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state hearings on gay rights bills

Wednesday of this past week the Joint Committee on Commerce and Labor of the Massachusetts State Legislature held its annual hearings on bills to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in employment, housing, credit, mortgages and insurance. The occasion was a marked success for the gay community and a milestone in the long struggle for gay rights.

First to speak was Rep. Barney Frank, the bills' chief legislative sponsor, who complained about the paradoxical nature of the opposition to the bills, an opposition that in fact never says anything to explain its continuing No. According to Rep. Frank a secret ballot might very well have led to passage of gay rights legislation even last year, but many legislators who admit off the record that the bills are entirely reasonable if not overdue are not yet ready to

vote their belief because their constituents might not understand. Following Rep. Frank to the rostrum, however, Rep. Laurence Buxbaum of Sharon asserted that it is no longer true that most people are unsympathetic to such legislation and that if his fellow legislators still think they are it is a sign that these leaders are somewhat out of touch with their constituents. Two other legislators also spoke in favor of the bills.

Thanks in good measure to the labors of Bob Dow and Laura McMurry, among toehers, the testimony pertaining to actual cases of discrimination, which came next, was particularly well prepared. Referring to an elaborate problem that is now also before the courts, three former employees, including the former general manager of Checker Cab Company, described a systematic firing of homosexuals by that com-

pany (concerning which there happens also to be documentary evidence, a rare boon in cases of this kind). Other witnesses recounted examples of overt discrimination by the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, the J. J. Nissen's Baking Corporation in Lynn and other concerns. In areas other than employment very clearcut cases of prejudice

A plea is being made for housing space for persons who will be coming from out of town to attend the New England Gay Conference, and will need a place to sleep the nights of Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16.

If you can furnish housing, or if you need housing in order to attend the conference, contact Dennis Thomas at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, or telephone 523-0368. Do it now!

were adduced involving a suburban bank, a Framingham housing development, a Foxboro apartment complex and the Registry of Motor Vehicles. In some instances it was, unfortunately, necessary that the victims and even the perpetrators of

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get the sweat out, boys!

According to the Rev. Don Boyd of the Queen City Baptist Church in New Hampshire, "it is better for a boy to play basketball than to play a stereo. He should spend more time playing football than playing the piano. It is better that he plays basketball more than he plays the flute. Have them play anything to avoid feminine tendencies."

In a letter addressed and printed in William Loeb's Manchester *Union Leader*, the Baptist minister tells how "a wise parent can insure his child against homosexuality." Number one on the list of do's and don't's is, "A mother should not over-protect her son." Mothers should also refrain from calling their boys sweetheart, darling, sweetie face, etc.

Fathers have certain rules to follow also, lest they want a gay son. "Fathers should spend time with their sons and should prevent the child from being a 'loner'."

The Rev. Boyd adds that "a boy should be required to perspire. He should know what hard work is sweating is good for a boy."

He closes with "a boy should be shown manly affection. Our country is in need of men. We are facing a problem that is going to become increasingly serious, unless a cure is effective."

Homophobe Loeb saw fit to print this advice on the front page of his newspaper, under the title "Homosexuality is an Abomination to God." Rev. Boyd disclosed that "homosexuality is detestable to God - it stinks to God. God hates it. In other words, it is a sin."

new gay lib battleground, U. of M.

GCN's news correspondent in Maine has informed news headquarters that there is a battle "ragin'" on the University of Maine campus at Orono. The outcome is rather nebulous at this time.

According to Dr. Lawrence Cutler, president of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine, the board was unanimous in its decision to allow university facilities to be used to host a Conference of Homosexuals on April 20. Dr. Cutler has dismissed the gay communities as "sickies" who are entrapped in what I would call the gay "sin-drome"... Dr. Cutler went on to say, "Thank God, homosexuality is not incurable...no matter how strong, [it] need not be permanent." He furthermore stated that we present the "sick as healthy."

Fifty thousand letters were sent out in an appeal ("form letters are

printed...and require only your signature and address") so that "If you feel as we do in this matter, then we [the board] are in a position to revoke that approval and reverse the stand they have taken on this matter."

"The Wilde-Stein Controversy" as it is now referred to, has been under fire since its inception last September at the university campus. A spokesman for the Wilde-Stein Club has defended the organization as not being a recruiting, or procuring or enslaving center for "straights". The spokesman, who must remain anonymous, said, "There is a social revolution - or evolution - in this country. The blacks, peace and women's movements and we (gays) are just part of it."

Concurrent with the announcement the Wilde-Stein group was to have a conference was an announcement by President Howard Neville that the

campus would be soliciting \$2.5 million from the alumni to finance a capital expansion program at UMO. It seems that the alumni have, temporarily at least, tightened its pursestrings.

WLBZ Radio in Bangor has dropped its weekly five-year-old broadcast by the Rev. Herman C. Frankland because he [Frankland] feels his attacks on the Wilde-Stein Club has caused the demise of his program. They [the radio station] forbade him to make any further comments about the gay lib group in his last radio broadcast or they would deny him even this last "hurrah!" Station manager Hunter said "That had nothing to do with it whatsoever." He added that management decisions regarding programming by the Maine Broadcasting System in Portland, which owns WLBZ, had been responsible for the action.

active gays brunch

Last Saturday over 35 women and men gathered at the Charles Street Meetinghouse for a monthly meeting of persons active in the gay community. The meeting was comprised of members of various Boston gay groups.

The meeting was chaired by Ms. Sheri Barden of Daughters of Bilitis. Discussion at this month's meeting centered primarily on two subjects: the feasibility of a gay community center, and a discussion with Gary Hayes, assistant to police commissioner Robert diGrazia, who spoke about establishing a liaison between the police department and the gay community.

The need for a gay community center was brought up because of the recent fire in the HUB office, and the possible repercussions of that incident. The idea of a center has been tried and the reason it never got off the ground was because of lack of funds.

Assistant to the police commissioner Gary Hayes briefly stated that it is his wish to make himself accessible to all groups, although he won't always be able to comply with their wishes. Hayes feels that the police department reflects society, and enforces the laws of that society.

The possibility of *Gay Community*

News getting crime reports on crimes related to the gay community was brought up, and Hayes has promised to look into making arrangements so *GCN* can receive the reports.

Another area of discussion was that of training in the police academies, and for veterans on the force as well. It was suggested that meetings with small groups of policemen might aid in raising the consciousness in respect to the gay community.

The meeting turned to a brief discussion on the gay rights hearing. The bills heard last week are to be voted on this week, and there is a possibility that the governor will establish a commission on homosexuality.

Loretta Lotman of Gay Media Action has gotten an appointment with Boston *Globe* editor Tom Winship, to discuss that paper's coverage of the gay community. Ms. Lotman plans to have a group of gay representatives at the meeting with Winship.

The active gays brunch, held on the first Saturday of each month, provides a forum for gay groups and individuals to exchange ideas, information and make general plans. This meeting is open to all who are interested in the gay community.

is still missing, and some of what was returned had been damaged.

When *GCN* contacted Rev. Nelson, his only comment on the situation was, "They don't pay their rent...on time." The Cabaret people have gotten a restraining order against Nelson, so they can remain in residence. They have also taken legal action against him for his illegal entrance and other charges against him are damages to private personal property and unnecessary hardship. The Cabaret management hopes for the "peaceful completion of their lease."

cabaret hassled

The managers of the Cabaret have been experiencing hassles over their rented house in Brookline from landlord J. Robert Nelson, dean of Boston University's School of Theology. The Cabaret managers feel that the harassment centers around their gayness and not any violation of the lease. Rev. Nelson was not aware of their affiliation with the gay spot when he agreed to rent to them.

The house is shared by two sets of tenants. When the Cabaret people moved in he promised that he would partition the two parts of the house, to insure the privacy of both parties. When Nelson complained that they were making too much noise, they agreed they would make less noise, and asked him to comply with his promise of the partition, since it would act as a sound baffle.

Shortly after Nelson registered his complaint, he rented a truck and with the help of his son and his son's friend, removed all of their belongings, and after several days returned most of their property. Some of it

health seminars

Community health nurse Cathie Shepard of Boston College plans to start a program of health seminars for the gay community. "It is my opinion that there is a definite need for community health interaction in the gay community," according to Ms. Shepard. "The people of this community have long been discriminated against and their problems minimized by the traditional medical establishment."

Ms. Shepard has prepared an infor-

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women's fair in Salem

A group connected with the Salem State College Women's Center is planning an all day women's fair for the North Shore at Salem State on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A presentation of demonstrations, exhibits, media, practical skills, services, information or whatever, which will make life easier and better for women on the North Shore is hoped to be accomplished.

A few gay women attended the first fair meeting. These women brought up suggestions of what facilities and activities they would like offered for the gay faction. Arrangements are in the making to have the following attend: Elaine Noble, Rev. Nancy Wilson of MCC, and D.O.B. members.

North Shore gays, men and women, have always had to travel to Boston to participate in gay activities whether it be for entertainment, political or religious reasons.

Now for the first time, an opportunity to participate in a gay activity on the North Shore has presented itself to gay women. Though only a first step, if enough gay women attend the next fair meeting perhaps future activities can be planned solidly for gays on North Shore.

Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m. dates the next fair meeting at the Women's Center, Sullivan Bldg., Salem State College. Come, voice your opinions and help the North Shore unite.

If more information is desired call 1-744-0256.

gay bills

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these malpractices remain anonymous, a necessity that also affected several heterosexual people who were denied services because they were incorrectly suspected of being gay or who wanted to testify in behalf of gay friends.

A second outstanding strongpoint of the day's presentation was the participation of spokesmen for a variety of religious organizations, including a statement of support from Bishop Edward Carrol of the United Methodist Church and an intimation that the Roman Catholic Archdiocese would be favorably disposed. The first speaker from the religious community was Father Paul Shanley, who has a special ministry to gay and bisexual people; when Father Shanley completed his remarks, saying "Discrimination against gays is what is sick not homosexuality; what is sinful, not being a homosexual; and what ought to be criminal," he was asked by Sen. Robert Hall of Worcester what seemed a very significant question, namely whether he thought Cardinal Medeiros would be in favor of the legislation. Father Shanley said yes, that he thought the Cardinal was quite concerned over a social discrimination that is both uncharitable and unfair.

Also addressing themselves to problems that result not from homosexuality but from its condemnation were Father Tom Oddo of Dignity, Father Tom Wilson of St. Clement's Shrine, and Rev. Don McGaw of the Homophile Community Health Service. Rev. William Alberts, former pastor of Old West Church, who was forcibly retired for performing a gay marriage but who would do it again, was especially eloquent, saying "I believe very strongly that bringing to life a life that already exists is just as much an act of creation as procreation, that there is nothing in anyone else that is foreign to us, and that there is nothing in us that is foreign to God."

Organizations testifying in support of the gay rights bills included, besides DOB and HUB, the ACLU, NOW CPPAX, the ADA and the National Women's Political Caucus. Individuals included political candidate Elaine Noble, a psychiatric nurse, a man with a Doctorate in Dental Surgery unable to practice his profession, an attorney, two college professors, a Cambridge sanitation worker on his lunch hour, a heterosexual student at Merrimack College, and, at the end and for many people most movingly, a former school teacher who described in brief a series of injustices that have plagued him for 35 years.

Members of the Commerce and Labor Committee are expected to report favorably on the two bills (H.2524 and H.2525, S.5 and S.5), but it is not yet clear how large a vote may be expected in the legislature as a whole. That depends above all on how many gay people get in touch with their representatives.

forum

SEPARATISM

The Question: What are your thoughts on the philosophy of lesbian separatism from all men — including gay men.

Feminist Philosophy of Separatism

by Andrea Gillespie

"What are your thoughts on the Philosophy of Lesbian Separatism . . ."

I am a woman! I am a woman before I am white, before I am Lesbian, before I am everything except human. But in this world the human is male, and the female is something less. This attitude so permeates this culture that no woman can escape it. For this reason I consider myself female before all else; and as such will devote all of my allegiance, attention and affection to women.

The time has come for women to come into their own; to grasp control of their lives and destinies. We will never be set free until we free ourselves.

" . . . from all men . . ."

Females and males, in this society, are raised with totally opposite sets of ethics. Women are passive; men are aggressive. Women are weak; men are strong. Women are gentle; men powerful; women kind; men unfeeling; women illogical, men logical. Men have characters to build; women have bodies to pamper. It is easy to see that their sets of values are not compatible with freedom and equality. They must be put aside, destroyed, ignored.

Feminism is synonymous with humanism. It is the best hope to come along in centuries for the world. Its success will benefit all people, not just women. Feminism means freedom from unnecessary, unreasonable restrictions and demands; it means self-direction; the right to choose what is right for oneself; it means access to the whole range of human emotions and abilities.

On the day we are born female this society drops a pretty pink shroud over our heads and proceeds to smother us with restrictions and trivia.

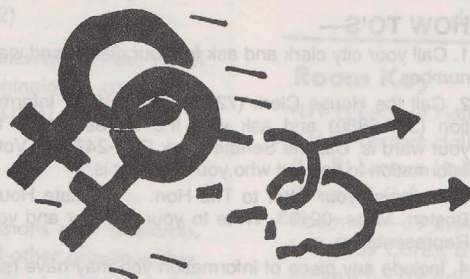
This society, which is man's, is so established in its male corruptness that women cannot start to create from there. We must start from a woman's base, and build our own ethics, our own culture, our own world. To seek and construct this pure base we must have space to learn about ourselves without the influence of men, without their oppressive history and tactics invading our every waking moment. We need the time and opportunity to explore our strengths and strengthen our weaknesses. We need the freedom to resume our natural abilities; so long suppressed. For a woman, trying to be free in this man's world is like trying to be honest in a den of thieves.

Last winter a little boy informed me that I must be a boy because I had long hair. When I asked him if he was a girl because he had short hair he was amazed that I would think such a thing. This small incident with this small boy-man reemphasized for me the position women hold in the world. Women get what men don't want, and whatever men want they take by eminent domain. Whenever a job, a style, an idea becomes lucrative men are right there to claim it as theirs. Women are useful only as they fill in for the lack of men (in which case they can "amazingly" do everything men can do), or to do things men don't consider important

and/or don't want to do.

Since women are not taken seriously to begin with it makes making our influence felt that much harder. Everything a woman does is automatically discounted because she is a woman. When a woman succeeds it is always a surprise. When women get together it can't be for anything very important. Hassling these attitudes serves to divert our energy and attention away from women and toward men. I don't want to be bothered with or by men anymore, I have more important things to do. Certainly many would argue that men are here and inevitable, and to some extent women must deal with them, like it or not. I'm looking forward to the time when this dealing is done on women's terms, and that time will only come when women recognize, appreciate and honor their sisterhood.

Women's liberation (survival) depends on separation from men, preferably physical and psychological, but at least psychological. We must withdraw, evaluate, think, and decide for ourselves how we see ourselves and our world, and how we want to live our lives.



" . . . including gay men?"

To our gay brothers I can only say that though you suffer some of the injustices that women do, when the words forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual preference are injected into men's laws you will be there, and we will still be struggling to legitimize our personhood.

I am concerned about a person's right to their sexuality, but there is more to life and living than sexuality, my main concern is woman's right to life; to be female and human.

I know there are gay men of raised consciousness out there, but they are few and far between. I haven't the time or interest to search for them. I also know there are gay men who mock women, who find their gayness in perpetuating the myths and stereotypes of women. I know there are gay men who see and treat women in all the same oppressive ways of straight men. The word "gay" does not make you any different to me than any other man.

If anything I do has the by-product of helping the plight of gay men it's fine with me, but it will always be incidental to my primary purpose of helping sisters. So, I advocate separatism until such time as all men develop a feminist consciousness. Then, maybe, we can all be human together.

More Different Than In Common

by Linda Peer

I have only a personal view of "lesbian separatism" to offer GCN. If there are lesbians in Boston who believe in complete separatism from men, I don't know them. Anyone who is interested in this position should read Jill Johnston's column in the "Village Voice," or her book, *Lesbian Nation*.

As a lesbian, I do prefer to work for gay rights and women's rights apart from men for several reasons.

Lesbians and gay men have more different problems than problems in common. If the laws and social attitudes which discriminate against homosexuals disappeared tomorrow, gay men would gain a great deal of freedom, but lesbians would remain in almost the same position they are in today. We would still be discriminated against in jobs and education, for instance, and would still be considered inferior to white males because we are women. If, on the other hand, all the laws and customs that discriminate against women were forgotten, lesbians would gain a lot in areas that range from juvenile courts, rights of ownership while married, to chances for graduate education and on-the-job training.

When men ask me why I don't want to work with them on gay issues, I wonder what they would do if the gay battles were won. Would all the gay boys stay in the mixed groups and help lesbians by fighting as hard for women's rights as they did for gay rights?

The gay groups to which both men and women belong always seem to oppose and work against sodomy laws and entrapment, which are issues which involve men exclusively. What issues are they concerned with that only involve lesbians? This is the heart of the issue for men — men have *always* had first claim on women's energies. We have poured our strength into our husbands, lovers, and sons before ourselves forever. Gay men expecting women to work with them is *exactly* in this tradition. It seems to me that it is time for us to direct our energies wholly towards ourselves and our sisters. It is time to reclaim our own strength, and fight our own very important battles first. I can accept working with men on issues we feel are important to us both as a tactical necessity, but emotionally I feel a great deal of sympathy for women who won't cooperate with men at all.

Divided We Fall

by Paula Doherty

"Lesbian Separatism" — the words are new and express a particular philosophy, but is the actuality of the phrase new? I believe it is not a new creation, but only a new set of words used to describe a fact that has existed between gay women and gay men for years. I do not deny that the phrase "Lesbian Separatism" has a basis in a new political awareness. Neither am I going to deny that it also has a basis in the same sort of discrimination that these same politically aware persons say they abhor — discrimination based on a person's genitals.

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Massachusetts Gay Rights Bills: Spring 1974

Information provided by DOB and HUB

Six gay rights bills will come before the Massachusetts Legislature this spring. Your support is urgently needed in contacting your state representative and senator to tell them that you, their constituent, want them to vote for the bills. If a legislator who represents 20,000 voters receives five letters on any one piece of legislation, this constitutes a landslide of public opinion.

Each of the bills will first have a public hearing before the committee to which it is assigned (dates are being set for the last week in February through April). The committee then votes to give the bill a favorable or unfavorable recommendation. The entire House then votes on this recommendation. If a bill gets an o.k. in the House, it goes before the Senate.

DIVIDED WE FALL

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If a gay community is to become a reality, we can not afford these sorts of differences to exist. We can not continue to alienate our brethren if we are to achieve that sense of community that this paper is meant to represent. If we are to gain gay rights we must show the type of strength that can only be found in unity. Last year the gays of Boston filed various bills in the State Legislature aimed at benefitting all gays. Last year these bills were defeated; but we have won in our defeat of those bills because we have slowly started to form that unity I have previously mentioned.

We will not achieve that unity, however, if there is a continuation of the following spectacles:

In December 1973, a Christmas party was held at the 1270. Few women attended because one particular group was associated with it; and the few women that did go to this party propped up one wall while the men propped up the other! Talking to each other wouldn't have been difficult but few were willing to try.

This idiocy is not limited to separatism between the sexes. I've seen it exhibited between members of the same sex as well. I'm sure readers have noticed that it is more than difficult to get leather and queens to mix. I've seen something that comes just short of open animosity exhibited between these two groups.

Separatism can no longer be tolerated if the vision of a gay COMMUNITY is to become a reality.

I'm ending this short piece with a challenge to all who read it: Instead of fighting for a separate entity that would only weaken the whole, how about fighting tooth, nail, and claw to achieve a strong whole? How? Simply by looking at a person and seeing JUST THAT: a person, another human being.

The following groups and individuals have co-sponsored one or more of these bills: Representatives Lawrence Buxbaum, Barney Frank, James Collins, John A. Businger; Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts; National Organization for Women; Americans for Democratic Action; Homophile Union of Boston; Daughters of Bilitis; Citizens for Participation in Political Action.

LEGISLATION

H.2524 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual preference under the Employment Security Law. This will amend Chapter 151B of the General Laws to provide protection in employment, housing, credit, mortgages, insurance, etc. *Commerce and Labor Committee.*

H.2582 prohibits discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of sexual preference. This would amend Section 98 of Chapter 272. *Commerce and Labor Committee.*

H.2582 prohibits discrimination in the sale of insurance. This would add a Section, 122A, to Chapter 175. *Insurance Committee.*

H.2601 provides for repeal of the laws prohibiting certain sexual acts. This would repeal Sections 16, 18, 34 and 35 of Chapter 272 (sections on open and gross lewdness, fornication, crime against nature, and unnatural acts; respectively). *Judiciary Committee.*

H.2627 prohibiting discrimination in examinations or applications for public employment. This would amend Section 10 of Chapter 31 which deals with state civil service. *Public Service Committee.*

H.2604 a legislative amendment to the Constitution providing that equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, sexual preference, creed, or national origin. *Judiciary Committee.*

HOW TO'S—

1. Call your city clerk and ask for your district and ward number.
2. Call the House Clerk (727-2356) or Voter Information (357-5880) and ask who the representative for your ward is. Call the Senate Clerk (727-2476) or Voter Information to find out who your Senator is.
3. Address your letter to The Hon., State House, Boston, Mass. 02133. Write to your Senator and your Representative.
4. Include any piece of information you may have read or your personal reasons for asking their support. Be explicit, brief, friendly, and ask for action—a vote. Refer to the bills by number.
5. Ask for a reply.
6. Get your friends (straight or gay) and relatives to write letters — Legislators need the votes and cam-

aign contributions of their constituents to hold their seats.

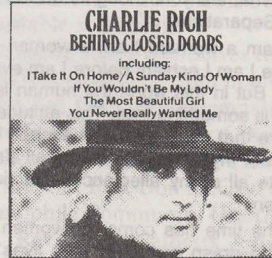
7. As dates for votes come up, write a follow-up letter. After the votes, write again.

8. A letter can be effectively followed by a personal phone call or better, a visit to your representative at the State House.

9. Send copies of replies to your letters to Daughters of Bilitis or to The Homophile Union of Boston. This will help greatly in lobbying efforts.

10. Look for notices in GCN. Contact HUB 536-6197 or DOB 262-1592 or the House Clerk for hearing dates. A strong attendance at hearings will help the bills.

11. Contact HUB or DOB if you wish to help lobby.

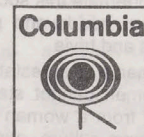


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NEW ENGLAND GAY CONFERENCE

MARCH 15, 16, 17, 1974

Sponsored by the Gay Organizations of New England on the theme of "Coming Together"

Friday, March 15—

9:00-11:00 p.m.—Dance, Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, 536-0368. (\$1.50)

Pre-Conference Registration. Free housing and child care information. (No registration fee).

Saturday, March 16—

ALL EVENTS AT 69 BRIMMER ST., unless otherwise noted

8:30- 9:30 a.m.—CONFERENCE REGISTRATION. Housing, Child Care. (No Registration Fee).

There will be someone at desk all day so if you arrive later than 9:30, please register.

9:30-10:15 a.m.—WELCOME & KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Wayne April, GSO, UNH (LH-1)

10:15-11:45 a.m.—Workshop: COMING OUT AS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS (LH-1)

11:30-12:00 a.m.—PRESS CONFERENCE

11:45- 1:00 p.m.—LUNCH — All women meet to discuss possible Lesbian Conference. Sandwiches and coffee provided. (LH-2)

1:00- 2:00 p.m.—Workshops:

Massachusetts Legislation and Law Reform (LH-1)

Rural Gays—Sharing of experiences in getting together a gay organization in rural areas (LH-2)

How To Set Up a Counselling and Referral Service. Panel discussion of ways and means of beginning a counselling service for gays in your community. (LH-3)

Gays in Prison (Rm. 46)

2:45- 4:15 p.m.—Workshop:

"No fats, fems, freaks, etc." discussions with bisexuals, transsexuals, transvestites, S&M and other groups within the gay community who often feel discriminated against (LH-1)

Gay Parents Rap—open rap for sharing of experiences by gay parents; both men and women (LH-2)

4:15- 5:45 p.m.—DINNER — 150 Beacon Street, cafeteria style, \$1.68. All you can eat.

6:00- 7:30 p.m.—"Gayer Than Thou" — Discussion for women only to share experience of people from many different backgrounds and age groups. (LH-2)

Gay Men's Rap (LH-3)

7:30-10:30 p.m.—"History of Homosexuality in Film" — Vito Russo, well-known N.Y. gay activist, presents a history of gay people as portrayed in films. Included in this special showing will be clips from "Sunday, Bloody Sunday," "The Boys in the Band," "The Children's Hour," "Advise and Consent" and many others. (LH-1)

10:30-11:30 p.m.—First Major Gay Recording Artist signed by a major label, Mercury — Steve Grossman, folk singer. (LH-1)

Sunday, March 17—

9:00-10:20 a.m.—Breakfast at Emerson, 150 Beacon Street.

10:20-12:00 a.m.—Workshops:

Gay Media Action — How to use the media in all its ramifications to the advantage of the gay community. (LH-1)

Gays in Religion (LH-2)

Third World/Working Class Gays (LH-3)

12:15- 1:45 p.m.—Workshops:

Older Gays (LH-3)

Gay Youth (Rm. 21)

Gay Parents Panel — Panel of Psychiatrist, Lawyer, Social Worker who will discuss gay parenthood. (Rm. 46)

Gay Courses and Curriculum — Courses on gay people and their history (LH-2)

2:00- 3:30 p.m.—Workshops:

Political Mobilization and Education — How to use all the resources of straight and gay communities to further gay liberation. (LH-1)

Gay Professionals — Representatives from groups from within many professions such as Nursing, Teaching, Academia, discussing their purposes and problems. (LH-2)

Room Key—

(LH-1) Lecture Hall 1, 69 Brimmer St., 1st floor

(LH-2) Lecture Hall 3, 69 Brimmer St., 1st floor

(LH-3) Lecture Hall 3, 69 Brimmer St., 3rd floor

Room 36 (Information and Sale), 69 Brimmer St., 3rd floor

Room 46—69 Brimmer St., 4th floor

Loft (Day Care), 69 Brimmer St., 4th floor

Room 21—69 Brimmer St., 2nd floor

Small Rooms—69 Brimmer St.—21, 24, 25, 26, 31A, 42, 46, 44.

Notes—

A room will be available for distribution and/or sale of information and items anyone wishes to bring to the Conference.

Rooms will be provided for additional workshops on an ad hoc basis. If you wish to get a group together during the conference, contact the registration desk.

Free Child Care—

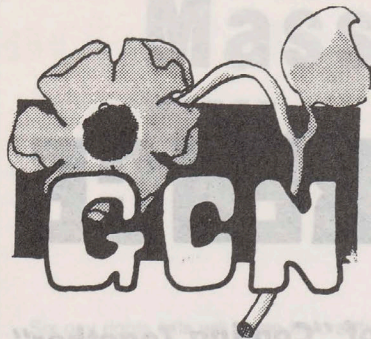
provided at 69 Brimmer Street. Inquire at Registration Desk.

Gas—

Gas stations on Massachusetts Turnpike will be open Saturday and Sunday. It may be wise to fill up at the last gas station which is just after the Framingham/Natick area before coming into Boston.

Housing—

Contact registration desk at the conference if you need housing; prior to the conference, contact Dennis Thomas at the Charles Street Meetinghouse (523-0368) if you need housing or can offer housing.



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g.c.n. office space

"The proposed move of GCN to 419 Boylston St. may never take place" According to Ian Johnson (features editor) who is in charge of the move.

In June 1973 the Charles St. Meetinghouse; realizing that the infant GCN needed a cradle, generously offered the paper a temporary haven. Now that we have grown stronger, we need new lodgings. About two months ago, a committee was formed to find space to meet the new needs.

An office on the same floor of HUB Headquarters was finally located- an ideal place for GCN staff meetings with lots of work space.

The floor space at 419 is leased to Homophile Community Health Service by Barenson Inc. Both HUB and DOB are presently tenants at will and are under the auspices of HCHS.

We have learned that our application for occupancy has been refused pending further discussion. The objection to GCN is based on Barenson's "alarm over security". And also concern over the fact that the various organizations now using the facility operate later than the standard 9-5 business hours.

A newspaper would naturally operate on hours that were other than typical.

Representatives from the GCN staff will meet with Barenson Inc. to discuss possible alternatives i.e. a sign-in sheet; placing a security guard on duty after 5pm. The possible ban on the evening use of the building will interfere with the vital functioning of our gay organizations if Barenson Inc. decides to crack down on us.

Seminars

(Continued from page 2)

mation sheet to help her determine the best day and time for the seminars to meet. The information sheet also proposes seminar topics which includes rectal and oral venereal diseases, gynecological problems, parasites, hospital discrimination (in-patient problems), and clinical referrals. Other topics of interest might be: the treatment of women by male doctors, health care plans, and employment discrimination in health professions.

Ms. Shepard plans to have qualified people to speak on each selected topic. "This planned seminar will attempt to explore these needs and propose constructive programs to meet them."

All persons interested in participating in the health seminars can obtain information sheets at the coffee bar at the Charles Street Meetinghouse.

Donations and requests for loan information have started arriving at GCN for its "Make It Happen" fund-raising campaign described in last week's GCN. Beginning in next week's GCN, we will keep our readership informed of the status of donations and loans:

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DID YOU SEE ?

by Ginny Collins

BOSTON GLOBE, March 1: Rachelle Patterson (Globe staff) reports that "Rep. Frank says he doesn't expect any legislation on gay rights for some years." Rep. Frank said "it will probably take another year or two to convince lawmakers that inequality and prejudice against homosexuality must be eliminated. There is a certain amount of sympathy for the legislation on the committee." Miss Patterson says that Rep. Frank declined to forecast whether any of the members who rejected the bills last year changed their minds. "This is an election year," he noted.

NEW YORK TIMES, March 1: Under "Notes on People" David Rothenberg, executive director of the Fortune Society for the last six years, and five other homosexuals will discuss the topic "coming out of hiding" on the David Susskind Show on Sunday night over Channel 5.

THE BOSTON LEDGER, March 1: "Cell blocks for special offenders?" — We already have them/Bastille lives — at Walpole," by William E. Alberts, contributing editor. Rev. Alberts reveals The Curran Study's reference to the "blue rooms," included in the brand new \$11 million maximum security complex at Bridgewater. "These cells are of the 'Chinese Torture' type, i.e., there is no plumbing, merely a grate on the floor of the cell so it can be 'hosed down' in order to eliminate human waste. The superin-

tendent stated that these cells will be utilized solely for the severely disturbed, acting-out individual." Rev. Alberts says that "one of the more meaningful ways of celebrating the Bicentennial would be to tear down Walpole, the modern Bastille of the United States prison system, and really move forward with community-based halfway houses, probation, deferred conviction and sentencing, and a program of education and jobs and restitution."

NEW YORK TIMES, Feb. 18: "Sex-Education Comic Book that Condone Homosexuality Isn't Funny to Some. By Leonard Buder (Special to *The New York Times*).

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Some people think that Sol Gordon's comic books are outrageously funny. Others think they are just outrageous.

Dr. Gordon, a 50-year-old psychologist, is professor of child and family studies at Syracuse University and director of the university's Institute for Family Research and Education. He is also the originator and author of a series of controversial comic books for adolescents that deal with subjects not usually treated lightly.

Last summer, the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court ruled, in a 3 to 2 decision, that distribution of "Ten Heavy Facts About Sex" had been justifiably halted at the State Fair in 1971.

The majority opinion said that while no one contended that the book was obscene, the publication "suggests that sodomy is acceptable and it surely condones and encourages homosexuality and bisexuality if one is so inclined, while conceding that the majority of the people favor heterosexuality."

Dr. Gordon disagrees with this finding and said he will appeal the case."

MEDIA MESSAGE

by Loretta Lotman

On February 28, the day after the gay civil rights hearings at the State House, the *Boston Globe* made the mistake of not printing a single word about those hearings in their morning edition.

Instead of quietly taking this incredible insult, the gay community started some justifiable yelling. Gay Media Action spearheaded the assault, calling the *Globe* city desk before 8 a.m. They were told that the story was "left over," a technical term meaning there was no space for it. (They carried a Pg. 3 story on a tapestry. Are we less important than a fucking tapestry??) GMA then concentrated on the offices of editor Tom Winship to express outrage, concern and anger in the strongest terms possible. GMA called individ-

uals, who called other individuals, all of whom called the *Globe* to complain. Plenty of people outside the GMA chain of contacts called, too. Conservative estimates place the number of complaints received by Boston's most liberal daily newspaper at more than 100 — perhaps over 200.

Do you realize what 200 phone calls from irate homosexuals can do to the editors of a daily newspaper?

a) The *Evening Globe* carried a lengthy article on the hearings.

b) The following morning's *Globe* carried a Pg. 3 article and an interview with Barney Frank. (The story was flawed, but it was *there*.)

c) Tom Winship, THE editor, has suddenly decided to meet with representatives of the gay community to chat about gay coverage in his paper.

The Tag in the fifth row

by Jonathan Cross

FAST COMPANY

The Park Square Movie House has just released its eye-popping March film schedule, and a truly inspired list it is. The theme this month is "literary and stage adaptations" but it might also be "great stellar performances." Among the jucier plums: Nicol Williamson's incandescent 1970 *Hamlet*, (March 12), Paul Scofield's *King Lear*, directed by Peter Brooks, (13th and 14th), Orson Welles's *Falstaff* (20th, 21st), and Lawrence Olivier's dazzling *Richard III* and *Henry V* (24th-25th). And that's just the Shakespeare and just for openers.

Of course, no self-respecting gay would dare to miss Vivien Leigh's Blanche DuBois in *A Streetcar Named Desire* (15th, 16th), or Marie Dressler *et al* in *Dinner at Eight* (29th, 30th), to say nothing of Alec Guinness' devastating, controversial Fagin in David Lean's *Oliver Twist*, which is paired with George Bernard Shaw's screen adaptation of his *Pygmalion*, with our own Leslie Howard as Prof. Higgins (17th-19th).

And it's not over yet — three fabulous Katharine Hepburn vehicles include *The Philadelphia Story*, with an acid, sassy performance by Ruth Hussey (29th, 30th) — and a Hepburn double bill of *Morning Glory* and George Cukor's *Sylvia Scarlett* (8th, 9th). You can catch them both, if you run. Singing and dancing are not forgotten — witness *two* musical bios with Fred and Ginger: *Vernon and Irene Castle* (6th and 7th), and *The Barkleys of Broadway* (April 1, 2)

By the time you read this column, a meeting will already have taken place between Gay Media Action, gay community leaders and the top editors of the *Boston Globe*. Though GMA has been trying for six months to set up such a meeting, it took last Thursday's deluge from gay sisters and brothers to make it happen. Many thanks to everyone who called. Broadcast coverage of the hearings was excellent. Channels 2, 4, 5 and 7 carried extensive reports, with WNAC (7) using it as their lead story at 6:00. Radio stations with coverage included! WCAS, WEEI, WEKO and WGBH-FM.

The *Phoenix* ran a good story by "Jack Armstrong" of "Closet Space" fame, but both the *Real Paper* and *Herald* ignored us completely. We expect such abuse from the *Herald* (it was an "editorial decision") but the *RP* has failed us again.

I wonder what would happen if 200 irate homosexuals called up the *Real Paper* to complain...

the last in color, yet!

The campy brilliant character performances and supporting parts alone would have made March memorable. Guess who W. C. Fields plays in *Alice in Wonderland* (10th, 11th)? Cary Grant's in it, too. Field's Mister Micawber, in Cukor's *David Copperfield*, is legendary, but you have exactly *one* day to see it (31st). Or imagine Margaret Rutherford as Mistress Quickly in Welles's Falstaff assemblage, *Chimes at Midnight*. Yes, she's outrageous. Sir John Gielgud stars with her, and would you believe Jeanne Moreau?

Heroines and comediennes abound: besides the Hepburn retrospective, can we miss Miriam Hopkins as jewel thief in Lubitsch's *Trouble in Paradise* (6th, 7th), or Wendy Miller as Eliza in *Pygmalion*, to say nothing of Carole Lombard, *The Twentieth Century* (22nd, 23rd), Myrna Loy *After the Thin Man* (April 1, 2) — and Jean Harlow as, well, as Jean Harlow in *Dinner at Eight* (29th, 30th)? Great stars, great roles, add great directors: Hitchcock's *Shadow of a Doubt*, Victor Fleming's *Treasure Island*, also Elia Kazan, Tony Richardson, Leo McCary...

I suppose all this sounds like a hype and nothing more. Well, maybe it is, but Justin Freed and his busy crew rush these marvelous old movies in and out of town so fast I can only just barely keep up, much less review. So go pick yourself up a file calendar or get on the Park Square mailing list; try a few of these startlingly good films — you'll soon be hooked yourself.

MEDIA NOTES: The Feb. 26 "Benzaquin" show on homosexuality was one of the best local efforts on the subject...The legislative fight for gay civil rights and the New England Gay Conference will be highlighted on "NE Newscene" on Friday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m....Also on March 15, "Good Morning" on Ch. 5 is thinking about doing a feature on the conference. However, they may change to an all-Irish format for St. Pat's day. Anyone know some Irish gay people?...Saturday, March 16 at 11 p.m. the "Susskind" show on Ch. 2 has Elaine Noble, Dr. Harold Brown and others talking about being gay and "out." Arrangements will be made by GMA for conference people to see it... "Closet Space" is safe for now. The WCAS sale has been halted indefinitely and chances are good that Family Stations, Inc., will back out of the deal...GCN's "Catch 44" program will be re-broadcast on Channel 2 at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9.

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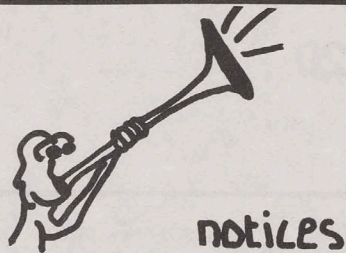
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Everyone is invited to attend a discussion on "Women in The Church" Tuesday, March 19 at 8 p.m. at St. Clement's Parish Hall, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. Sister Ann Kelly O.P., and Ms. Carole Bohn presiding.

Announcing a Gay Bookstore! Keep your eyes open for Boston's first Gay Bookstore. It will be located at 419 Boylston St., 4th floor, in one of the HCHS offices. A sneak preview of the stock can be seen at the New England Gay Conference March 15-17 at Emerson College.

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A Spring Coming Out Fair and Flea Market will be held May 18 at the Horticultural Hall. Buy a table and sell your wares. There will be food, beer and entertainment. Make reservations now. For more information call Homophile Community Health Service or write HCHS at 419 Boylston St., Box A, Boston.

The UNH Gay Student Organization will celebrate the favorable court decision recently handed down, with a dance. The dance, unofficially known as "The Governor's Ball" will take place on March 15 at 8 p.m. in the Granite State Room of the Memorial Union building; music provided by Whitch.

The Gay Speakers' Bureau potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. March 10 at St.

John the Evangelist Mission Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston, will be followed by a showing and discussion of the filmstrip "The Invisible Minority: Homosexuals in our Society." The upcoming GSB Catch-44 program will also be discussed. All veteran GSBers are invited and a special invitation is issued to new people who may be interested in working with GSB's public education efforts. For more information call 547-1451.

Presbyterian caucus

Gay United Presbyterians, a national caucus within the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., has been established to work for change within the denomination of the injustice which it perpetuates against people on the basis of sexual orientation. GUP is open to any member of a United Presbyterian congregation or Presbytery, whether Gay or nonGay, who believes in this goal. It also welcomes members of U.P.C.U.S.A.'s sister denomination, the Presbyterian Church in the United States (often referred to as the Southern Presbyterians) until either a separate caucus seems appropriate and feasible or the two denominations merge.

Coordinator of the caucus is the Rev. David B. Sindt, a member of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities living in Chicago. United Presbyterians interested in participating in GUP, whether or not they feel they can identify publicly with the group, are urged to write Gay United Presbyterians, P.O. Box 2073, Chicago, Ill. 60690, for more information.

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For Anna Marie Nunes, being a lesbian meant losing her job.

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Anna Marie attempted to appeal the decision, but a lawyer she hired was unresponsive to gay rights and did nothing to help her win her case. Transco did keep her on as an employee until 1971, but Anna Marie has lacked the funds to appeal the decision.

Then, in December, Anna Marie applied for a job at Hughes Aircraft. Knowing that she would be refused the job if she admitted to having been refused a security clearance, Anna Marie answered "no" on her application. A security investigation disclosed that she had been refused the clearance at Transco, and Anna Marie lost her job.

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| 7 | 10:00 am— Gay News, WCAS, 7:40 am 7:00 pm— Salem State Fair Planning Mtg., Women's Cen., Salem State 8:00 pm— DOB Older Women's Rap., 419 Boylston, rm 323 8:00 pm— Lesbian Lib. mtng. — Women's Centre, Cambridge 9:00pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.0 FM Night Project Place Gay Crisis Line, 267-9150 7:30 pm— MCC choir rehearsal, Old West Church, Bstn. | thursd |
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| 9 | 5:30 pm— Catch 44 — rebroadcast of GCN Program 1:00 pm— Bos. Gay Youth referrals & info, 536-6197 2:00 pm— Bos. Gay Youth Open rap and mtg., 419 Boylston, rm. 509 9:00 pm— Women's Dance, CSMH, \$2, "Whitch" MCC Eastern Ministers Conf., Old West Church, Boston | sat |
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 Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181
 Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
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 Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
 Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450
 (Contact Loretta Lotman)
 Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592
 Dignity/Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215
 Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts, Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
 Fag Rag 267-0764
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 Gay Community News
 Gay Craftworks 738-0428
 Gay Media Action 868-5729
 Gay Nurses' Alliance 266-5473
 Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston 542-6500x607
 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
 (area code 401)
- RHODE ISLAND**
 Brown University Gay Liberation, S.O. 751-5091
 Brown Univ., Providence 02912
 Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
 Metropolitan Community Church (Providence) 831-3773
 Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817
 (area code 802)
- VERMONT**
 Gay in Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496
 Vermont Gay Women 425-2782
 (area code 203)
- CONNECTICUT**
 Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101
 Metropolitan Community Church (Hartford) 525-3523
 (area code 603)
- NEW HAMPSHIRE**
 Univ. NH Gay Student Organization, c/o Mem'l 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, Abenaki-Mem. Union, Univ. of Maine, Orono 04473