence-peddling. Hoffman cultivates a peculiar open-mouthed formality which manages to make some of Dalton Trumbo's portentous dialogue ("No one is innocent,") sound almost believable. Physically, McQueen is exactly right. He collapses from a swaggering, gritty sexuality to a wheezing, toothless, shambling wreck.

Schaffner is unrelenting and unforgetting, refusing to release us from his images of imprisonment. McQueen's years in solitary become a photographic essay on enclosure and entrapment -- on walls within walls -- all surrounded by images of enormous space. As in *Patton*, Schaffner does marvelous things here with rows of men in vast squares and prison yards, with interior vistas, crowded or empty. But it is that little dripping, roach-infested cage, that palpable sense of heat and solitude and endless, trapped discomfort which sticks in the mind.

Finally, the film succeeds by convincing us that Papillon and Degas have built something together -- that when Papillon makes his last impossible try for freedom they embrace with the *tendresse* of lovers, however manly and platonic. Homosexuality is an unstressed secondary theme; in fact one of the major sympathetic characters is the prison barber -- a beautiful French *pouf* -- who proves his humanity and demonstrates both guts and resiliency. Listen, *Ramar of The Jungle* was never like this.

FOCUS ON:

THE GAY PEOPLE'S GROUP OF U. MASS.

Since the Spring of 1972, gay students at the University of Massachusetts have been meeting informally and socially for the purpose of providing other gay students, faculty, and staff members with an opportunity to meet each other.

The group has been recognized as a student organization since May of last year. The meetings are open to all men and women and are held on Thursday evenings at 9 pm.

The Gay People's Group of U. Mass. plans to present several speakers from the Boston gay community, as

well as sponsor a gay poetry reading and a concert by local gay talent."

In an article put out by the Gay People's Group, the aims of the organization were stated:

"It is our hope to work as a liaison between the gay and straight people of our community. We plan to build a library of current books and periodicals which deal with homosexuality in a positive way. These resources will be available to everyone."

For more information, as for Jim or Fernando in the Campus Center for Alternatives (Room 1-2130 or call 542-6500x607.

DID YOU SEE?

by Ginny Collins and Wendy Bauman

BOSTON GLOBE, Jan. 19: CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite has been served with a subpoena to appear at the Feb. 19 trial of two gay activists who crashed a live telecast of Cronkite's nightly network news program last month. A CBS spokesperson confirmed yesterday that Cronkite had received the subpoena but declined further comment on the case.

BOSTON GLOBE, Jan. 19: George Frazier says "the gay press continues to proliferate, the newest entry being *OUT*. The preview issue isn't bad -- not bad at all. For one thing, it has a certain professionalism, for another it isn't shrill. But more importantly, it has some pretty good material."

At issue at another gay paper, *Fag Rag*, is whether or not to run the lengthy interview that Gore Vidal gave to several of its staff. This columnist has read it, and it is an illuminating, informed, and uninhibited statement by a very important writer.

BOSTON GLOBE, "ADA commends 41 state legislators on '73 voting record on key issues. The ADA based its ratings on a number of issues, including support of last year's legislation to end discrimination against homosexuals."

BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN, Jan. 15. Jim Bishop wrote a beautiful commentary "Their problem Is As Old as the Pharaohs."

Among his many encouraging thoughts he states, "The secret sorrow of the homosexual is that he is not in conflict with himself, but everyone else is. He is as powerless to deny his magnetism to his own sex as you are to the opposite sex."

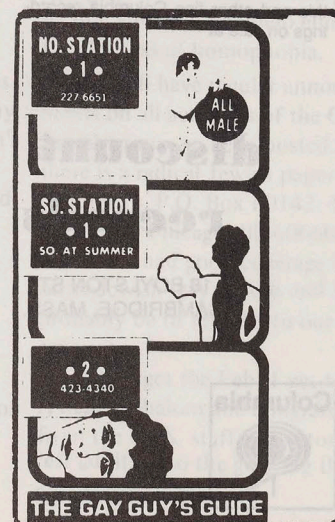
"When I was very young, it was fashionable to trap homosexuals and beat them and rob them. I was a distinguished Christian indeed. Now I know I have no more right to look upon them with contempt than they had to try to seduce me. The day may come when we can look upon these people with as much tolerance as we accord the color-blind who cannot appreciate the beauty of the rose..."

BOSTON GLOBE, Jan. 25. George Frazier writes a very pro-gay article entitled "The Arrogance of Ignorance." Although George finds the "swishy" gays, and the "more assertive machos" revolting, he concentrates on the "law-abiding" homosexual engaged only in relations with consenting adults. In the article, George socks it to New Hampshire's William Loeb (Manchester Union Leader) and University of New Hampshire trustee David Rock (who believes that perverts will descend upon the university since the ruling to allow gay's to organize). This is the kind of an article you'll want on your wall -- over your bed.

PSYCHOLOGY TODAY, Feb. '74.

Three articles this month include "Children's Quest for Sexual Identity" by Richard Green; "A Profile of Boyhood Femininity" by Richard Green; and "Lesbians, Pedophiliacs, Pilots and Personnel" by Berkeley Rice. Green's first article deals with the decision to live as male or female, and the complications arising when one chooses to live as the opposite gender. Green's perspectives include an historical overview, case studies, Freudian theory and the painful conflict of transsexualism. Green's second article, "A Profile of Boyhood Femininity," deals with the differences each boy goes through to reach his femininity. Green lists ten contributing factors.

Pupillary response may take the place of lie detector tests says Berkeley Rice in "Lesbians, Pedophiliacs (child-molesters), pilots and Personnel." Sexual problems are now being studied by watching pupil dilation when viewing nude pix. According to B.R. the test may some day be part of every job interview. Men will be shown pix of men and women, women will view the same. If women's pupils dilate when they see a nude woman, or if a man's pupils dilate when he sees a nude man, you're found out. The test has been used at California's Atascadero State Hospital for the criminally insane on convicted child-molesters.



GAY GROUPS IN NEW ENGLAND

This list was prepared by the Boston Gay Speakers' Bureau on January 25, 1974. In addition to the gay groups, several women's centers with lesbian contacts are listed; also listed is a counseling and support service for transsexuals and transvestites.

Copies of this sheet may be obtained at cost as long as the supply lasts from the Gay Speakers' Bureau in Boston. The cost is 2.6 cents each plus postage (8 cents per 10 copies).

This list is updated periodically. Please send additions and changes to the Gay Speakers' Bureau.

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CONNECTICUT

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GAY ALLIANCE AT YALE, 2031 Yale Station, New Haven 06520. 432-0414.
GEORGE W. HENRY FOUNDATION, 45 Church St., Hartford. 522-2646. Counseling, public education, civil rights work.
INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL ETHICS, Box 3417, Central Station, Hartford 06103. Research and library material.
KALOS SOCIETY, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101. Men and women.
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101. 525-3523. A church for all people serving the gay community, one of many M.C.C. congregations across the country.

MAINE

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GAY SUPPORT AND ACTION, Unitarian Parish House, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401. Discussion groups, social activities, consciousness-raising groups.
WILDE-STEIN CLUB, 12 Lord Hall, University of Maine, Orono 04473.
WOMEN'S CENTER, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011.

MASSACHUSETTS (WESTERN)

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AMHERST GAY HOTLINE, 545-0154.
EVERYWOMAN'S CENTER, Munson Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst 01002. 545-0883.
"GAYBREAK" RADIO PROGRAM, WMUA-FM, Marston Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst 01002. 546-5176. Broadcast Wednesdays 8-9 p.m. 91.9 MHz.
HAMPSHIRE GAY FRIENDS, c/o Mike Gross, School of Natural Science, Hampshire College, Amherst 01002. 542-4882 (Mike Gross's office). Informal meetings and social activities for students, faculty, and staff, men and women.
SOUTHWEST WOMEN'S CENTER, MacKinnie House, University of Massachusetts, Amherst 01002. 545-0626.
STUDENT HOMOPHILE LEAGUE, R.S.O. 368, Lincoln Campus Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst 01002. 545-0154. Office, drop-in center, library, speaking, counseling.
VALLEY WOMEN'S CENTER, 200 Main St., Northampton 01060. 586-2011.

MASSACHUSETTS (CENTRAL)

(617)

NORTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY GAY LIBERATION, c/o L.U.K. Crisis Center, att'n Jan Ryan, Academy St., Fitchburg 01420.
WORCESTER GAY UNION, P.O. Box 359, Federal Station, Worcester 01601. Office at 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31. Meets Sundays at 8 p.m. at office.

MASSACHUSETTS (EASTERN)

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BISEXUAL RAP AND COUNSELING, 864-8181 (answering service). Rap meets second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 8 p.m. in Room 415, 419 Boylston St., Boston. Men and women.
BOSTON GAY YOUTH, c/o Homophile Union of Boston. 536-6197. Ages 14-18. Raps Saturdays 2 p.m. at H.U.B. office, phone calls taken Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m.
BOSTON UNIVERSITY HOMOPHILE LEAGUE, c/o Program Resource Office, 775 Commonwealth Ave., Rm. 423, Boston 02215. 353-8758. Social meetings Wednesday evenings, occasional dances.
BRANDEIS HOMOPHILE LEAGUE, Box 2505, Brandeis University, Waltham 02154. 272-7488. Meets every other Monday starting Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Usdan Student Center (check information board for room).
CHARLES STREET MEETING HOUSE COFFEE-HOUSE, 70 Charles St., Boston 02114. 523-0368. Hours 12 noon-12 midnight except Sundays 3 p.m.-12 midnight. Snacks. Non-profit.

"CLOSET SPACE" RADIO PROGRAM, WCAS-AM, 620 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 02139. 492-6450. Broadcast Sundays 10:20 a.m.-10:50 a.m. 740 kHz.

"COMING OUT!" A documentary play by Jonathan Katz about gay history and liberation. New England area producer, 868-5729.

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS, Room 323, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116. 262-1592. Social, civil rights, educational, and service organization for women only. Rap sessions Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. at office, rap sessions for lesbian mothers Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Publishes monthly *Focus: a Journal for Gay Women* (sample 50 cents).

DIGNITY/BOSTON, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215. Boston is the headquarters of this national organization for gay Catholics.

EMERSON HOMOPHILE SOCIETY FOR THE ARTS, Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108. 262-2010. ask for extension. Emerson College students, faculty, and others interested in promoting the liberation of gay people through use of the arts and media.

FAG RAG, P.O. Box 331, Kenmore Station, Boston 02215. 536-9826. Gay male paper published approximately quarterly.

GAY COMMUNITY ALERT, 536-3285, 523-0368, 267-0764. The people at these numbers will mobilize the gay community in the case of a massive crisis. Contact them if you feel there is such a crisis, or if you wish to be on their notification list.

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS, c/o Charles St. Meeting House, 70 Charles St., Boston 02114. 523-8729. A weekly newspaper by and for the New England gay community. Sample copy upon request.

GAY CRAFTWORKS, 738-0428.

GAY MEDIA ACTION, 868-5729. Boston-Cambridge area group concerned with far, accurate representation of gay people and lifestyles in all mass media.

GAY NURSES' ALLIANCE, c/o Homophile Community Health Service (below). 266-5473. Boston branch of a national group organized to protect the interests of gay patients and gay colleagues. Non-gay members welcome.

GAY PEOPLES' GROUP, c/o Center for Alternatives, University of Massachusetts, 100 Arlington St., Boston. 542-6500 ext. 607.

GAY SPEAKERS' BUREAU, P.O. Box 482, West Somerville 02144. 547-1451. Provides women and men to speak to groups wanting to know more about homosexuality.

"GAY WAY" RADIO PROGRAM, WBUR-FM, 640 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 02215. 353-2790. Broadcast Thursdays 9-10 p.m. 90.9 MHz.

GENDER IDENTITY SERVICE, Room 415, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116. 864-8181 (answering service). Counseling and service group for transsexuals and transvestites.

GOOD GAY POETS, P.O. Box 331, Kenmore Station, Boston 02215. 536-9826. Occasional publications and readings at the Charles St. Meeting House.

HARVARD-RADCLIFFE GAY STUDENTS' association, c/o Philipps Brooks House, Harvard University, Cambridge 02138. 498-3096. Weekly meetings.

HOMOPHILE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF PROVINCE-

TOWN, c/o Damon, Box 674, Provincetown 02657.

HOMOPHILE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE, Room 403, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116. 266-5477. Professional counseling agency where homosexuality is considered a valid lifestyle. Individual and group therapy, religious counseling, medical referral, educational programs. Fees on ability to pay.

HOMOPHILE UNION OF BOSTON, Room 509, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116. 536-6197. Social, educational, civil rights, and service organization open to all men and women. Legal, medical, and other referral. Evening office hours. Rap sessions Mondays 7:30 p.m.

"LAVENDER HOUR" RADIO PROGRAM, WBCN-FM, Prudential Tower, Boston 02199. 261-8526. Broadcast the first Sunday of every month 10-11 p.m., 104.1 MHz.

LESBIAN LIBERATION, c/o Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge 02139. 354-8807. Raps at the center Thursdays 8 p.m.

LESBIAN MOTHERS, c/o Women's Center (see Lesbian Liberation). A rap and support group for gay mothers.

LESBIAN THERAPY RESEARCH PROJECT, c/o Women's Center (see Lesbian Liberation). Working on a handbook about lesbianism and therapy and how therapy has been oppressive to lesbians.

LOWER CAPE WOMEN'S CENTER, Gifford House, 9 Carver St., Provincetown 02657. 487-3075.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. 523-7664. See M.C.C. in Connecticut. Worship Sundays 6:45 p.m.

PROJECT PLACE, 32 Rutland St., Boston. 267-9150. A 24-hour general hotline which has gay people taking calls Thursdays 5 p.m.-12 midnight. Gay information at all times.

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE GAY RAP GROUPS, c/o Lila Couture, Drop-In-Center, Northern Essex Community College, Elliott St., Haverhill 01830. 431-4350; 374-0721 ext. 295. Meets Thursdays 10 a.m.-12 noon. Preparing future evening rap for college and non-college people.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE GAY STUDENT ORGANIZATION, c/o Memorial Union, University of New Hampshire, Durham 03824. Active group presently in legal fight against trustees of the university to retain student group status.

RHODE ISLAND

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BROWN UNIVERSITY GAY LIBERATION, S.A.O., Brown University, Providence 02912. 751-5091. Meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays at 88 Benevolent St., Providence.

GAY WOMEN OF PROVIDENCE, 88 Benevolent St., Providence 02906. 751-1981. Meets every Friday night at this address on the top floor, 7:30 p.m. Rap sessions and occasional other activities.

HOMOPHILE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE, 290 Westminster, Room 510, Providence 02903. 274-4737. Similar to H.C.H.S. in Boston. Hours are Tuesdays 6-10 p.m., Wednesdays 4-9 p.m.

KINGSTON GAY LIBERATION, Memorial Union, University of Rhode Island, Kingston 02881. 792-5817. Social-political group geared toward uniting area gays in informative discussion groups, speaking to classes and organizations, gay consciousness raising. Beginning to organize politically for gay civil rights.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, 290 Westminster St., Suite 613, Providence 02901. 831-3773. See M.C.C. in Connecticut.

VERMONT

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GAY STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION, Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield. A contact for gay people at Goddard and in the area.

VERMONT GAY WOMEN, 425-2782.



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REACT!!

Elaine Noble is a young woman who is very seriously considering running for the State House of Representatives from the newly created Fenway District.

Elaine is bright and charismatic; the kind of person who seems ready to devote much energy needed to be in politics. Elaine could not be a one-issue candidate; she is gay and naturally would support gay rights legislation, but she has many serious thoughts on subjects ranging from making the neighborhood safe, to the plight of the elderly.

Whether or not one agrees with her politics, she remains an inspiration to all gay people because of her straightforwardness about her sexuality and her concern for all humans.

REACTIONS:

RESPONSE TO GRAFFITI No. 50:

Where have we gotten?

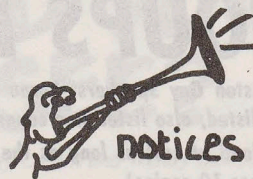
Twenty years ago you would have been so busy beating off the bull-dykes or hiding from the "fuzz" that there wouldn't be time to take a quiet pee and write a line or two. That's progress, Sister.

Twenty years ago there were no coffee houses for gays to come to? that's progress, Sister.

Twenty years ago there was no gay community, sisterhood was crossing the street when you saw a dyke you knew coming your way.

I've come a long way, Baby.

An Older Graffitiist



"Swords and Plowshares" is a religious television program seen on Channel 7, WNAC-TV, and on several occasions favorably portrayed and discussed gay people. The show is due to be cancelled next month, and appreciative gay people are asked to send their protests of the cancellation to: William Hahn, Public Relations Director, WNAC-TV, RKO General Building, Government Center, Boston 02115.



GAY DANCE

The Boston University Homophile League, in cooperation with Harvard-Radcliffe GSA and the MIT-SHL, will sponsor a Gay Valentine's Dance on Sunday, Feb. 17 from 9 pm to 1 am. The dance will be held at the Boston University Sherman Union ballroom at 775 Commonwealth Ave. Donations are \$1 and free beer will be served to the first 100 persons.



A women's sleigh ride to be held in February is being sponsored by DOB. The date is Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 pm. 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. (People will meet at Grossmans in Wellesley on Rte. 16 at 12 noon.) Call DOB office for more information; 262-1592.



The Worcester Gay Union will present the radical lesbian poet, Hanah Rogers, on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 3 pm. The public is invited to hear and discuss Hanah's poetry at the YWCA in Salem Square, Worcester. 50c donation.

The new film, *Busting*, starring Elliot Gould and Robert Blake, will be opening here at the Music Hall Theatre, Wednesday, Feb. 6. The film is about a big city police vice squad, and the action opens with Gould and Blake posing as "fairies" in order to raid and 'bustup' a gay bar. The film is one more example of the current insensitivity of filmmakers, studios and exhibitors to the character, history, and existence of gay people. Those wishing to organize and/or participate in a public demonstration in front of the Music Hall when this film opens, please contact John Mitzel at 288-8765 (after 6:30 pm).



The next meeting of the New England Gay Conference Planning Committee will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 pm at the Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Providence, 410 Waterman Ave., E. Providence, R.I. Directions from Boston: Take 95 South to 195, then take 195 to the Taunton Ave. exit and, this leads to Waterman Ave.



On the weekend of Feb. 15 to 17, there will be a gay weekend at the University of Rhode Island, in Kingston. Kingston Gay Liberation extends an invitation to all New England gays to attend the dance, workshops and other activities.



Gay-in-Vermont is sponsoring a Gay Open House on Feb. 10 and another one on Feb. 24. They will be held in the afternoon from 2 to 5 at 73 Church St., Burlington. There will also be a gay dance at the same address on March 2 at 9 p.m. 50c donation. Gay-in-Vermont has a new address: Box 3216 North Burlington Sta., Burlington, Vt. And a new telephone number: 802-863-2496. Ask for Tom or Phil.

REVIEWS

Maurice, by E. M. Forster, New American Library paperback, \$1.50.

What Happened, by Merle Miller, Harper & Row, \$7.95.

Society and the Healthy Homosexual, 1972, George Weinberg, Anchor Paperback, \$1.95.

Male homosexuals appear more frequently in major works of modern literature than might be imagined. Four rather well-known novels I just happened to read or re-read recently — *The Golden Notebook* by Doris Lessing, *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut, *Catcher In The Rye* by J. D. Salinger, and *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac — all have homosexuals in minor roles. Some of these portrayals are positive, others not. But a novel with a homosexual as the central character — this is a rare item.

Maurice by E. M. Forster and *What Happened* by Merle Miller are pioneer works in that both have a gay figure as the central character. Both books are beautifully written testimony to the endurance, the spirit and the humanity of the gay ex-

perience. Such affirmation of the gay sensibility through literature is of great value in light of the fact that authors generally, if they mention us at all, use a homosexual character in a negative sense.

E. M. Forster is a classical British writer, most of whose work (including *Passage to India*) was produced in the early 20th century. Forster died in 1970, and *Maurice*, written in 1913, was published posthumously at the author's request. *Maurice* is a gay love story with a happy ending. Its insights into British class structure are of particular interest, though Forster is obviously more at home with the upper class.

In a moving post-script to the novel, Forster tells the reader that the book was inspired by a visit to the home of Edward Carpenter, the Whitmanesque British socialist who, unlike Forster, wrote openly in his day in defense of homosexuality, or, as Carpenter put it, "the love of comrades." Forster also tells how *Maurice*, one of his favorite creations, was shown only to a select handful of friends. The fact that this great novelist felt he could not publish a gay novel in his lifetime is important testimony to the strength of anti-homosexual feeling in 20th century Britain.

Merle Miller is a contemporary American novelist, now in his fifties, who produced a number of best sellers but remained in the closet until his dramatic coming out in *The New York Times Magazine* in January 1970. *What Happened* seems to be a thinly veiled autobiographical work. It spans about three decades, from the '30s to the '60s, in the life of a concert pianist from a small Iowa town. (Miller comes from Marshalltown, Iowa.)

The main character shares his life with us, including his school days as a sissy, a love affair with a black clarinetist, fighting back against the House Un-American Activities Committee, his friendships with his best (straight) friend and his best friend's mother, his failure at a straight marriage, his lusts and frustrations in the gay world, his work with wartime intelligence, and so on.

Both of these novels help the reader — more than any political writing — to see how "gay" is so much more than a sexual preference and also to see how much the life of a gay person can be rich in nuance and diversity. *Maurice*, of course, is a period piece, somewhat, though not entirely, dated because it was written sixty years ago. *What Happened* has a very immediate feeling about it.

Neither book could be called a "gay liberation" book in that neither reflects the sensibility and rhetoric of the late 1960s and early 1970s. But that is beside the point. Both books reflect gay life and life styles of a given period, and as such they are valuable, revealing, and for me at least, fascinating to read.

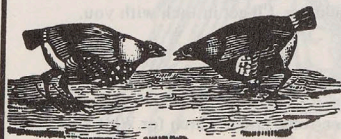
—Allen Young

"I would never consider a patient healthy unless he had overcome his prejudice against homosexuals," begins Dr. George Weinberg in his first chapter of *Society and the Healthy Homosexual*, now available in paperback at most bookstores for only \$1.95. Dr. Weinberg, a practicing psychotherapist, devotes the first chapter to refuting the once popular theory that homosexuals are "sick," and instead at-

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tributes "sickness" to the great fear of homosexuality in our society, coining the word "homophobia."

In subsequent chapters, Dr. Weinberg covers the anti-homosexual bias of the current psychoanalytical establishment, and attacks the practice of aversion therapy and other methods of "converting" homosexuals. In a chapter entitled "The Healthy Homosexual," Weinberg deals with coming out and embracing homosexuality as a positive element of our lives. "Being gay means having freed oneself of misgivings over being homosexual."

This is definitely a book of great value to all gay people, especially those who still may have any "misgivings" over their sexual orientation (and who doesn't?). Equally important, this is a very enlightening book for straights, and makes a valuable and important addition to "coming out" to parents, friends, or anyone else important in your life.

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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P.S. WHITCH

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GAY JEWS

Sabbath spiritual/business meeting Feb. 1, 8:00 pm, Old West Church. Bring your friends and some refreshments. Shalom!

3 GM 21-26 need roommate for 7½ rm. Dorchester apt. near Fields Crnr MBTA. \$40/mo.+ util + heat. 282-4977—John & Rick & Dan.

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

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WHITCH

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

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Include area code in all telephone numbers appearing in ad.

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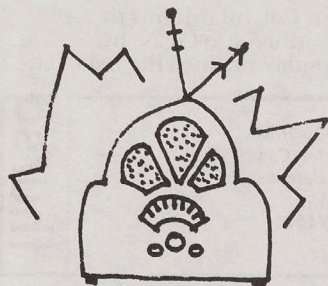
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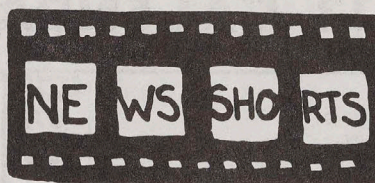
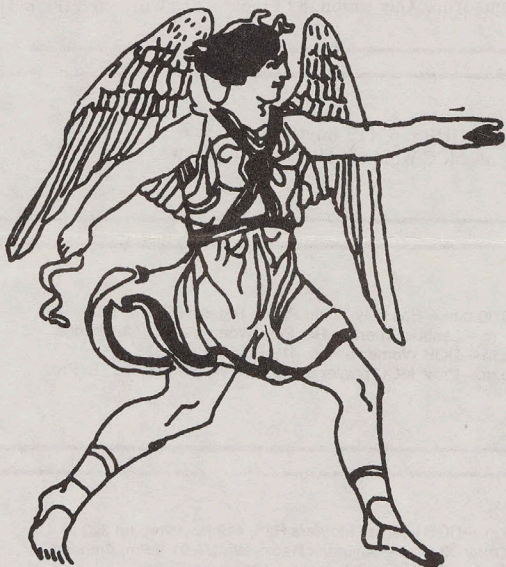
GAY RADIO

This Sunday on Closet Space there will be a review of a Noel Coward play now being performed in Boston, music from the album, "A Few Loving Women," poetry from "The Male Muse," a listing of events of the current week, and five minutes of news and announcements. A review will be given of the new book, "Patience and Sarah," and a continuing feature will be introduced, called "The Boston Gay Social Scene." Closet Space airs at 10:20 each Sunday morning over WCAS radio (7.40 AM). Anyone wishing to contribute ideas or written material to the show should

write: "Closet Space," WCAS Radio, 620 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge 02139.

A tentative schedule of the next month's Gay Way broadcasts includes interviews with Helen Reddy and Flo Kennedy, who were interviewed at the "Yes, We Can" Women's Fair recently, and a talk with historian Jeb Boswell about gay history, on Jan. 31. On Feb. 7, guests from the Gay Speakers Bureau, the Be Friends Project, and the Lesbian Therapy Research Project will speak, and on Feb. 14, WBUR's fund raising week for the station, various guests will do spot appearances.

Debby Feinbloom is scheduled to speak on transsexualism and transvestism on the 21st of February, and Harold D. will discuss being Black and Gay on the Feb. 28 show. March 7's show will deal with the New England Gay Conference. Gay Way is heard each Thursday evening over WBUR Radio (90.9 FM).



At this dramatic moment in the history of the State of Israel, The Judaic Heritage Society is proud to announce the selection of Golda Meir as the recipient of the society's annual "Man of the Year" award for 1973.

NEWARK, Ohio — The American Civil Liberties Union has decided to help a lesbian mother in her fight to retain custody of her five-year-old daughter.

The case marks the first time the ACLU has entered a child custody battle in behalf of an admitted lesbian. Involved in the case is Sally Hall, whose former husband has gone to court demanding total custody of their daughter, Martha Ann, on grounds that Sally is a lesbian.

The couple was divorced in 1969 after the husband, David, became the object of a paternity suit involving another woman.

Since then the daughter has lived with Sally, and has visited David on weekends.

Two years ago Sally became involved in a lesbian relationship, and David threatened to seek total custody of the child. He took no action until Sally recently told him she planned to move to Connecticut with her lover.

SAN FRANCISCO — The American Historical Association voted in its recent convention here to condemn "any form of harassment or discrimination directed at single and gay women and men."

The resolution was drafted and put forward by Dennis Rubini, an associate history professor at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Charles Shively, an associate professor at Boston State University, seconded the resolution.

A second resolution, condemning "homophobia in historical writing and teaching," also passed the business meeting, but the council decided to subject the resolution to a mailed ballot of the entire AHA.

Dr. Rubini is also president of the Gay Activists Alliance in Philadelphia.



MARYLAND — Gay Liberation has received the endorsement of a group of Quakers. A resolution urging an end to discrimination because of sexual preference was adopted at the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, representing Quakers in southern Penn., Maryland, D.C., and Virginia.

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay prisoners in California have petitioned for equal rights in prison. Dr. William Keating, state director of mental hygiene, has agreed to address a press conference on their behalf. The gays are asking for an end to the use of sexual orientation as a reason for denial of parole, permission to organize inside prison, permission to read outside publications or their choice, and free choice in the matter of segregation.

European lesbians have launched a massive campaign to liberate the Island of Lesbos from the "heterosexual bosses" of the Greek government.

A women's liberation publication called *Front Page* reported recently that the group of lesbians hopes to establish a lesbian republic on the island once it is liberated.

Lesbos was the island home of Sappho, a famous lesbian poetess of ancient Greece.

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1:00 p.m. Monday prior to the issue date.

31	7:30 p.m.—MCC Bible Study Group, info 266-7491 8:00 p.m.—Les. Lib. mtg., Women's Ctr., Camb. 9:00 p.m.—U-Mass Amherst SHL mtg., 908 Campus Ctr. 9:00 p.m.—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM Nite: Project Place Gay Crisis Line, 267-9150	thursd
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1	5:30-6:30 p.m.—Hvd-Rdclf, GSA, Brks Hse, info 498-3096 9:00-1:00 a.m.—Gay dance, upstairs, CSMH, \$1.50 donation	frida
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2	11:00 a.m.—Active Gays Brunch, CSMH 1:00 p.m.—Bos Gay Youth Referrals & info, 536-6197 2:00 p.m.—Bos Gay Youth open rap & mtg, 419 Boylston, rm 509 2:00 p.m.—N.E. Gay Conf. planning committee mtg, MCC Prov., 410 Waterman Ave., E. Prov.	satu
9	1:00 p.m.—Bos Gay Youth Referrals & info, 536-6197 2:00 p.m.—Bos Gay Youth open rap & mtg, 419 Boylston, rm 509	satu
3	10:20 am—Closet Space, WCAS 740 AM; 492-6450 1:00 pm—Role Play in Dance, Bos Ctr for Arts, 539 Tremont, fl 3 2:00-4:00 pm—Women's basketball, Camp YWCA, Temp St., Cen.Sq. 3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union poetry reading, Hanah Rogers, YWCA, Salem Sq., Worcester 5:30 pm—Mass at Interfaith, crnrs Mass. Ave. & Beacon 6,7,8:15 pm—MCC services, fellowship, Old West Church 7:00 pm—Prov. MCC services, 410 Waterman Ave., E.Prov. 8:00 pm—Worc. Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worc, fl 3, rm 31 10:00 pm—Lavender Hour, WBCN, "A 1st Birthday Celebration"	sunday
10	10:20 a.m.—Closet Space, WCAS 740 AM 492-6450 1:00 pm—DOB Winterfest, Ellendale Stables, Sherbourne 1:00 pm—Role Play in Dance, Bos Ctr for Arts, 539 Tremont, fl 3 2:00-5:00 pm—Gay Open House, 73 Church St., Burlington, Vt. 2:00-4:00 pm—Women's basketball, Camp YWCA, Temp St., Cen Sq. 5:30 pm—Mass at Interfaith, crnrs Mass. Ave. & Beacon 6,7,8:15 pm—MCC services, fellowship, Old West Church 7:00 pm—Prov. MCC services, 410 Waterman Ave., E.Prov. 8:00 pm—Worc. Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, fl3, m31	sunday
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(Contact Loretta Lotman)
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Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
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Gay in Vermont (Burlington) 792-5817
Vermont Gay Women 863-2496
425-2782

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Metropolitan Community Church (Hartford) 525-3523

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Occupant, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261
(Gay Women's group; do NOT use "gay" on any mail to them)

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Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401
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