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## the kingston gay conference

Representatives from all over New England met at the University of Rhode Island last weekend for the R.I. Gay Conference. The conference, beginning on the evening of Feb. 15 with a dance and continuing through Feb. 17, drew about 100 persons. Workshops were scheduled on such topics as law reform, religion, media, transvestites and transsexuals, and Lesbian mothers.

A high point in the program was a discussion with authors Barbara Love and Sidney Abbott (detailed elsewhere in this issue). Audience reaction was wildly enthusiastic during a program of films presented by Vito Russo, beginning with a lecture on the treatment of homosexuals in the cinema. Late Saturday evening, folksinger/composer Madeline Davis was received warmly by a very

weary group of women and men.

During the media workshop plans were made to extend *Gay Community News* into Rhode Island. Ellen B. Davis, GCN, stated, "We hope to maintain constant touch with correspondents all over New England so that we may better serve all of New England's gays."

Although some workshops never materialized (transvestites and

transsexuals for one), the mood was one of positive dedication and community spirit. (A scheduled workshop on men vs. women fizzled seemingly out of lack of interest.)

While the reaction to the gays by campus students was anything but cordial, URI gays did a great job organizing and made everyone feel very much at home.

## REACT!!

After eight months of growth, GCN now faces expansion or extinction. This situation has been brought about by three severe functional problems.

The first problem involves staffing. In the past, our increasing staff needs have been met by attracting many dedicated volunteers. Presently, the demands of coordinating approximately thirty-five people in getting out an issue every week are staggering; no time or energy is left for overall planning, financial planning, or producing more and better quality news and feature material. Additional part-time staff is not the solution. The point was reached long ago that full-time commitment by several individuals became necessary. Such full-time commitment is impossible to expect, on a volunteer basis, over an extended period: idealism does not buy groceries.

The second problem is office space. Our generous host and sponsor, the Charles St. Meetinghouse, can no longer house us. Their offer of "temporary" office space has now lasted well beyond "temporary," and they need the space for other uses. Also, GCN has grown to the point where we desperately need more space—we can barely function in the present location.

These problems bring us to the third problem, namely, finances. The realities of a newspaper are that, unless you charge a very high price per copy (production costs alone, per copy, is presently 20 to 25 cents) and/or have a very large distribution, advertising income covers the bulk of the costs. Until the quality, size, and (especially) circulation of GCN are increased (all of which takes money), substantial advertising revenue is not available. It is a vicious circle: more money is needed to produce more money. The capital necessary to start *any* new business venture has never been available to GCN, mostly because the process of getting out the best possible newspaper every week has kept us too busy to raise capital. But now the hard nose of reality has been thrust upon our idealism, and we must attend to these financial matters if GCN is to continue.

After much thought and deliberation, the GCN Governing Board, made up of representatives of the entire staff, has voted to embark on the following program to correct these problems and to produce an improved communication medium for the entire New England Gay Community

- to incorporate GCN as a non-profit corporation;
- to move from the Charles Street Meetinghouse into offices of our own;
- to hire a few full-time staff members (these positions are adver-

tised in this issue of GCN).

To insure that the paper can operate for the next six months while advertising and subscription revenues are increased to a level which will support it, \$6,000 must be raised. We propose to secure one-half of this amount from donations, and the other half through interest-bearing loans from individuals or organizations. Our goal is to reach a financial break-even point at the end of six months, and then to slowly pay off the loans. Any future profits would be re-invested in GCN or be used in other areas of the gay community.

We sincerely believe that this is the only logical and practical solution presently available. Maintaining the status quo is not possible—we are faced with expansion or extinction.

Gay Community News was founded in June, 1973, on the premise that there was a critical need for quick, accurate, and regular communication within the gay community. It was also felt that GCN would not exist without direct community support; such support is a direct demonstration of GCN's value. The entire community must now judge this need, along with GCN's accomplishments, and act accordingly. The future of GCN depends upon it. Only together can we "Make It Happen." The coupon below will show what you can do.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AN INTERVIEW WITH

## sidney abbott & barbara love

"Look to homosexual relationships for examples of equality pairing. There you will have a better chance of finding two people living together as equals."

Barbara Love, co-authoress of "Sappho Was A Right-On Woman," spoke on the personal aspects of homosexuality, feminism, and role-playing at the Kingston, R.I., Gay Conference last weekend.

Sidney Abbott, Barbara's co-writer and lover, discussed the social climate influencing the liberation movements and stressed the importance of such organizations as the National Organization of Women and the National Gay Task Force.

The two gay women, guest speakers on the "Homosexuality, Old and New Perspectives" segment of the conference, drew similarities between lesbians and feminists.

"Feminists are following the lesbian life-style," declared Love. "They are emulating lesbian independence

whether admitting it or not." Abbott stated that, "Even women who deny the label of feminism are breaking out of traditional roles." She sympathized with "the married woman who discovers her lesbianism and cannot change her lifestyle because of fear, emotional and financial dependence, and lack of support from family and friends."

Barbara Love mentioned the wives of returning POWs, as an example of the cultural revolution. "The POW Wives defied gender programming for the first time when forced to assert their independence when their husbands were no longer around. When the husbands returned, these women found it impossible to return to the old male/dominant, female/submissive roles. The women had psychologically changed. This is what is called 'culture shock,'"

Sidney Abbott feels that the economic and political climate is reflect-

ing "this time of apparent apathy." "I find the 70s much more confusing than the '60s." On the future of gay liberation, she said, "Gay women who are active in women's groups are interested in broadening the movement. Bisexuals also deserve representation in the gay movement." Love added that "Women's Liberation has to work or Gay Liberation will fail and vice versa."

Love warned that overpopulation may be the reason behind the increased tolerance of Gay and Women's Liberation. "There could possibly be sex gender legislation by 1980," and she implied that if men are still holding all political power in the country at that time, then sex gender legislation would enable them to sustain that power forever.

Abbott exhorted the "incredible outburst of gay women artists, singers and composers" on the scene. And she stressed the importance of

"going beneath the slogans and rhetoric to see what quality of life we can make as gay men and women."

Love told the GCN after the workshop that she sees "the policies and principles of lesbian separatism fine theoretically, but not politically. We will accomplish much more good, for both gay men and women, if we work together."

One of the most interesting ideas expressed by the two women writers was the premise that "males and females are sexually incompatible." "Two men and two women relationships can mean the end to role-playing," said Abbott. Love believes that "the differences between men and women gives them equal amounts of strength." "And," she maintained, "Heterosexuals are refusing half of their personalities. In fact, I think heterosexuals have nothing in common and are incompatible!"

## lesbian mother battles for custody

Lynda Chaffin is the mother of two children. She is also a lesbian. And because of her gayness, Lynda Chaffin has recently been declared an unfit mother by a Torrance, Calif., court, and has lost custody of her children.

Lynda had been granted custody of her daughters, now aged 13 and 11, after her divorce in 1962. She had been living with her husband in Idaho, but moved to California in 1967 because of poor health, including a heart attack and a case of pneumonia. As a result of her illnesses, it was arranged for Lynda's parents to care for her children during the school season in Washington, D.C. During the summer, Lynda's two daughters stayed with her in California and were awaiting the improvement of their mother's health so that they could resume living with her all year.

But then in 1969, Lynda came out to her parents. From their initial and further reactions, she was led to believe that they accepted her gayness. But going behind her back, Lynda's parents went to the Idaho court where her divorce was finalized, and claimed that their daughter was an unfit mother, and that she had abandoned her daughters, and asked for custody over the two children.



Lynda was never even notified of the court order or of the official change of custody. The children still spent summers with their mother and, after her health would permit, Lynda was able to once again get her family together. It was then that she discovered that she was no longer the "legal" mother of her two daughters. Lynda then received from her parents a copy of the Idaho custody order, and a court order demanding that she give up her children.

When she went to court in California to try to get her children back, the judge in Torrance declared Lynda an unfit mother because of her "sexual orientation." The girls were ordered to return to their grandparents, but refused to go, preferring to stay with their mother.

An initial appeal has already been denied. Lynda Chaffin is being aided by the Los Angeles Lesbian Tide Collective, and is asking for donations and support of friends. She is willing to take her appeal to the Supreme Court if necessary. Anyone willing to help can address their donations and inquiries to: Lynda Chaffin Defense Fund, P.O. Box 3984, Torrance, Calif. 90510.

## Varas vs bay village: II

by John Kyper

It appears that Vara Brothers enterprises, Jacques and The Other Side, will be put up to public scrutiny. In a sudden decision, the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has promised a thorough investigation of the two popular gay bars. A hearing was scheduled for this Monday but has been postponed to March 25.

For several years gay s have complained about the dangerous neighborhood of the bars. Patrons of Jacques and The Other Side have been subject to frequent assaults, by both local gangs and by the police. There have also been several suspicious murders in the area.

But it was the Bay Village Neighborhood Association, with the help of its attorney, Rep. Barney Frank, that got the ABCC to act. Dr. Lawrence Geoghegan, the Association's former president, was sued in October by Henry Vara, Jr., owner of both the bars. Vara has charged Geoghegan with making slanderous remarks, a suit seen by David Farrell of the *Globe* as meant to harass the doctor.

George V. Nelson, executive secretary of the state liquor board (which licenses bars), has notified Vara of the assaults and shootings that have prompted the investigation. One of those cited was the "Aboretum murder" last July. In that incident two patrons of The Other Side were taken to the Arnold Aboretum, where they were beaten, and one died.

Although gay attendance at both clubs appears to be dwindling, the vandalism and hooliganism continue.

Rep. Frank contends that it is the management's responsibility to protect patrons.

Police Commissioner Robert di-Grazia and District Attorney Garrett Byrne are interested in investigating the bars. Deputy Superintendent John Doyle of the vice squad plans to testify at the hearing. The ABCC can decide to suspend or revoke Vara's licenses.

## APA ballot

As reported in last week's GCN, a ballot is being sent to each member of the American Psychiatric Association for a vote on the trustees' Dec. 15 decision to remove homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

It would be a serious setback to have this decision reversed.

The Homosexuality Community Counseling Center in New York City is coordinating a nationwide letter-writing campaign to all members of the APA from concerned individuals. If you would write a letter(s) in behalf of the trustees' ruling, call D.O.B. Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings (262-1592) to get more information and the names of APA members to write to, or call John Lawrence at 266-5473, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a note saying how many names you want to: D.O.B., 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116. (All the names we have are out-of-state.)

In addition, of course, contact those psychiatrists you know personally.



# forum

## SEXISM #1

**The Question: Do you see gay men as being oppressive of gay women? If so, how and to what extent?**

### Sexism vs. Individual Reactions

by Barbara Piccirilli

If we're going to look for instances of oppression, we're going to find them. So it isn't fair to generalize that "gay men oppress gay women" because of a few (or more than a few) individuals. And I cannot speak on behalf of all gay women; I can only relate my own experiences with gay men.

Working for the GCN, I have more contact with gay males than do most lesbians. And because I consider the men I work with, and socialize with, to be doubtlessly the finest group of guys I have ever known, then my reactions to them are going to be prejudiced. Perhaps if I related to a different set of gay men, those who are not "in the movement," I would find a lower consciousness level towards women. Perhaps not.

I consider the most blatantly aggravating and demeaning form of oppression to be intellectual and emotional oppression. This is the assumption on the part of men that nothing a woman says has any authority or credibility. "She doesn't know what she's talking about," and "These are not things that concern women" are two of the more popular sentiments. When a person refuses to take anything you say seriously, then he is refusing to accept you as a thinking person, as an equal individual. His ideas, beliefs, opinions, and attitudes are of primary importance. A woman's feelings or thoughts are not even secondary to him. They don't even exist. To illustrate: A week ago I spent a good hour talking to a straight man in a bar about the feminist movement and gay liberation and why I think they are so important to the evolution of society. I was definitely not worried about boring him, because he was listening to everything I said with an intent look on his face. Finally, thinking that I had really raised his consciousness, I asked him if he supported the liberation movements. His answer was a wink, and "That hat doesn't do you justice." Now, that is the sort of out-and-out chauvinism and oppression that is just infuriating. I could have sat there discussing Watergate, shouted a steady stream of obscenities, or told him that there was a person with a gun about to blow his head off in one second . . . and he would have paid me the



same amount of inattention. This is the sexist behavior that reminds a woman who she is, what she is, and what her place is. Even a pre-school age child deserves the right to be heard and LISTENED TO. It would be considered insultingly bad manners if a man treated another man in this fashion, but a woman is supposed to accept it as her due, as even a compliment of sorts. It is not egotistical to expect even a light remark to be recognized. When a man speaks, even if everything he says is senseless chatter, his sex demands that he be given attention and reaction. It is extremely oppressive to refuse that attention and reaction to a woman.

Gay men are seldom oppressive in this way. They will usually listen to and respect a woman's opinion. Maybe it's because they have been put down by the straight world with "Who cares what he says? He's just a faggot!" once too often. He understands the oppression, recognizes it for what it is, and purges himself of it. When I am talking to a gay man, I don't have to worry that if I say something frivolous or immature he will consider me a silly child. I can be reasonably sure that he will realize that I am in a silly mood. So I find that I can be much more honest, much more myself with gay men.

The oppression I have felt from gay men is the little patronizing or condescending remarks and attitudes that come into focus in any relationship. But they are not sexist in nature. This does not make them less oppressive, but it makes it a lot easier to tell the person that he is being oppressive. I am sure that I have been oppressive to every individual I have ever known well in some way. Little idiosyncracies and eccentricities should not be ignored. They should be discussed and worked on before tension builds up. I can honestly say that any oppression, real or imagined, that I have felt from gay men has been the result of individual reactions and not the result of sexism or chauvinism. That does not make it acceptable, only understandable. And much easier to contend with.

### Can We Expect More?

by Ann M. Maguire

Living in a male power structured society, I feel, as a woman, that men oppress me and my sisters. I recognize, however, that individual men may be different; I have known men who are not oppressive, some of whom are gay.

When I first came out thirteen years ago, gay men seemed to be very oppressive to gay women. Tokenism was in! Some of this oppressiveness may have resulted from the men feeling threatened, especially physically. As many gay men said, "I'm afraid to look at a Diesel Butch cross eyed because she'll hit me over the head. They're always ready to fight." But in the "olden days" sometimes we had to be tough because there was no such thing as women's or gay liberation. We really didn't know many other ways to fight the oppression that was leveled at us. Who would listen!

Today we still have to be strong but we can show that strength in other ways. In numbers there is strength; in sisterhood there is strength; in finally being called healthy we can find strength. Some gay men have also changed during these times. Perhaps they recognized that they were also oppressed and still are by society — i.e., straight people.

Recently gay men and women have begun to work together for common causes yet some have failed in this joint effort. As a result, splits have again occurred. From the information that I have concerning these failures, male domination seems to be a predominant cause. This was demonstrated by their drive to control various gay organizations — to hold all important offices; to give gay women token responsibilities. Our gay brothers were reared male and exposed to being male and all that implies in our society. Can we expect more? . . . perhaps humanism. We need to educate men, especially our gay brothers so we can, as equals, fight our many mutual oppressors.

Yes I do see some gay men as being oppressive of gay women in many ways, but hopefully? to a lessening extent.

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# WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST

Note: The following items all appeared in William Loeb's *Manchester Union Leader*, either as news articles, editorials or letters to the editor.

Compiled for GCN by John Kyper.

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## Rock: Perverts Will Flock to UNH Trustee Blasts Bownes Ruling

January 18, 1974—

By ARTHUR C. EGAN JR.

University of New Hampshire Trustee David "Al" Rock of Nashua yesterday blasted U.S. District Court Judge Hugh Bownes for his ruling upholding an organization of homosexuals on the Durham campus.

Rock charged that Judge Bownes' ruling will mean that "filth and moral degradation" will now run rampant on the UNH campus and said that since the Gay Students Organization was given official recognition by the trustees the situation on the campus has deteriorated steadily.

"Already queers from around the nation are looking to UNH as a haven and sanctuary for their filth," he said.

Promising that he, as one trustee, will "carry the fight further," Rock said, "As to Judge Bownes his is not a court of last resort." Rock said he will make a motion at tomorrow's meeting of the trustees that the trustees appeal Bownes' decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rock's statement follows:

"I am shocked as a citizen of New Hampshire at the decision and guidelines handed down by Judge Bownes. His ruling as it affects the campus of the proud university of our state will have more far-reaching effects if left to stand as is than Judge Bownes could possibly imagine.

"Already queers from around the nation are looking to UNH as a haven and sanctuary for their filth. I have received mail from as far away as California that was so filthy I had to destroy it immediately. This mail was from supporters of these sex deviates at the University of New Hampshire, condemning me for my opposition from the beginning to their recognition.

"As the homos flock to UNH to be among their own kind, I fear thinking New Hampshire parents will tend to look elsewhere to send their sons and daughters to avoid the stigma we are now assuming.

**'Revolt to Me'**

"To hear Judge Bownes rule that the gays have a right to request university funding is revolting to me. I cannot think of any action or program they could propose that I would support funding as a trustee. I will vote against any funds for any purpose for the homosexuals at UNH.

"Now as to Judge Bownes, his is not a court of last resort. I intend to propose, and I am sure I will have support from other trustees, to appeal to the Supreme Court, if necessary, to rid the campus of the University of New Hampshire of the kind of filth and moral degradation that we have seen infiltrating since the gays were recog-

nized.

"If we cannot remove the organization then I am sure the Supreme Court will at least allow the trustees to set guidelines and rules that are more in keeping with the thinking of good Americans than that as proposed by Judge Bownes."

**Other Trustees**

Two other trustees, Alan Bridle, who is a student at Plymouth State College, and Paul J. Holloway of Exeter expressed "shock" and dismay at Bownes' action. Both Bridle and Holloway said they will support any move at tomorrow's meeting that will make an appeal to a higher federal court necessary.

"I just didn't believe it," said Holloway of Judge Bownes' decision. "I'm at a loss for words. I just didn't expect it (the decision) to go like that."

Holloway said he will fully support a move to appeal to a higher court. "We just have to appeal this case, that's all there is to it," said Holloway.

Bridle, appointed to the board of trustees as a student representative, said Judge Bownes' decision on Wednesday is a "blot on New Hampshire" and called for the trustees to appeal the case.

**'Really Disappointed'**

"I'm really disappointed in Judge Bownes. I think his ruling is unfortunate, not only for the university but for the people of this fine state."

Calling for further legal action to prevent the homosexuals from being given carte blanche on the UNH campus, Bridle said, "I am in favor of going as far as we can with this case. I believe the people of this state have the right to say what will go on at their state university and what will not."

Bridle promised to oppose the Gay Student Organization, saying, "I will continue to vote against the gay students because there is a higher court than Judge Bownes — and that is the Bible and God's court. God says this (homosexuality) is wrong, and, believe me, I answer to someone a lot higher than Judge Bownes."

## Judicial Madness

January 18, 1974—

An Editorial

Any day now, in view of the attitude of the federal judges, this newspaper expects to have an announcement from Durham that the duly orga-

nized Society of Durham Prostitutes demands recognition on the campus as a student organization — and has been granted such status by order of the federal court.

This week has certainly been a great week for pornographers, smut peddlers and homosexual degenerates. They have received the blessings of Judge Hugh Bownes and of the United States Supreme Court. WHAT MORE could a bunch of filthy scum want than recognition from such lofty sources?

Conversely, it has been one devil of a bad week for the decent people of New Hampshire who are trying to protect their children and themselves, but especially their children, from the corruption of those who would try to turn New Hampshire and the rest of the United States into a Sodom and Gomorrah.

This newspaper wonders whether Judge Bownes, for instance, realizes just how far out of step he is with the moral principles and the wishes of the people of New Hampshire when he tells the UNH Board of Trustees that they must recognize and grant every privilege to a group of sodomites at the University of New Hampshire, men and women who are practicing every filthy rite that has been banned by Holy Writ and which has been described in the Bible as the epitome of evil and degeneracy.

What gets into a judge's mind that he should make such an absolutely insane decision?

We challenge the judge to follow his thinking to its "logical" conclusion and then, indeed, you will have a Society of Prostitutes at the University of New Hampshire as a campus organization. You will have a society of perjurers. You will have a society of sadists. You will have a society of burglars. You will have a society of murderers. Where does the judge's "logic" lead him?

Judge Bownes is a classic example of some of the incredibly bad appointments that have been made by both Republicans and Democrats to the federal benches of the nation.

Then we come to the Supreme Court of the United States. Thank God for the vigorous dissent of Chief Justice Burger and Justices Rehnquist and White, who used a little common sense in objecting to the majority overthrow of New Hampshire's statute against obscenity.

But not the majority. THEY gave free rein to any smut peddler to make filthy money out of selling pornographic material to children and corrupting the minds of the young.

**THERE IS NOTHING MORE DESPICABLE! THERE IS NOTHING MORE FILTHY! THERE IS NOTHING MORE CONTEMPTIBLE THAN THIS TRADE IN SMUT AND THIS MAKING OF MONEY BY HUNGRY GHOULS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MORALS AND THE VERY LIVES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

This state is too great a state to be sullied and torn by a confused federal judge in a robe on a



# UNH Parents Should Be Concerned

## An Editorial

December 15, 1973—

bench in Concord. This is too great and glorious a nation, and New Hampshire is too good a state, to have our young people ruined by six confused and silly men in black robes sitting on a bench in a marble palace in Washington.

Somehow, sometime, and not in the too distant future, the decent people of this nation will find a way to rid themselves of these judicial decisions and these judicial mistakes in the form of judges who are attempting to pull down this nation and who, in the name of some confused concept of what constitutes human rights, would destroy the moral integrity of the United States.

THE COMMON SENSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL SOMEHOW PREVAIL OVER THE EVIL NONSENSE THAT HAS BEEN PERPETRATED ON THE PEOPLE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE ENTIRE NATION THIS WEEK.

William Loeb, Publisher

It is noteworthy that the homosexual literature being distributed on the UNH campus has its inception not in New Hampshire but in the Boston area, the point being that the decision of the UNH Board of Trustees to grant status on campus to the Gay Students Organization has had ramifications that should have been foreseen.

"Fag Rag—VI" lists a box office number in Kenmore Station, Boston.

"Fag Rag—V" gives a street address in Cambridge.

"Gay Community News" is published on Charles Street in Boston.

The same address on Charles Street is listed in an ad promoting weekly performances there of the homosexual "play" recently performed — with University sanction — at UNH.

Perhaps those parents of non-homosexual UNH students who felt that they and their sons and daughters were not affected directly by the trustees' outrageous decision, but who now see that the homosexuals have already violated their pledge not to proselytize among other students, may feel somewhat differently about the matter now.

The issue, of course, is not whether non-homosexual students can be guaranteed protection or immunity from attempted solicitation by aggressive homosexuals either on or off campus. They can't.

The issue is whether the homosexual students shall be allowed to use the official sanction given them by the University to assist them in their predatory pursuit of "straight" students, young people who are uncertain of their heterosexual identity, or students on the pink periphery who have homosexual tendencies but who are striving to live normal lives.

**Note: Many, many letters by readers have been sent to the *Union Leader* in response to the UNH gay group. The following are some of the more outrageous ones. One should note that there have been a number of pro-gay and moderate letters, but the great bulk have been against the gay group.**

## Compassion for Perverts

December 28, 1973—

To the Editors: To my good friends in New Hampshire who are troubled with the "Gay Problem" I suggest they apply the same good common sense, possessed by every New Hampshire farmer.

If a farmer in New Hampshire, possessed of cows and bulls, suddenly came upon his barnyard animals engaged in homosexual and lesbian acts, he would slaughter them all, as being accursed and of no value to him.

Now, I don't mean or suggest any slaughter of these most unfortunate individuals, I endorse compassion, on their behalf and I would also like to caution the "Gays" don't advertise or be bold about your confused habits, as you could incite individuals to commit violent action, due to the repulsiveness of your habits, so detrimental to mankind.

Ye are accursed and I suggest you seek a cure for your own well-being and personal safety.

ROBERT C. HAGOPIAN  
Past Commander  
D.A.V.—Dept. of Mass.

54 Alan Rd., S. Hamilton, Mass.

## Why the Furor?

January 25, 1974—

Addressed to William Loeb: What's all the furor over the homosexuals at UNH? Mankind has observed these creatures for thousands of years. Personally, I think they are as acceptable as most breeds of dogs and other domestic animals, such as horses, cows, pigs, etc. My only objection to the self-proclaimed "fags" is that they promulgate an affixation to human beings. This is a blatant pretense and being the self-acknowledged intellectuals they are, they fully realize the fact that they merely resemble human beings.

On reflection, I will have to retract my previous statement that "fags" are as acceptable as dogs. I can't recall a dog (or any other domestic animal) attempting to pass himself off as a human being.

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

P.S. I request my name not be printed under this letter. I have a semi-automatic shotgun in my home, but who needs the trouble? I am a teamster and we have a name for homosexuals — barracuda i.e. maneater.

I got a chuckle from one of your letter writers this past week. He said (you are a fart, repeat a FART). If you can upset these pseudo-intellectuals to such an extent you must be doing something right. (You might suggest they read portions of Balzac's Human Comedy.) Keep up the good work. You probably don't realize how many people appreciate the things you are trying to do.

(NAME & ADDRESS SUBMITTED)

## Doctor Offers Findings

January 8, 1974—

Addressed to William Loeb: Re: homosexuality. When a young patient asks a doctor, regardless of his specialty, for advice about his or her homosexual urges or practices, he or she should be told they are emotionally ill and in need of treatment. It is a well documented story that these people are a product of a dominant, rejecting, possessive mother and a weak, passive, emotionally remote father.

In my 28 years of general medicine, with above-average interest in emotional factors in disease, I can substantiate the above conclusions. My interest in N-P cases started in the USAF in World War II at the Regional and Convalescent Hospital No. 1 in Coral Gables and Miami Beach, Florida. This was a 2,000 bed facility acting as a diagnostic and disposition center for cases from all over the globe. A substantial percentage of our total case load were emotionally disturbed personnel.

DR. GEORGE E. QUINN  
23 Central St., Farmington.

## 'Without the Pill'

January 24, 1974—

Addressed to William Loeb: I admire your and Gov. Thomson's stand against the gay clubs and homos in general. I have given this subject great thought and have come up with the conclusion that women's liberation better get on the ball and also fight this thing because the way the world is going today there won't be any need for women in the future. Men are marrying men and women are living together. So this will solve this birth control problem (without the pill) and men can do the housework so there will be no need for women.

VERNE JOHN

Penacook

P.S. I still think God made women to love and have children.

## He Made It Back

January 29, 1974—

Addressed to William Loeb: In regard to your articles on the gay liberation movement at UNH I think you are over dramatizing what a homosexual is.

Being a former homosexual I don't feel I was perverted or weird. Confused and unhappy — yes — knowing mentally that my acts weren't normal and people frowned on them. I didn't force myself on little children or other men. I don't feel that homosexuals should be slaughtered like animals as was suggested in an article a few days ago. I do feel they should have their right to a way of life of their own as long as they don't force themselves upon other people.

I sought psychiatric help to overcome my desires toward men. With the help of psychiatrists and the Bible, I overcame it and got married and have found that my life has become more complete and my mind is sound. I am happily married and have children.

You see, as I said before, I don't feel that homosexuals are perverted.

(NAME AND ADDRESS SUBMITTED)





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## REACTIONS:

Dear GCN:

Another great issue but was particularly taken with John Kyper's article, "Cocksure."

I wish more gay men could see Lesbians from John's point of view. I don't buy the lie that a gay man who has hated women all his life can overcome his sexism overnight.

Let's all work together to smash the 'isms.'

Love,

SHIERI

Dear GCN:

Just caught your spot on "Catch 44" and was impressed. Could you kindly send me a copy of the GCN?

Thanks very much and good luck!

S.F.

Editor:

The belief that gays more so than straight people have "revolutionary potential" is disgusting, elitist nonsense. If I didn't personally know John Kyper, author of last week's FORUM article "Cocksure," I would accuse him of being self-flattering and egocentric. Thus, I'll not accuse John of being egocentric while I shall maintain that, perhaps unconsciously, he is patting himself on the back.

Everybody in this world is oppressed in some way or in many ways all the time by innumerable institutions and individuals and groups. For as long as the sun arises in the morning, some groups or individuals or governments or institutions will chant liberation and proselytize the latest style of one's finding/achieving self-fulfillment. Religions, movements, governments, gods, presidents, artists and street-cleaners come and go. Yet somehow, perhaps miraculously so, some people seem to be able to achieve inner liberation and peace notwithstanding the trends. People of all age brackets, classes, nationalities, races, socio-economic levels are oppressed. The route towards whatever may be defined as liberation (words here are truly superfluous) *always* takes a hell of an effort on anyone's part. The struggle to be free only varies superficially according to any number of situations, circumstances and environments with each person. I cannot and I hope I never will subscribe to the notion that gays are more eligible to be revolutionary than others. If anything, such a notion is counter-revolutionary.

Sincerely,

JOE

## Fraternity reveals true brotherhood

Last week Jeff Herrer, a member of Theta Chi Fraternity at the University of Maine, was expelled from his fraternity because of interest in and support of the Gay Liberation Movement.

Herrer himself is not gay. His interest in the movement is with the civil rights aspects. Now Herrer is considering the civil rights aspect of his own situation.

Theta Chi president Kevin Fellows confronted Herrer and ordered him not to attend any more meetings of the Bangor Gay Liberation group and to remove his name from their mailing list. Herrer replied that such a request was in violation of his civil rights and the Bill of Rights and that he would take the fraternity to court. Fellows said that he would "invent reasons" for his expulsion, and that those rights would have to be sacrificed for the good of the fraternity.

A few days after that original confrontation a meeting of the entire fraternity voted 20 to 0 with 2 abstentions to expel Herrer. The reasons for his expulsion were varied, ranging from going through personal property to failing to wash his

dishes. His interest in the Gay Movement was not mentioned at the meeting.

Theta Chi is faced with the possibility of closing down as of next semester unless they are able to obtain 20 more pledges. The frat brothers are concerned with their reputation in the face of closing their fraternity, and possibly their viability is at stake.

When *Maine Campus*, the university newspaper, asked frat president Fellows about the issue he denied that he confronted Herrer about attending Gay Liberation meetings and denied that Herrer had ever attended such meetings.

"I sleep with my door locked," said Jeff Herrer, after moving out of his fraternity into a dorm, "because some of the guys might lose their heads and try to pay me back."

## a day in the hay

On Feb. 10 DOB had a gala hay ride, better known as Winterfest. The day was enjoyed by over a hundred women from the far reaches of Massachusetts. There was tobogganing, sledding, two hay rides and general cavorting in the snow. The day was topped off by a dance at "The Saints" with the "Deadly Nightshade."



# The Rag in the fifth row

by Jonathan Cross

## A COMMENTARY ON ARE ENTERTAINMENTS OF GAY INTEREST Housebound

Ever wondered where to go when it's two in the morning, and the bars are closing, and you're getting hungry, but those dancing feet just won't stand still? Until now, you *schlepped* to Mondo's for two-over-easy or went home and boogied with the milkman *a la* Fred and Ginger. Well, now there's an after-hours gay alternative - Boston's newest dancing bar: "The House," at 12 Wilton Street, in the heart of beautiful downtown Allston.

Owner-proprietor-remodeller-decorator and general factotum Tony Bosco explained last Friday, as he sliced a lean and splendid ham for his late-night snackers, that his eventual aim is for what he called a "gay environment," an up-front, low-pressure, place for wee-hour dancing, cruising, lounging, and cozy togetherness. As of right now, while The House is still under reconstruction, he's only open weekends, from about one-thirty to cock-crow, as it

were.

Basically, what Tony has done is to hollow out an old bay-front frame house; inside it's a three-story, raftered shell, open to the roof beams and the shiny new insulation. He's added a knock-out Altec sound system, lights, slides, mirrors kooky fabric walls, and an *intime*, basic-necessities lounging area.

You'll pay a flat cover charge, about three dollars, and then it's all the sandwiches and soft drinks, dancing, and gay conviviality you can manage - 'til dawn's early light. As far as I'm concerned, it's an idea whose time, etc., and as of Friday, I was decidedly not alone. We left at 3:30 and paying customers were still dropping in, despite some make-shift, under-construction crudities here and there. Wilton Street is a short block from the uninspiring corner of Harvard and Cambridge Streets, Allston, but Tony's enthusiasm, and the warmth of his welcome, will make the search well worth your while. Just remember: don't show up until half past one - this place is strictly for night-owls only.

# DID YOU SEE?

by Ginny Collins

**ROSTON GLOBE.** Feb. 16: George Frazier, under "The Lit'ry Life," writes: "There's one thing I think should be made unmistakable before I go any further. This is that I don't happen to be queer. Naturally, I'm not sure if I were I wouldn't still be in the closet, but since I'm not that's academic - except perhaps for one thing, which is that if I were, I'd be an "interested party" and therefore disqualified from putting in an occasional word in the interests of alleviating the plight of gays in this country. If help and understanding, in non-discriminatory legislation, are to be given to the American homosexual, they must come, not from his kind, but from straights who have nothing to gain personally, save, of course, for the salvation of their own souls.

Another thing is that when I mentioned such a position in papers on the homosexual condition as, say, the Gore Vidal interview in the new *Fag Rag* or the dark-ages expostulations of the Manchester (N.H.) *Union Leader*, I do so mostly for the enlightenment of heterosexuals. Which brings me to the Feb. 15 issue of *Commonweal*, a publication most appropriately described as a disgracefully neglected liberal Catholic

magazine. Good Lord, how wondrously liberal! Not only did *Commonweal* devote an entire issue to the gay position among Catholics, but it now (Feb. 15) presents a remarkably sensitive piece - "Catholic Homosexuals: The self-affirmation of gay Catholics raises many theological questions" - by Gregory Baum, a converted Jew who is now a priest. It should have special relevance in Boston, where the oppression of homosexuals comes largely from the guilt-ridden Irish Catholic community. However, I cannot imagine any heterosexuals not being made more understanding by what Father Baum has to say. Obviously, there are those who resent his words, since the copy of the issue that arrived by mail at the office of Religious News Service had the Baum piece ripped out. Ah, the problems the liberal magazines face in these years! Incidentally, you can get *Commonweal*, I'm told, only at the Public Library or by special order from the Out-of-Town Newsstand or Reading International."

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# MEDIA MESSAGE

by Loretta Lotman

## ABSOLUTELY FREE TIME ON TV

There are opportunities for enterprising gay people and organizations to get on television to deliver messages of importance to us. The usual methods of sending out Public Service Announcements and press releases have been belabored in this column before (and will be many more times). However, I would like to focus on some readily available air time we can and should start using.

Several TV stations in town have little 30- or 60-second public service announcements that are delivered by individuals from around Boston. This is not the same as Chuckipoo Scarborough reading a "news note of community interest." These are short blocks of time made available for public announcements of more general interest. Here is a short run-down:

Channel 4: "Speak Out" offers approximately 55-seconds for individuals to say what's on their mind. The offer of time is limited to non-profit organizations, which means virtually any gay group is eligible. They want statements of interest and concern, not specific blurbs for upcoming events. Write letters explaining what you want to say and what your group is about. In about two weeks, your letter will be "screened" and if "appropriate" (I hate those cop-out words) for the feature, you'll be notified as to when you get to record it. Write to Ms. Patty Schaub, WBZ-TV, 1170 Soldiers Field Rd., Boston, Mass. 02134.

Channel 5: They claim that they produce so many local programs, they are not obligated to offer airtime in one-minute segments to their viewing public. How about another local program about "Homosexuals in Boston"? Huh??

Channel 7: "Focus" limits your speaking time to 30-seconds, so you'll have to talk fast and be precise. They are most interested in

announcements about groups in existence in this area. Last week I saw the "Air Force Speakers Bureau" plugged. How about the Gay Speakers Bureau? Write to Ms. Ann Hitchcock, WNAC-TV, Government Center, Boston 02114. Explain your group and what you would like to say.

Channel 56: Surprisingly enough, the movie and rerun station offers "Vox Pop," 30-seconds to give your personal opinions on almost anything. (How many times can you say "Gay is good" in 30 seconds?) Write to them, stating your proposed topic and information. That's WKBG-TV, Public Affairs Director, WKBG-TV, 75 Morrissey Blvd., Boston 02125.

All of these features are heavily screened before you are allowed to speak. However, in speaking to the people responsible for screening, they were all in favor of gay people and groups taking offered airtime. (They think it gets them off the hook for not doing gay programming, but they're wrong!) Anyway, the "system" is opening its doors a crack, and it's time for us to take the air time they are offering.

**MEDIA NOTES:** Tuesday, Feb. 26, the Paul Benzaquin Show will be devoted to a discussion of homosexuality. The first half will feature a discussion of the APA decision by Dr. Carol Nadleson. Dr. Larry Hartman (both APA members) and Rev. Don McGaw of the Health Service. The show will be live at 9 a.m. and open to phone calls and questions by a studio audience. Gay people are welcome to attend in the studio and watch a (hopefully) positive program...Starting Monday, Feb. 25, WGBH will show the 5-part series "Nana" at 10 p.m. on Channel 2. The program runs for 5 consecutive nights with no reruns. According to GBH publicity, it's about a ruthless courtesan. However, Nana is a gay woman and lives with her lover while screwing (literally and figuratively) the men out of all their money. Excellent scenes of a 1700s gay bar, with very positive connotations plus a sexy pear eating scene in the 4th episode...Elaine Noble taped a "David Susskind Show" in New York 10 days ago. I'll announce its air date as soon as it's established...The "Police Story" broadcast on Feb. 12 was rewritten by gay activists, and it showed. The program copped out on a few points, but when was the last time you heard the word "homophobia" explained on a TV program? ..."Closet Space" remains in limbo. We won't know for another week or so if the protest has been effective in halting the takeover. If the show is cancelled, the entire staff vows "Closet Space" will surface on another station.



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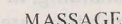
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## dance ends, but party's not over

February 15 saw the last of the Friday night gay dances at the Charles Street Meeting House. The dances, which began over three years ago, have been discontinued because lack of attendance made them financially unfeasible. According to Randy Gibson, CSMH minister, "they are no longer needed." "Need," Gibson said, "is reflected in attendance, and attendance at the Friday night dances was down to around 25 to 35 people in the last month. Last fall we were getting 150 to 180 people." Gibson speculated that other outlets for the gay community have developed; recently opened bars have supplanted the dances.

The Meeting House is not concerned with making a profit, emphasized Dennis Thomas, manager of the CSMH coffee house. But it must be able to pay its bills, and the money for that must come from the activities it sponsors. The Friday night dances just weren't paying their way. CSMH tried advertising the dances, but it was expensive and ineffective. Live bands were tried too, and they drew large crowds, but all of the

extra money went to the bands. Meanwhile, the CSMH utilities bills for the last two months alone came to nearly \$2000. So on Monday, Feb. 11, the Board of Directors of the Meeting House accepted the recommendation of Gibson and the dance committee that the dances be officially discontinued.

Gibson pointed out that "the Board of this church is not complaining. Nor is the minister complaining. But there are better uses to be made of the space and time." Right now there are no alternative programs scheduled. But the Meeting House will probably sponsor dances irregularly, in conjunction with local gay conferences and festivals. In addition, CSMH wants to establish a regular program not now offered in the gay community, perhaps in film and theatre (for openers). CSMH is looking for suggestions and for people who will help put their own and others' suggestions to work. And, as always, the Meeting House needs money (or ways around needing money) for its activities. Contact Dennis Thomas at the Charles Street Meeting House (523-0368) if you have ideas, time or resources to give.

## gay bills

All interested persons are urged to attend the hearings for House Bills H.2524 and H.2525. These bills, being sponsored by the Commerce and Labor Committee, are aimed at ending discrimination in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations. The hearings will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in room 437-B, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

There are four other bills scheduled before the legislature this year in the area of Gay rights. Bill H.2582, sponsored by the insurance committee, would end discrimination in the sale of insurance. The hearing is scheduled for March 14 in room 473-B of the State House. During the week of March 21 hearings will be held on a bill sponsored by the Public Service Committee to end discrimination in Civil Service. House bills 2604 and 2601 would amend the constitution to assure equality regardless of sex, race, color, sexual preference, creed or national origin.

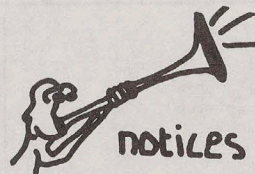
The other bill would repeal laws prohibiting certain sexual acts. Both these bills are sponsored by the Judiciary Committee.

## i could have danced all night



The Boston University Homophile League in cooperation with the M.I.T. and Harvard-Radcliffe gay students groups held the "biggest college gay dance ever" Sunday night at the B.U. Sherman Union. The dance attracted well over 500 gay and straight men and women who drank beer and danced. Many people enthusiastically asked members of the B.U. gay group if there could be similar dances in the future.

The last gay dance of this caliber was held in 1969 by Harvard gay students. Many people who attended that dance said that this was one reason why they were looking forward to this one. Hopefully there will be more dances held at local universities in the near and far future.



Gay Films!!! Community Films, a film distribution organization in Somerville, is looking for films with gay themes. Anyone knowing of films that would aid in the education of both gay and straight communities are asked to call Mark at 776-7080.

The Homophile Union of Boston presents another fabulous film spree from midnight to dawn on two nights: this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22 and 23 at Art Cinema (Tremont St. near Boylston). There will be free refreshments. Featured will be five high-camp films: "Some Like It Hot" and one X-All-Male cast, either "Bijou" or the Boston premiere of "The Night Before," plus a surprise musical comedy. All for the price of one "G" Walt Disney Doodey. \$2.50 admission!

The New England Gay Conference Planning Committee announces its next meeting for Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Providence, 410 Waterman Ave., East Providence, R.I. Phone: 401-434-0668. Directions from all points north: Take I-95 South, Take I-95 exit, take Taunton Ave. exit. This leads to Waterman Ave. P.S. - Please return your Housing Forms as soon as possible.

The Institute of Homophile Studies announces that people who haven't registered for Introduction to Homosexuality (Mondays from 7-9:30) or History of Homosexuality (Tuesdays from 7-9:30) may register at the door during the first two weeks. Courses started Feb. 18 and 19. Tuition is \$25 for each ten week course.

Community House, Inc., is sponsoring a sports banquet to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Sheraton Hotel, Prudential Center, Boston, at 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mark Herron, running back for the New England Patriots football team. Donation \$10 per person. For further information call 266-4714.

Wayne April, president of the GSO at the University of New Hampshire, will speak about the smear tactics used by the Manchester Union Leader, and of Gov. Thomson's threat to withhold funds from the school because it permits the organization to exist. A question and discussion period will follow Mr. April's presentation. Everybody is welcome. He will speak on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the First Parish Unitarian Church on Ashby Common (Rte. 119), Ashby, Mass., just north of Fitchburg. For further information call Charles Hobbs, Groton, Mass. (617) 448-5336.

Be sure not to miss the upcoming special called "Where To Get Off in Boston" starring all your Coffeehouse favorites. Feb. 25 7:30, Channel 2; 9:30, Channel 44; Feb. 27 6:30, Channel 2; Feb. 28 7:30, Channel 2; 9:30 Channel 44.

OLDER WOMEN'S RAP About twenty women came to the first older women's rap held at D.O.B. Feb. 14. The raps will be continued on a weekly basis to see how things go. The next rap is Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. at the D.O.B. office.

All future services held by the Gay Jewish group will be held at the Boston University Hillel House, located at 233 Bay State Road, at 8 p.m. on Fridays, beginning Feb. 22. Help celebrate the Simcha (Happy Occasion) of the first meeting in the new home. (It's in the chapel on the 3rd floor.)

The Jewish Gay Group is happy to announce "An evening with a Rabbi who cares." A rabbi will be visiting the group to give encouragement and support to the venture. This will take place at B.U. Hillel House, 233

Bay State Road, Boston, Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. The established Jewish community is finally reacting and supporting the Gay Jewish group. Join us. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 227-5667.

On Sunday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. DOB will have a spaghetti supper at St. John's Church on Bowdoin St. near Government Center, Boston. A lesbian film entitled "Home Movie" and a short business meeting will follow. Donation \$1.50.



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22	5:30-6:30 pm Hvd-Rdell GSA, Brks Hse. info 498-3096 7:00 pm Wilde-Stein Club, U. of Me. Mem. Union, Orono 8:00 pm DOB bowling at Sammy White's, Sold.Fld.Rd., Bri. 8:00 pm Jewish Gay Group, BU Hillel Hse., 233 Bay St. Rd. Midnight-Dawn HUB Film Fest., Art Cinema, Trem. St. nr. Boyls.	frida
23	1:00 pm Bos Gay Youth Referrals & Info, 536-6197 1:00-9:00 pm Children's Festival, Metro. Comm. Church, Boston 2:00 pm Bos Gay Youth open rap & mtg., 419 Boyls., rm 509 2:00 pm *N.E. Gay Conf. Pln.Mtg., 410 Waterman, E. Prov., R.I. 4:00-6:00 pm Supper, Children's Festival, MCC Boston Midnight-Dawn HUB Film Festival, Art Cinema, Trem. nr. Boyls.	satu
24	10:20 am Closet Space, WCAS 740 AM, 492-6450 2:00-4:00 pm Women's Basketball, Camb.YWCA, Temp. St., Cen.Sq 2:00-5:00 pm Gay Open House, 73 Church St., Burlington, Vt. 5:30 pm *DOB spaghetti supper, St.John's Ch, 33 Bowdoin St. 5:30 pm Mass at Interfaith, cr. Mass. Ave. & Beacon 6:45 pm MCC Services, fellowship, Old West Ch, Boston 7:00 pm Prov. MCC services, 410 Waterman, E. Prov., R.I. 8:00 pm Wore. Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Wore., rm. 31	sunday
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26	6:30-7:30 pm Bos Gay Youth, referrals & info, 536-6197 7:00-9:30 pm *Homophile Studies, 419 Boyls., HCHS, 4th fl. 7:00 pm Lesbian Therapy Res. Proj., Womens Ctr., Camb. 7:30 pm DOB women's rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 323 7:30 pm Prov. MCC prayer group, 410 Waterman, E. Prov. 8:00 pm MCC Bible study; info 523-7664, Boston	tuesda
27	11:00 am-Lesbian rap group, Women's Ctr., SMU, N. Dartmouth 11 am-1 pm *Hearings on Gay Bills, rm. 437B, State House 1:00 pm Gay-Straight Rap, SMU Gay All. N. Dartmouth 8:30 pm Men's Rap SMU, N. Dartmouth 6:30 pm *Ch. 2-Coffeehouse on "Where to Get Off in Bstn." 7:00 pm Gay Support & Action, Unitar.Par.Hse., Bangor, Me. 7:30 pm SMU Gay Alliance, N. Dartmouth 7:30 pm *Wayne April, GSO, UNH, Unitar. Ch., Ashby, Mass. 7:30 pm DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 323 8:00 pm Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 415 8:00 pm *Special Jewish Prog., BU Hillel, 233 Bay St. Rd. 8:00 pm Gaybreak Radio WMUA, 91.9 FM, Amherst 8:00 pm BU Homophile League, Sherman Union Evening Gay Rights Org. - GRO- Portland, Maine	wed
28	10:00 am Gay News, WCAS 740 AM 7:30 pm MCC choir rehearsal, Old West Church, Boston 7:30 pm *Ch. 2-Coffeehouse on "Where to Get Off..." 8:00 pm Lesbian Lib. mtng., Women's Ctr., Cambridge 8:00 pm DOB Older Women's Rap, 419 Boylston, rm 323 9:00 pm Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.0 FM 9:30 pm *Ch. 44-Coffeehouse on "Where to Get Off..."	thursd
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2	1:00 pm Bos Gay Youth referrals and info, 536-6197 2:00 pm Bos Gay Youth open rap & mtg., 419 Boyls, rm. 509 9:00 pm Gay Dance, 73 Church St., Burl. Vt. 802-863-2496; 50¢	satu
3	10:20 am Closet Space, WCAS 740 AM; 492-6450 2:00-4:00 pm Women's basketball, Camb YwCA, Temp St. 5:30 pm Mass at Interfaith, crnr. Mass. Ave. & Beacon 6:00 pm MCC Sunday School, Old West Church, Boston 6:45 pm MCC Boston services, fellowship, Old West Church 7:00 pm Prov. MCC services, 410 Waterman, E. Providence 8:00 pm Wore. Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Wore., rm. 31	sunday
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### BOSTON AREA

Bisexual Rap Counseling Group (area code 617)  
Boston Gay Youth 864-8181  
B.U. Homophile League 536-6197  
Charles Street Meetinghouse 533-7238  
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 523-0368  
(Contact Loretta Lotman) 492-6450  
Daughters Of Billis 262-1592  
Dignity/Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215  
Erasmus Homophile Society for the Arts, Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108

Fag Rag 536-9826  
Gay Alert 536-3285  
Gay Community News 523-8729  
Gay Craftworks 738-0428  
Gay Media Action 868-5729  
Gay Nurses' Alliance 266-5473  
Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston 542-6500/607  
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451  
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790  
(Contact Ann Maguire or John Lawrence)

Good Gay Poets 536-9826  
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn. 498-3096  
Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477  
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197  
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 261-8526  
(Contact Andrew Kopkind or Littlejohn)

Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 354-8807  
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807  
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807  
Metropolitan Community Church/Boston 523-7664  
Project Place 267-9150  
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764

### EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

(area code 617)  
Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359 Federal Sta., Worcester 01601

### WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

(area code 413)  
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154  
Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883  
Gay People's Hour Radio (Amherst) 546-5176  
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626  
UMass-Amherst Student Homophile League 545-0154  
Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

### RHODE ISLAND

(area code 401)  
Brown University Gay Liberation, SAO, Brown Univ., Providence 02912  
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence)  
Metropolitan Community Church (Providence)  
Kingston Gay Liberation

### VERMONT

(area code 802)  
Gay in Vermont (Burlington)  
Vermont Gay Women 863-2496  
425-2782

### CONNECTICUT

(area code 203)  
Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101  
Metropolitan Community Church (Hartford)

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

(area code 603)  
Univ. NH Gay Student Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824  
Occupant, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261  
(Gay Women's group, do NOT use 'gay' on any mail to them)

### MAINE

(area code 207)  
Gay Rights Organization (GRO) P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04112  
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401  
Wilde-Stein Club, Aenaki-Mem. Union, Univ. of Maine, Orono 04473