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GAYS APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, March 20, members and friends of the gay community appeared before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary of the Massachusetts state legislature to argue for repeal of the laws that prohibit homosexual activity. Unfortunately the committee did not seem favorably disposed to such repeal, although some of its members did indicate support for two other pieces of gay rights legislation, namely those that would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in the areas of housing, employment, credit and insurance, H.2424 and H.2425.

In their questioning of various witnesses, members of the committee raised two objections to the so-called sodomy law repeal, first that it is not necessary because the law is so rarely enforced and second that repeal might leave some minors insufficiently shielded from influences

they would be better off without. Proponents of repeal countered by explaining that the law on some occasions is enforced, resulting in a great injustice, that to retain a law because it is only rarely and selectively enforced is at best peculiar, and that even if the law were never enforced it would continue as a standing insult to the gay community and as a rationale for other forms of discrimination. To allay the committee's fears on "corruption of minors" it was pointed out that sexual orientation appears to be determined at a very early age, say five or six, and that in any case the way people are influenced can be very paradoxical: For example, one witness observed, it is no less likely that a boy will become homosexual as a result of an all-male, all-heterosexual image he rebels against than with a gentler male parent-figure he admires; on the other hand,

homosexually inclined parents and parent figures may inspire children, by way of contradiction, toward the more conventional male and female roles; as of now the patterns of our conditioning are too varied for us to understand, no less to regulate by simpleminded legislation.

In posing their questions about the causes of homosexuality and the results to be expected from its being legalized, it was clear that the legislators had not yet reconsidered their belief that homosexuality is in any case undesirable. This lack of understand-

ing made especially relevant what would anyhow have been a notable departure from legal wrangling, namely the remarks on homosexual love by Harry Browne and the Rev. William Alberts. Both of their statements were very simple: Pev. Alberts chiefly quoted a passage from the wedding ceremony of the two gay men he lost his pastorate for marrying. Even more to the point, but in a totally different vein, was an account by attorney Richard Rubino of the arrest, conviction, imprisonment and eventual murder of Eddie Rastellini, who was sent to Bridgewater State Prison for an alleged violation of the sodomy law and was unpopular there with many of his fellow prisoners because he was gay. So much for not repealing a law because it is not "frequently" enforced.

Chairman Kiernan said, "I would not hire Robert Dow to direct a boys' camp." Representative John Brennan of Malden explained that he was concerned not so much about child molesting but about "subtle influences." A first was testimony by the Massachusetts Bar Association in favor of H.2601, with several minor amendments, and a letter from Cardinal Medeiros of the Archdiocese of Boston opposing

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GAY ACADEMIC UNION

A number of Boston gays are attempting to form a Gay Academic Union in the Boston area. The first national meeting of the Gay Academic Union was held in New York City last fall. Several hundred people affiliated with academic institutions met to discuss problems of being gay in an academic setting, and solutions to these problems.

The objectives of the Gay Academic Union are to end all forms of discrimination against gays and women in academic areas. Help the individual academic, improve the quality of scholarship and gay people in history. Work to introduce courses of gay studies into curricula.

The GAU is open to undergraduates, graduates and faculty of universities, and to interested professionals. Participation in the GAU would not make it necessary to come out publicly. All those interested should contact John Graves, professor of philosophy at M.I.T.; office 253-2400; home 547-4549.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AN INTERVIEW WITH

Steve Grossman, nervously giggling at you, is immediately impressive as being totally unassuming about his new found fame. Yet he is thrilled with it.

His first album is called "Caravan Tonight"—on Mercury. It was just released this month. Steve is 22. The biography circulated by the record company explains that just four years ago Steve was student body president at Erasmus High School in Brooklyn. Between then and now, the flier explains, Steve was a garbage collector at Coney Island and came out while his girl friend was in England giving him time to get his head together. Now he has a 5-year, 5-album contract with Mercury and his manager is contemplating sending him on a national tour.

Steve explains that he is not trying to set himself up as a vanguard for gay people or anyone else. Most of the songs on the album do relate directly to gayness, though.

With unquestionable sincerity Steve says: "All the songs that I wrote before I came out I just won't sing — they're just lies." In

STEVE GROSSMAN

the songs he does now: "There's a lot of pain and loneliness — people want to interpret that as a comment about being gay — it isn't. One of my biggest difficulties in making this album was that I felt I had to please everyone. But the statements on the record are my own and not statements that I can make for all gay people."

Steve says that *Sixteen* even asked him what he likes to do on dates. This gives us an idea and we ask if our readers could know who his favorite musicians are?

"Joni Mitchel, Laura Myro and Aretha Franklin...I don't like many male musicians...and my favorite TV show is 'Maude'."

One is left feeling that Steve, by his own intention not to be a vanguard for gay people, is just that. In our midst is a gay who is successful, intelligent, sensitive, and definitely out of the closet. But he is a liberated gay who only seems to be concerned with being close to himself, whatever that entails.

CHANNEL 56 SUPPORTS GAY RIGHTS

The following is the text of the editorial run on WKBG-TV Ch. 56 on five different occasions between March 15 and 20

Announcer

The following is a pre-recorded editorial by James G. Saunders, General Manager of WKBG-TV on the subject of homosexual rights.

Mr. Saunders

It's unfortunate that we must continually reinforce the Constitution with specific laws for different segments of the population. Our state legislators are about to consider a package of bills that will prohibit discrimination in housing, insurance, and employment — this time based on one's sexual preference.

Channel 56 supports all laws which guarantee constitutional and civil rights to all citizens regardless of their differences. But we are appalled that we must create additional laws to make sure that individual rights are enforced in every case. It's time we realized that all laws of the nation and the Commonwealth were made for all citizens and that no one regardless of individual dif-

ferences is outside the law.

Announcer

You have just heard a pre-recorded editorial by James G. Saunders, general manager of WKBG-TV. The opinions expressed reflect the viewpoint of the management of WKBG-TV. We invite expression of other points of view by responsible citizens.

MAINE BUDGET

AUGUSTA, Maine — The Maine state's part one budget has been passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives. The budget includes a controversial \$35 million appropriation for the University of Maine.

While the budget had relatively easy passage in the Senate there was much stormy debate in the House. The House controversy centered around the school trustees' approval of the presence of the Wilde-Stein Club on campus. Such terms as a "pack of queers" were bandied about as more conservative representatives

GAYS CHOOSE REFORMERS

Almost 40 gays attended the Massachusetts Democratic Reform Caucus in Framingham last Saturday.

Voting as a block, the gay caucus endorsed Secretary of State candidate Paul Guzzi, who won an over-all endorsement at the Caucus after his two opponents withdrew after the second ballot. Guzzi is a 31 year old State Representative from Newton. Representative Barney Frank, along with Elaine Noble, and HUB President Robert Dow, urged the gay caucus vote for Guzzi, citing his record as a civil and human rights supporter. Guzzi was one of only 16 representatives to vote for the bill to repeal the laws against private consenting sex. Guzzi's opponents were Larry Di Cara, a Boston City Councilman, and State Rep. John A. Businger of Brookline. Businger has long been a supporter of gay rights, and has even filed gay rights legislation in the past. However, his chances for gaining the 60% majority vote needed to win endorsement were very slim. Gays threw their support behind Guzzi, who received 39% of the almost 3000 votes cast on the first ballot, and 49% of the votes on the second ballot. DiCara, who was considered the favorite at the Caucus, refused to address the gay caucus between balloting, although he stood a few feet from the area where the gays sat. Guzzi will now try to wrest the Democratic Secretary of State nomination from the incumbent, John Davoren, who did not attend the caucus.

In the contest for Attorney General, the eight listed candidates were engaged in a battle until the

third ballot, when Edward F. Harrington of Needham, a former Federal crime fighter, received the majority of votes. Gays did not have much to choose from in their choice for a candidate for Attorney General. Although Harrington implied that he would not enforce the sodomy laws or discriminate on the basis of sexual preference, he said that he would not make gay rights an issue in his campaign. Harrington told the GCN that he believes the anti-gay laws will be off the books within three or four years and that the existing laws should be decriminalized. But he added that "he could not come up front" on the issue at this time. Atty. Charles Mahoney of Boston was considered the only candidate who might be supportive enough to actively work for gay rights.

The caucus began at 10 a.m., with speeches by the candidates. The over 33,000 people who attended the caucus whether registered voters or interested onlookers, stayed for the most part until the 6 p.m. end. The gay caucus met before and after each balloting to decide which way their collective vote would go, and then returned to their respective voting wards to cast their ballots. Gay people from all sections of Massachusetts worked together to make their vote effective and recognizable as a united force. Guzzi's victory is substantial evidence to the gay community that gay citizens can cohesively support and vote for an outstanding candidate, or withhold their support from an unsympathetic candidate.

MADEIROS LUKE WARM

Humberto Cardinal Medeiros of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston has unofficially endorsed the antidiscrimination bills now before the Massachusetts legislature. In a letter to Alan G. Raymond news director of WHDH Radio, the Rev. James L. McCune, the Cardinal's secretary, stated: "The position of the Church is that all acts of sexuality between members of the same sex are objectively sinful. This is a position which has not and cannot change." However, he continued: "In relation to the bill before the Massachusetts Legislature's Committee on Commerce and Labor — which would ban discrimination against homosexuals — His Eminence is, of course, opposed to discrimination of any kind."

ALL PEOPLE WISHING TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS TOWARDS ANN LANDERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE "ANN SLANDERS HOMOSEXUALS" RALLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 2 p.m., HARVARD CLUB, 374 COMMONWEALTH AVE., BOSTON.

attempted to block any funding to the university to express their "moral outrage."

On the same day as the debate, a legislative order was introduced to request the Maine Supreme Court to rule on whether the university can block a homosexual conference on campus. The question was posed in specific reference to the upcoming Maine state gay conference scheduled for April 19 and 20.

The order was filed by Rep. Louis Jalbert, a Democrat from Lewiston.

TEENAGE HUSTLERS

PART II

by Heather Anderson

Before you by-pass this column, Stop, Look and Listen...

Hustling is a problem which many gays like to pretend doesn't exist for them. But, like it or not, it is real and people in this community should start looking at it for what it is and try to understand it and the people who participate in it. Because, we are judged in the eyes of the straight society by every segment of our community — especially those which are negative in appearance.

Recently, Fr. Paul Shanley discussed with GCN dimensions in the problem of hustling, particularly teenage hustling. Here are some of the reasons which lead a young person into this type of life.

As everyone knows, there are many gays in suburbia, especially teenage gays, towards whom we have made no positive outreach. Some of these teenagers are not yet "out" — their sexual identity is still uncertain.

Many of these people become runaways, and take to the streets. They cannot go into bars to meet other gays because of their age, and find that the only way to engage in gay sex is through experimenting on the streets.

Since there is nowhere for them to go, they begin taking money, in exchange for sexual relations, as a means of support, (the beginning of the end). The gay community has nothing to offer them, and taking these kids in is a real risk: it could lead to prison for anyone involved. So, the gay teenager, forced into hustling, is left to roam the streets. As Fr. Shanley says, "...as long as it remains a crime to harbor runaways, only criminals will harbor them."

What happens to these teenagers

REP. ATTACKED

As a result of a meeting between leaders of the gay community and Rep. George A. DiLorenzo last March 10, the *Post Gazette* a state-wide newspaper has implied that DiLorenzo is a supporter of deranged sexual inverters trying to molest young children.

Hal Towne, who is in actuality a Mr. Toro wrote that: According to an article in the *Gay Community News* [issue No. 138 3/16/74], a journalistic organ (pardon the pun) for the marshmallow inhabitants of our city East Boston Rep. George DiLorenzo hosted a meeting with leaders of the gay community last

as they approach adulthood? If they do want to get off the streets and should seek to enter into a one-to-one relationship, very often, their psycho-sexual development has been so impaired that they only have disappointment, failure and utter loneliness to face.

Gay sex is not the destructive factor, rather it is, as Fr. Shanley says, the fact that "most of their interpersonal encounters have been based on prostitution and have been entered into with people who are not attractive to them."

Not only that, but many of them have tasted violence, often a part of survival on the streets, and have engaged in blackmailing and otherwise exploiting many of the "johns" they are involved with. This developed criminal mentality, or "survival of the fittest" attitude has made it necessary to block out genuine emotion and human feelings, and how does one re-learn to express real feelings?

What is written here only begins to scratch the surface of the problems these young people face, and the reasons for their being.

Perhaps the gay community should start to consider that maybe this is *our* problem. Maybe if we put our heads together we can come up with ways to reach our teenage brothers and sisters, instead of ignoring and exploiting them. Maybe we can begin to offer them positive gay models, and find places for them to turn to to alleviate some of their loneliness and private agony.

Anyone interested in this problem and/or its solutions, contact Heather Anderson, in care of GCN. *Think about it!*

Next week we will discuss the adult hustler, and dimensions in that lifestyle.

Sunday afternoon to discuss his candidacy for the State Senate. One of the gay leaders was quoted as saying

We found DiLorenzo to be outspoken, honest, and very receptive to the needs and goals of the gay community. Another gay spokesman said that DiLorenzo had 'grass roots appeal' and that they found DiLorenzo irresistible during their three hour meeting. If you think these quotes are newsworthy listen to what Georgie had to say: You help me become State Senator, and I'll work my ass off for you in the Senate. That line can only be topped by his closing statement, 'We have a constitutional right to privacy and it is no one's goddam business what you do in the privacy of your own bedroom.'

Mr. Towne added: That quote might be well worth remembering the next time you hear of some deranged sexual invert trying to molest young children. Think about it...

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NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM

Boston College has recently seen a new day dawn for its Gay men and women.

On Jan. 28, Rev. Paul Shanley, assigned by the Archdiocese of Boston to the Ministry of the Bisexual and Homosexual, broke ground here by speaking on "Homosexuality, The Case for Enlightenment."

Shanley's presentation, aided in the question and answer period by Cathy Baker and Wendy Bauman of the D.O.B., urged straight people to accept Gay men and women as human beings.

This theme and the effort of offering support to the many isolated individuals on the campus, have become the twin goals of the new Homophile Union at Boston College.

Since the Jan. 28 talk a small core of both undergraduate and graduate men have been gathering weekly to form a Union to serve the campus' Gay population.

HUB FASHION

An American "Fashion-First" will be presented by the Homophile Union of Boston on April 10 in the Louis XIV Ballroom in the new Somerset Hotel. It will be

the first fashionganza presented by any gay community in the United States. The production is entitled is entitled "Gay Is A Way," The liberated look, Spring-Summer, 1974.

The fashion production will feature name designers in a collection featuring the total wardrobe look. The show will be set in four acts

featuring clothes that represent leisure wear — beach wear — the intown look and formal wear.

The usual finale to any fashion show has always been the "Bridal Finale." "Gay Is A Way" will complete its production with the holy union, a ceremony which represents a special commitment between two gay people.

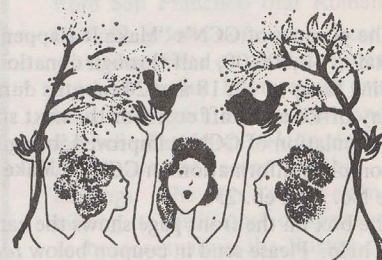
Models of both sexes have been selected from the gay community and professionally trained for this production. There will be sixteen models performing in the show, eight men and eight women.

While Union membership is small, with no women joining as yet, the core leadership hopes that by next fall the operation will be in full swing, meeting the cultural, social, and educational needs of all Boston College's Gay community.

A recent panel discussion — members of the panel included Ellen B. Davis of GCN and Rev. Thomas Oddo of Dignity — while poorly attended by the straight community on campus, pointed the way to future educational meetings between Gays and Straights to dispel the myths about "Homosexuality." Another meeting, with a panel composed entirely of Gay people from Boston College, will be held before the end of the year to answer questions from curious Straights.

While the administration has viewed these efforts quietly, it is hoped that the present co-operation between the Homophile Union and the college leadership may be built upon in the future.

For further information on joining, or events to be held, contact: Tod O'Connor, 35 South St., Apt. B1, Brighton, Mass. 02135; tel. 254-4103.



"Gay Is A Way" will be seen in one performance at the Louis XIV Ballroom, the New Somerset, 400 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. There will be a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. Performance time is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at most ticket agencies. For ticket information please phone the Homophile Union of Boston, 419 Boylston St., room 509, Boston, (617) 536-6197. All proceeds will go to the benefit of the Homophile Union of Boston.

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REACT!!

The last hearing on this year's Massachusetts gay legislation has now been held, and the bills may be voted on within the next few weeks. We have asked you in the past to write your legislators but the situation is especially critical at this time. It now appears that at least three of the five bills will be reported out of their committees favorably. Our chance of success seems to be within reach. IF we all make a concerted effort in these last few weeks.

There are enough firm and wavering votes to pass at least some of these bills, especially H.2524 and H.2525 which deal with preventing discrimination in employment housing credit and public accommodations (A complete listing of the bills and their contents appeared in GCN No. 37 March 9.) (See article this week for present status of all bills.)

We cannot express enough the importance of letters from constituents in support of this legislation. Just recently one suburban Republican Senator changed his position from wavering to support as a result of just one honest warm heartfelt letter from a gay constituent.

If you haven't yet written it can not be put off any longer. If you have, it is time for a follow-up letter but the time is now.

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REACTIONS:

Dear GCN:

Ever since I have seen copies of GCN, I've wanted to return to Boston. Your paper, and the Charles Street Meetinghouse, are two elements of the Boston Gay scene that did not exist when I was here more than a year ago. I was curious to see what had happened since then.

I was also determined to work for what I still think of as the Gay Liberation Movement — the movement begun by street queens at the Stonewall in 1969, and continued — to some extent — by various organizations since then. I still see that Movement as the most effective vehicle for creating Gay consciousness — defining what it is to be Gay — and also for creating a Gay Community — a community of institutions established by and for Gay people to meet our needs.

This notion resembles the notion of Black Power. Black Power differs from civil rights in that its institutions are designed by and for Black people to meet their needs.

I discovered in Boston that the previous Gay Liberation Movement had become a Gay Rights campaign — a campaign to integrate Gays into straight society by conforming to straight standards of achievement. Many people active in this campaign would object to this statement. But if they look closely at themselves on the job, on the street, before 'ive committees, and even in their own organizations they will see

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MEDIA MESSAGE

by Loretta Lotman

CLEANING OUT THE MENTAL ATTIC

There has been distinct progress in the relationship between Boston-based media outlets and the gay community. Since the meeting with Tom Winship, the Boston *Globe* has given our activities regular coverage. On Sunday, March 17, Rachelle Patterson of the *Globe* State House Bureau wrote a very positive piece on passage of the civil rights legislation. Patterson said the legislators "are more concerned with getting re-elected than alleviating an injustice." The piece was very positive, about the best thing the *Globe* has printed for us to date. . . . The *Globe* is also doing research for a feature story on married gay couples. . . . Gay Media Action has secured a meeting with one of the editors of the *Real Paper* to discuss policy towards gay news. It's been several months since the *RP* devoted any space to gay stories, and they are well aware of the lack in coverage. Besides constant reminders from Stuart Byron and Lilith Moon, the paper has received several irate calls of late. May the results of this meeting be as rewarding as the meeting with Winship. . . . The legislative committee did an excellent job of getting media people to both sets of hearings at the State House; moreover, their mailing of information to various TV, radio stations and newspapers resulted in several editorials in our favor. Most unexpected of these was the endorsement from WKBG, Ch. 56. Where were the other stations? . . .

Media mania is spreading throughout New England — and if I may be biased, it's about time. Gay Media Action just franchised out to Worcester; the group will be calling its first open meeting within a month. Media workshops are set up for the Maine Conference (April 19, 20) and the Amherst gay celebration (May 3, 4, 5). A "Gay in Media" panel discussion is sched-

uled for the More Magazine convention, an alternative journalism convention, in May. The people involved hope to start a gay journalists' caucus, including people from New York and Boston (to start!) . . . Locally, Catch 44, the olde faithful of media, spotlights the Gay Speakers Bureau on April 3 at 8:30 p.m. on Ch. 44. . . . The Tom Larsen Show on Ch. 38 will talk about the HCHS conference on April 22. . . . During a recent appearance on the Sonya Hamlin Show, Ms. Hamlin herself told several GCN staffers that we had "come such a long way" in the media. We were then told by her assistant it would be approximately 4 months before we could get more local gay people on her program — Ms. Hamlin doesn't like repetition. . . . Surprise of the season: During the WGBH, Ch. 2 program on Dolphins, Whales and Man, one scientist talked about homosexual behavior among whales and its social importance to them. Our brothers and sisters are everywhere!

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DID YOU SEE?

by Ginny Haviland

NEWSWEEK, March 25: Under education there's a lengthy article about the Gays at the University of New Hampshire, and their fight with Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. and William Loeb. To support his position, Loeb published an editorial on a District of Columbia court decision banning a homosexual club there as a "bawdy and disorderly house." Parts of that editorial appear as follows: "The trustees should now realize that they must continue to appeal Judge Bowne's rulings, if necessary all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States, in order to determine once and for all whether this nation is to be a nation run for the benefit of sodomites and prostitutes, or whether it is to remain a nation for decent people who at least attempt to adhere to reasonable moral standards."

THE NEW YORK TIMES Magazine, March 17: David Holden, correspondent for *The Sunday Times of London*, has written about Jan Morris. He says "It is

not usually given to a man that after nearly a quarter of a century of marriage he should end up as sister-in-law to his own children. Male and female created He them, says the book of Genesis; and for most of us, married or unmarried, hetero- or homosexual, that has always been more or less that.

But next month there will be published on both sides of the Atlantic an autobiography that describes just such a remarkable transformation. Probably the fullest personal account so far of what it is like to cross the most basic of creation's barriers, it is the first book of a British woman writer called Jan Morris. For at the age of 47, James Humphrey Morris, one of Britain's best-known writers of non-fiction, author of "Venice," "The Hashemite Kings," "Pax Britannica" and "Heaven's Command," winner of Britain's Heineman Award for Literature and America's George Polk Memorial Award for Journalism, has undergone a sex change. Now, while living as unofficial "sister-in-law" in what she calls "passionate friendship" with the woman James married 25 years ago, and as "aunt" to his four children, Jan has decided to tell the story. (Aptly titled *Conundrum*, it is the 18th book of this author known to literary world until now as James Morris.)

BOSTON GLOBE, March 21: Kay Longcope (*Globe* staffer) reports from San Francisco that Roman Catholic priests convening there yesterday went on record opposing laws against homosexual acts between consenting adults. And Rachelle Patterson (*Globe* staffer) reports on the recent Gay bill hearings. She says "while maintaining its traditional opposition to homosexuality, the Boston Archdiocese has expressed its opposition to discrimination against homosexuals." Kay Longcope also reports in another *Globe* issue last week about what went on at the San Francisco convention represented by 130 councils of Catholic priests in the United States. She says that two very positive resolu-

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Editor's Note: See also March 17, 1974, magazine section of *The New York Times* "James and Jan" by David Holden for an account of the life of James Morris, well-known reporter/writer, who is now a transsexual, Jan Morris.

Transsexophobia: Old Arguments Against New People

by Margo Schuller

It is a curious quirk of human nature that people often spend 50% of the time fighting against their own oppression, and the other 50% passively ignoring or even actively justifying the equally painful oppression of other human beings.

There are certainly many examples of this human weakness in American history alone, from the pilgrims who fled from England to seek religious freedom and then hanged Quakers for seeking the same freedom, to the members of certain feminist groups who in recent years have cruelly used and abused their Lesbian sisters.

We might hope that by 1974 this game of pyramidal oppression would be discarded as old hat, at least within the more enlightened circles of opinion. However, it appears that this pastime of supporting liberation for some but not for others is still going strong right here in our own progressive community of Boston. The latest victims are transsexuals — people who for various medical and psychological reasons feel themselves to be members of the gender "opposite" to their genital sex. Transsexuals are struggling now for the right to bring their bodies and social identities into harmony with their inner feelings. In challenging the patriarchal assumption that sex and gender are the simple and unchangeable results of genital anatomy at birth, transsexuals are up against the same sexist oppression which has also kept down women and gay people.

Furthermore, these areas of oppression overlap. In addition to being transsexual, for example, I am also now under the same conditions in most ways as any person living as female in this society: further, since I view myself as bisexual, or nonexclusively Lesbian, I must also deal with the same oppression that other gay people must confront.

In an ideal world, we might hope that advocates of feminist and gay liberation would recognize transsexual people as fellow victims of sexist prejudice, and also as allies in the quest for human liberation. But anyone who knows how straight liberals have treated gays (at least before it became "in" to be friendly), and how straight and even gay males have treated women (inside as well as outside various liberation movements), will not be overly surprised to discover that transsexuals are the latest candidates for the same treatment.

While transsexualism may be a new issue to many people, the arguments for supporting or ignoring transsexual oppression are exactly the same arguments which have been used to support or ignore female and gay oppression. It is as if some gay people have remembered all the clichés which they themselves have rebutted when these clichés were directed against women or gay people, and then turned them against transsexual people.

To make this point more graphic, I would like to make a simple table with two columns. On the left-hand side, I will list all the anti-gay clichés which require no attribution because they have been heard at least a dozen times each by any gay person or supporter. On

the right-hand side, I will catalogue the typical "liberal" observations on transsexuals as accurately as I can, from personal experiences.

ANTI-GAY CLICHE

1. "Homosexuality is just too hot an issue for me."
2. "We cannot permit gay dances — they confuse kids who might still go straight."
3. "The homosexuals I know don't seem very happy."
4. "Gay sexuality isn't truly fulfilling because it doesn't bring children."
5. "People are gay because they can't make it in normal heterosexual relationships."
6. "Maybe in order to change more important things we may have to forget minor problems like those of homosexuals."
7. "I can't support homosexuals! What would my friends think? What would happen to my reputation?"
8. "Maybe when it's 'in' to be gay I'll speak out."

ANTI-TRANSEXUAL CLICHES

1. "I feel that gender identity is maybe too hot an area for me."
2. "There are some crazy kids here who might get the idea that they should change their sex."
3. "I have met many transsexuals, and none of them seem really happy people."
4. "I am uncomfortable about transsexualism because it conflicts with what I consider the proper reproductive aspect of life."
5. "I'm afraid that many people change sex because they haven't succeeded in their natural sexes."
6. "I have limited time — maybe I have to concentrate on helping 90% of the gay community at the expense of the other 10%."
7. "If I became a known supporter of transsexuals, that would definitely lower my respectability in the straight community."
8. "Maybe in five years I will find myself supporting transsexual liberation."

Maybe it would be helpful to reply to these repressive clichés, as they affect both gay people and transsexuals.

(1) While people in reasonably comfortable positions find issues of oppression "too hot to handle," it is the oppressed people who get burned;

(2) People do not generally change sexual prefer-

ence or gender identity as a result of meetings and dances — AND IF THEY DO, THAT IS ALSO THEIR RIGHT. In fact, the process of social and physical change of sex is adequately prolonged and painful to discourage the merely curious. Years are usually required for a complete change.

(3) Gay people and transsexuals are "unhappy" because of the self-ignorance, self-hatred and closetry which a pathologically oppressive society forces upon them. As socially aware minority group members we should all realize that the cure for both gay people and transsexuals is self-knowledge, self-approval, and the total celebration known as "coming out."

(4) The primary purpose of sexuality is not reproduction but the expression of affection between one person and herself/himself, or between two or more people. In a similar way, conflicts between genital anatomy and self-identity must be settled in favor of inner peace and comfort with one's body as a channel of love, regardless of the consequences for reproductive capacity. Isn't it fascinating that many gays, after proudly praising Bill Baird and endorsing the validity of nonreproductive gay sexuality, should suddenly worry about the fertility of transsexuals? Surely the population growth rate must indicate that the straight scene can keep going even without the help of transsexuals, who may be at most .01% of the population.

(5) Both gayness and transsexualism are positive identities, not just negations of "normality" as defined by straight and nontranssexual people. It can be argued with equal validity that straight people are just failures in gay relationships, and that nontranssexuals have failed at transsexual identities. Of course, the argument is unfair in either direction, but seems to go in one direction rather than the other in the real world.

(6) It's time to realize, in the words of Eugene Victor Debbs, that "while there is a soul in prison, I am not free." The struggle against sexism must be on a universal and deep enough level to include all the victims of male and heterosexual chauvinism. No one can morally be the subject of "benign neglect" — no woman, no gay person, and no transsexual.

(7) Social causes only become "in" after many people have courageously acted and "come out" in order to make them popular. As the saying goes: "If not now, when?"

CONCLUSION

No one is suggesting that anyone has a responsibility to devote all of her/his time to fighting transsexual oppression. However, I do mean to say that as a transsexual, a woman, and a Lesbian, I feel that everyone has a responsibility to cooperate with the transsexual cause to the extent of not denying space for meetings and not disavowing transsexual rights. Enlightened people must not be afraid to associate themselves with both male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals, and to support transsexual liberation as one part of human liberation. Transsexuals must join with others for the freedom and happiness of all.

The View from the Closet

by A. Nolder Gay
LUCIEN

On this date ten years ago (Mar. 30, 1964) occurred the death of Lucien Price, in his eighty-first year. Boston journalist, author, and recorder of the dialogues of Alfred North Whitehead, he was also the beloved friend of young creative manhood from Ted Shawn (whom he encouraged through seven dark years) and Gore Vidal (who dedicated *Julian* to his memory) to dozens of more obscure men: academy and college teachers, authors, journalists, community workers, artists, at least one ex-prisoner released through his efforts. Boston *Globe* readers over thirty-five may remember his double-length editorials ranging over history, biography, the arts, education, and the permanently recurring issues of life with clarity of thought and stylistic elegance rarely equalled in American journalism.

Most readers of this paper, being younger, will never have heard of him. Yet for the gay community to remain ignorant of Lucien's ideals and life would be a misfortune. For this intellectually daring and immensely erudite young/old man lived to complete seven of a projected eight volume novel sequence, *All Souls* (begun in 1919), which may just be the most significant literary exposition of the concept of fraternal love since Plato. Their unorthodoxies regarding property, war, religion and sex prohibited the publication of these novels except by private printing (remember *Leaves of Grass*?). Although copies were accepted by major libraries all over the world, the carefully screened Boston Public's collection lacks them. The Boston *Globe* ignored them in its obituary tributes; the Harvard *Crimson* called the series a "roman fleuve to rank with Proust's and Rolland's." The scale and complex ideas of the work defy summary; let it suffice to say that the theme of male friendship is made central to the alternative society of creators Lucien envisioned, a society based on the Greek idea of *arete*, or excellence in virtue in daily living, rather than on the *hubris* (with its attending *nemesis*) so clearly dominating our national culture in this century.

His other relevance to gays lay in his exemplification of what I think of as the gay ethic. Lucien had worked in an East Boston sailor's hostel for a year following graduation from the Harvard of James, Santayana and Copeland; he had lost a job with the Boston *Transcript* for his accurate cover-

age of labor's side of the Lawrence strike of 1912; he knew the needs of young and old, male and female. But his special talent was to discover, encourage and help promising young men of meager backgrounds or incomes (or both) at critical stages of their lives. It might be material help: an overcoat, tuition at New England Conservatory, textbooks, concert or theatre tickets, copies of his novels (my own gift from him). It might be evening talks, or invitations to the homes of his eminent friends.

But beyond all that, "to the many youths who came under Lucien's influence" (as one of them wrote), the experience "meant personal salvation of a sort, and

Never seen win?!



At a time when our movement seems to be pulling apart into many different directions WIN seeks to put it all together—to make clear the connections between the women's movement and the ecology movement, to highlight the contradictions between the lawlessness in Washington and the platitudes of even the most "liberal" politicians, to create a basis for understanding between the peace movement and those in the counter-culture actively constructing alternatives to the present system.

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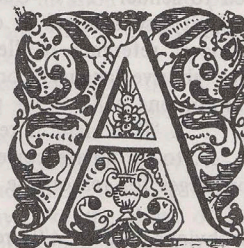
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the difference between acquiring in the material sense and giving in the creative sense." Repayment was not expected; his beneficiaries knew they were being given a free gift of their lives to benefit others, as he conceived his own life to be a free gift. Lucien's working creed was always "the world is beautiful, and you are my brother."

An old man dies, a decade ago. "Buona notte e sogni d'oro . . . Dormi, Lucien." And may golden dreams light our own pathways toward a future made brighter for your having lived creatively.

DID YOU SEE - CONT..

tions were overwhelmingly approved in committee hearings Monday night. They were submitted by a group of Salvatorian Fathers, a religious order based in Milwaukee.

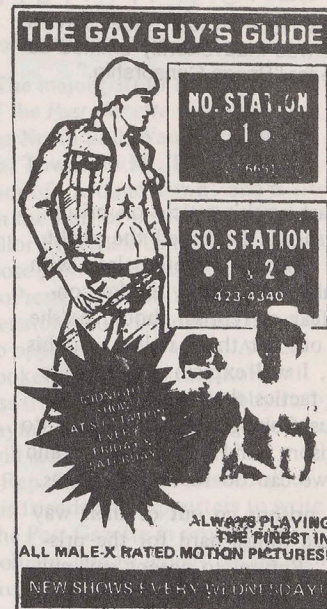


by Paul Diederich

Within Christian culture, Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a time of spiritual and mental consciousness and introspection, geared at making the death and resurrection of Christ more meaningful in our lives. It is a time of self-denial, sacrifice and renewal. With the forty day period of Lent the Christian becomes more aware of the impact and meaning of Christ's victory over death.

This seems to me to apply also to the Gay Community here in Boston. Our "Lent" has been long and hard. We are only now beginning to look forward to a resurrection. Obviously our resurrection will not involve our physical deaths. It does, however, go deeply into the death which Gay people suffer every day. It is the death of guilt, self-hatred, confusion, oppression, sexism and discrimination. The scourage of empty one night stands, the impossible dream of a love just not available, and a life of being less than second class citizens, these too are our passion and deaths, our "Lent."

We can now look with firm hope to better than all that, we too can look to our resurrection. I am referring to the resurrection of what we call "coming-out." As



mazing Grace

we become aware of our beauty as persons, as we grasp at, and obtain, our full person-hood, in the day we can love and fear nothing, this is our Easter. We no longer hate ourselves, or feel guilty. We know our love is beautiful too. We have grown and continue to grow all the more because of it. True freedom, true victory over death is this, our coming-out, our resurrection.

Even now, as our Lent draws to its close, we can face the Legislature, we can speak with firm conviction to our Churches, and we can say to society, "we're Gay, and we're proud!"

This is the real meaning of Easter to us, this is our Christ-identity. We have suffered, but we've grown. We are truly experiencing our resurrection from all that's been keeping us down, way down. We are persons, we are a people. As a people we can go to the modern day Pharaoh and cry "let our people go!" With Christ we stand before God, present to us as Mother and Father telling the good news, "we are risen."

As a united community let's make this Easter, this Passover, ours. Feel the joy of how far we've come. Bask in the sunshine of our hard earned freedom to be the individuals, the persons that we are. This joy and wonderful feeling of resurrection will help us to continue our right, forge on in our personal and collective growth and know in our hearts that someday, somehow, all our brothers and sisters will be free.

PRISONS

Editor's Note: In last issue Satya's name was inadvertently omitted as byline for "Prison Censorship."

PART II

by Satya

In last week's article on prison censorship, I explained the plight of the prisoner — defenseless, with no real rights, and with the constant fear of reprisal should he/she speak out for those rights. In this article, I will explain some of the subtle tactics that prisons use to keep us from getting the truth into the prisons (and out of them), and what we can do to change things.

The prisons go out of their way to make things hard for the prisoners. Refusal to accept gay publications and letters of support is a common practice of most prisons. *Fag Rag* has a long-standing policy of sending its publication free to gay male prisoners. But quite often, the publication is returned with the stamp "Not authorized at U.S. penitentiary. Return to Sender." Each prison has its own set of rules regardless of State or National Laws. The personal fears and prejudices of prison officials play a large part in censorship of gay material. Many prison officials get their "jollies" by tearing up or returning the mail of gay prisoners.

To make sure that knowledgeable people are not allowed to correspond with (and thereby support) gay prisoners, most prisons send questionnaires to people who wish to write to prisoners. For example, Attica prison sends out a form which states, "The policies governing the correspondence and visiting programs, require that you submit answers to the following questions for review as basis for authorizing correspondence. Any false statements will be cause of rejection." Some questions they ask are:

- What is your relationship with the prisoner?
- What effect to you hope your communication will have on the prisoner?
- Have you ever been in a prison, or on probation?

It is easy to see that if you answered truthfully that you wanted to help the prisoner realize that s(he) was a political prisoner of a patriarchal system and that Gay is Beautiful, your letters would be rejected. If, on the other hand, you did not tell the truth, they would check up on your political activities, and THEN reject you.

Either way, the prisoner would not receive the needed support.

Another institution (Leavenworth, Kansas) prevents mail from getting to prisoners in the following way: Leavenworth publishes a paper called "Instructions to be followed in Correspondence with Inmates." One of the rules is that "Letters may be rejected if they contain material or language which violates the postal laws . . . or reference to criminal activities." Such broad reasons for exclusion of letters easily allow for the rejection of gay publications which the authorities usually consider to be "criminal" and full of "dirty" language.

The Medical Center for Federal Prisoners of Springfield, Missouri, puts out a paper similar to that

of Leavenworth. It too allows for the censorship of any or all mail to Gay prisoners. It states that

"Letters received from persons not on the approved list are normally returned to sender" . . . "Obscenity, profanity, sensational or disturbing news, reference to illegal activities, abusive language, or attacks on anyone will not be permitted." . . . "The right is reserved . . . to terminate correspondence privileges for reasonable causes."

It is obvious to any still-breathing human being that these laws allow for the total restriction of mail to gay prisoners whenever a homophobic prison authority feels like it.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

A gay prisoner at Leavenworth, Kansas, gives us the answer in a letter he managed to send out of prison:

"Time has come to unite all Federal Gay Prisoners in one united organization throughout the system. The officials are not only dehumanizing us, but are committing crimes of murder, denial of publications and educational programs, and denying anyone from helping us in . . . our struggle for gay rights."

"Over 70% of Gay Prisoners are being placed in solitary confinement due to their coming out and awareness of their rights . . ."

"I ask all Gay organizers to write and send evidence of their complaints about solitary, or any type of discrimination to:

ACLU, c/o Paul Daniels and/or Marilyn G. Haft, attorneys, 22 East 40th St., New York City, N.Y. 10016.

"The above people need this information for a class action suit in behalf of all Federal Gay Prisoners and to present a Gay

The Fag in the fifth row

by Jonathan Cross

A Commentary on Area Entertainment of Gay Interest

LOST AND FOUND

I betook myself to Gotham last weekend and got royally ripped off by the famous Continental Baths—a cold, ill run, under-staffed, and over-priced product of P.R. and media hype. On weekends it's fifteen dollars for a locker; skip it. We've busier, cleaner, friendlier tubs at home.

The main theatrical attraction for N.Y. gays seems to be John Hopkins' searing, outspoken drama "Find Your Way Home," with Lee Richardson, Jane Alexander, and *After Dark*'s favorite newcomer Michael Moriarty. Hopkins' play takes place in a run down, seedily grandiose bed sitting room in a town in the south of England, but the real locale is the grimy universe of hustling, and of furtive, damaging liaisons in parks and the rooms of strangers. Find Your Way Home is sealed off in its lifeless loveless chamber and admits no possibility of happiness or generosity. It is

satisfied to explore the insecurities and terrors of gay life and refuses all but the darkest of images. It's strong, depressing heartless stuff and Edwin Sherin's cast and direction are relentlessly brilliant. They have us at their mercy.

Moriarty is Julian Weston, a broken once beautiful young man destroying himself by hustling for five pound notes. Hopkins' obscenities spare us nothing, and Moriarty's nervous hysteria, his breathy choked, sarcastic laughter, the violence of his bitter self hatred, paint a hellish picture of the seamy underside of his venal and vulpine gay world. Hopkins locates the cause of Julie's sexual self-immolation in his closety, stiff and aging lover Alan, played veddy British repressed and silent by Lee Richardson who is too successful hiding himself away; we never really see what makes him tick. The action of the play concerns Alan's return to Julie after a year's silent absence, wearily, weakly resolved to leave wife and children for his ravaged and bruised lover.

When Alan's wife walks in on the pair, the play's themes—the failure of marriage, and the repressed and guilty ways peoples lives collapse into patterns of lies and self deception—begin finally to emerge. Jane Alexander manages to humanize her stock role as the heroic abandoned wife illuminating the woman beneath the sentimentalities of the part with funny baffled shrugs and a strange, frozen stare. Hopkins makes her too obviously the victim of her husband's suddenly fragmenting selfhood, but the play's sub theme: the terrifying capacity of marriage to survive as a meaningless social mechanism within which people avoid each other is strongest in this second act confrontation, with Julie and his homosexual alter native safely out of the way, he goes for a long walk. Much of what makes Find Your Way Home so depressing and unsettling is Hopkins belief that all relationships are only frail hedgings against a final and all encompassing loneliness.

As the play tapers off its characters' lives at the dead end of passion spent Alan and Julie sit apart unconnected, and brood silently in the gathering, hopeless darkness. Julie's last line "Oh, my love" is only a dying whisper in the gloom.

Find Your Way Home is a devastating, compelling play but be prepared for a punishing and ferocious theatrical experience.

Bill of Rights to prison officials and the U.S. Senate subcommittee on U.S. Prisons.

"When forming a group of N.G.P.C. (National Gay Prisoners' Coalition), contact Morris Knight of Gay Community Services Center, 1614 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. 90017. He is Director of N.G.P.C. and is anxious to hear of progress and problems in all groups. Also, send copies of your by-laws and demands go U.S. Senate and Congresspeople, and to wardens and directors of prisons.

"Also contact Dave Goldberg, attorney of the National Lawyers Guild, 23 Cornelia St., New York City, N.Y. 10014, who is working on a Gay Bill of Rights.

"Plus we need to attempt to get the M.C.C. groups to present a program of services for Gay prisoners, giving us the right to religious worship like other inmates.

"Never give up . . . never surrender our birthright, beliefs, lifestyles. Future hopes and plans depend on us in here, how we stick by each other . . . The forgotten gay prisoners must not allow the people to forget."

The rest is up to ALL of us. (Special thanks to Larry Anderson of *Fag Rag* for his help in exposing the vicious prison system.)

ASSASSIN OFFERS SERVICES

An assassination plot against the two defendants in the Houston mass murder case was revealed by a parent of one of the victims. Walter Scott, whose son Mark is an alleged murder victim, informed reporters that he received an anonymous phone call in which the caller offered to kill either Elmer Wayne Henley, 17, or David Owen Brooks, 18, in return for \$1700. Both Henley and Brooks are now being held in pre-trial detention for the alleged multiple murders of at least 27 young men.

According to Scott, the anonymous caller pointed out to him that the alleged murderers of his son would at most be sentenced to a few years in prison; then the would-be assassin made his proposition of murder for hire, and said that he could kill the defendants in spite of security pre-

cautions.

After twice being refused by Scott, the caller reportedly said, "You'll change your mind." Don Lambright, assistant district attorney of Harris County (which includes Houston), offered to set a trap for the caller, but Scott declined for the sake of his family's safety. According to Lambright, other parents of murder victims have reported similar calls to his office.

Scott expressed the opinion that by disclosing such assassination offers to the authorities, he and other parents had probably saved the lives of the two defendants.

In the course of a pre-trial hearing, defendant Henley was granted a change of venue from Houston to Bexar County, which includes San

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WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

On Tuesday, March 19, at St. Clement's Church, Boston, a discussion on Women in the Church was led by Ms. Carol Bohn from Harvard Divinity School and Sister Ann Kelley who is involved in the campus ministry at Harvard University. The evening was sponsored by Dignity of Boston.

The discussion began by stating the acceptable roles placed on women in general by the Church. Ms. Bohn pointed out that the Church cites two respectable ways of life for women: (1) to be a wife and mother and (2) to be a nun. As you can see, this leaves the single woman with no group to identify with.

She also pointed out that in the Catholic Encyclopedia it states that "man is called by the Creator to his position as leader and woman is called to social subordination to man as soon as she enters into a relationship with him."

Sr. Ann Kelley pointed out some of the myths about women in the Church. Here are some examples: from Thomas Aquinas—"a woman is a misbegotten male"; woman was often seen in the eyes of the Church as the temptress. In the Middle Ages women were considered unclean when menstruating and were not allowed in the Church while in this condition.

She later went on to point out that even though no woman buys any of this today, the fact still remains that even the most "liberated" woman in the Church still have strong inner conflicts about breaking the laws of the Church.

After "firing up" the crowd with

the above statements, and more, the discussion was opened up to the floor.

Women began stating how under the current structure of the Church they can see no foreseeable future in it for them. Possibly the only way for them to gain recognition at all is to break away altogether.

The discussion went back and forth for a couple of hours with women fighting desperately for ways to be recognized as whole people with much to offer to the Church and to society.

The feeling of hopelessness in terms of women and the Catholic Church was intensified by the issue of being gay and female and a Christian.

To whom or to what community can a lesbian with religious sensitivities appeal?

One obvious answer is, of course, to each other — which is exactly what this meeting attempted. Before confronting a powerful institution such as the Catholic Church, women with religious commitments, particularly Lesbians, need to get their heads together.

On the positive side, there is a vision; a vision which is not alien to the spirit of the Gospel: that it is the oppressed who have the unique possibility to lead the Church back to God, to its true purpose, to free all people.

The evening was successful in bringing together, perhaps for the first time, Lesbians of a Christian, especially of Catholic orientation.

The meeting released all the conflicts and contradictions that might be expected to come out in that kind of a confrontation.



PATRIOT LEDGER EDITORIAL

On Monday, March 11, the *Patriot Ledger* published an editorial (front page) strongly in favor of "gay rights."

For example, "Had anyone bothered to give the matter serious attention he would have learned the laws being challenged are a gross invasion of the privacy of all citizens of all sexual preferences."

The editorial cited the fact that Chapter 272 of the General Laws of Massachusetts ["Crimes Against Chastity, Morality, Decency and Good Order"] is in some ways like the Book of Leviticus inasmuch as it covers a multitude of sins. It must be mentioned that present laws as they exist impose severe penalties for sodomy and buggery. Another section prohibits "unnatural and lascivious acts," imposing a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 or a prison term of up to five years, or a jail term of up to two and a half years.

The editorial went on to say, "While laws are used to prosecute homosexual behavior they outlaw a considerable amount of heterosexual activity as well." Furthermore, "These laws attempt to use the state to enforce vague and archaic moral standards. Revision or repeal of many Massachusetts morality laws would not result in rampant moral climate in the future."

VERY IMPORTANT: The editorial states that "many sexual practices which the state declares to be illegal are neither 'unnatural' nor regarded as deviant by medical and psychiatric authorities when practiced in private between consenting adults."

The commentary concludes with "What repeal would do is reaffirm the individual's right to privacy and end the hypocrisy of laws which are invoked infrequently and unfairly."

REP. ATTACKED

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The major part of the readership of the *Post Gazette* is centered in the North End, Ward 3 of Boston. Hal Towne or Mr. Toro, is the author of *Around Town* and is also on the staff of Boston City Councilor Frederick Langone who is a close political ally of Sen. Michael LoPresti. LoPresti is the incumbent Senator whom DiLorenzo intends to oppose in September. A HUB spokesman reports that LoPresti has tried to placate gay lobbyists by saying that he is 90% sure that he will support the gay bills.

Rep. DiLorenzo has asked all of his friends and supporters to write the *Post Gazette* in protest over this column and to request a firm stand from Senator LoPresti.

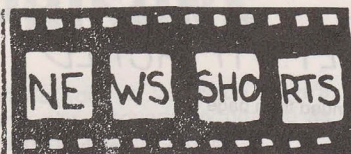
B.U. SENIOR WRITES BOOK

Jan Goodman, a senior at B.U. majoring in journalism, is writing a book appropriately called *Telling Mother*. *Telling Mother* was first formulated in Jan's mind while working on a journal in her Homosexuality course at B.U. It struck Jan that hardly any books on gay women have been written by gay women on a subject relevant to a problem in their lives in this case, telling your mother you're a lesbian.

Extensive research is being done for the book. Jan has interviewed approximately twenty women who have encountered or anticipate encountering this confrontation along with interviewing therapists and psychologists.

Jan feels she is acting as a megaphone for women to express the situations they have found themselves in with their parents, whether it be acceptance or rejection. The book will not be a clinical study, rather a book showing gay women in a very human situation. The book will be for everyone — mothers, gay women, and straight — can benefit and hopefully learn about the psychological effects a rejection or acceptance can give a woman.

A paperback is desired by Jan, her feeling being that a larger distribution would be realized. No specific publisher is in mind at this time but Jan feels she'll have no problem in finding one since her subject is one of relevance to gay women and to all mothers who may find themselves facing this situation with a daughter some day.



The Georgia State Legislature voted in late January *not* to ratify the ERA amendment on the grounds that men and women would then have to use the same toilet facilities.



In California, mutual support projects are beginning for older women. OFF OUR BACKS (Dec.-Jan. 1974) reports women outnumber men 1000 to 724 in the over-65 age bracket. 14% of these women have no income, and 71% receive less than \$2000 yearly. Projects organized for older women include developing job skills, mutual encouragement, research and action on areas of interest and concern. Menopausal Self-Help Clinics deal with health and sexual problems, drugs and surgery recommended by doctors. For more information on self-help clinics, contact: Dorothy Gilden or Gert-rude Stone, Feminist Health Center, 746 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 9005; or the Emma Goldman Women's Center, 1317 W. Loyola, Chicago, Ill.

Other resources for older women: *Prime Time*, a feminist monthly newsletter, 232 E. 6th St., No. 50, New York City 10003; Women's Health Forum (workshop on menopause), 156 Fifth Ave., Suite 1228, New York City 10010; Ad Hoc Committee on Menopause, Univ. YWCA, 4224 Univ. Way, N.E., Seattle, Wash. 98105; The Gray Panthers 5 Tabernacle Church, 3700 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.

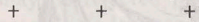


A new group is forming in Toronto to distribute and to produce slides, video tapes, audio tapes and films about gays. A gay pride week slide show, a video tape of a discussion between George Hislop (CHAT) and Daniel Cappen (noted homophobe), an audio tape of Rev. Gregory Baum's address "Homosexuality and Human Dignity" are already available on a rental or purchase basis at non-profit rates. The group hopes to place some of its productions in libraries across Canada. Panel discussion production are planned on gay relationships, Lesbian mothers, S&M, gays and the law, V.D., and many more. Anyone who has ideas for production or who has technical skills should contact Michael Roberts, Gay Media, Box 1340, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 1G7.

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"discrimination of any kind." Several representatives said they might be able to support anti-discrimination legislation but not repeal laws.



H.2524 and H.2525 which would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in public accommodations, employment, credit, mortgages, etc., are still in committee. The bills, heard Feb. 27 by Commerce and Labor, are expected to receive a favorable report and be sent, along with S.4 and S.5, two identical bills, to the Senate some time this week. The vote on the Senate floor could occur any time after the report out of committee. For daily status of these bills call Representative James Bowler 727-7676 (the clerk of the committee) or Senator Robert Hall 727 8830 (sponsor of S.4 and S.5).

"We may be able to give this bill a favorable report," said the chairman of the Public Service Committee about H.2627, which would ban discrimination against homosexuals in state civil service jobs.

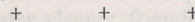
The hearings March 25 were low key and brought many comments and questions from the committee members. They were particularly concerned about child molestation and whether some jobs such as marriage counselor might be legitimately withheld from homosexuals. Representative Richard Landry of Waltham also complained about the many men who had approached him on the streets etc. for sex.

Representative Barney Frank, one of the bill's sponsors, was the most effective in answering these questions. In fact, he complained, *nobody* ever approached *him*, male or female — he had even visited a gay dance once without event. Frank said, "People are always coming to the legislature saying 'gimme, gimme', asking for special favors and expensive projects. All these gay people are asking for is to be left alone, to be treated, not specially, but the same as everyone else."

The usual groups were represented, including Homophile Union of Boston, Daughters Of Bilitis, Americans for Democratic Action, and Civil Liberties Union. In addition Attorney Richard Rubino spoke about the new policy of the federal civil service to no longer fire homosexuals without job-related reasons. Charles Shively mentioned David Walsh, senator and governor of Massachusetts in the early 1900s, had been a homosexual. Larry Bernier, minister of Metropolitan Community Church, said that in his parish were two people who worked in the state

house and others in the fire and police departments; and that much of his counselling involved job security fears. Robert Muller testified as a heterosexual father of three, and Terry Lee as a person fired from a job. Several others also spoke.

A final statement, simple and brief, was made by a clerical worker employed under civil service. "I happen to be Jewish," she said, "and if I were fired for that I would have recourse under the laws of Massachusetts. But I have no protection if I lose my job because I am a lesbian."



Hearings on H.2601 (repeal of sex laws) and H.2604 (amendment to the state constitution to stop all discrimination) occurred March 20 in a very crowded room before the Judiciary Committee, and only about half the people who wanted to testify were given a chance to do so when the time ran over an hour and a half. The committee was quite vocal compared to last year. Some observers took this as a good sign that it was taking the issues more seriously and bringing up real objections.

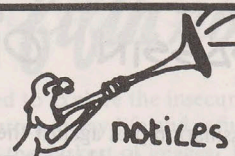


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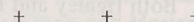
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Antonio. Brooks was scheduled to go before a Houston court the first week of March, but it is expected that he will also be granted a change of venue in accordance with the Henley precedent. It may well be months before the judicial process resumes in San Antonio.

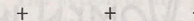
Since the mass murder case surfaced in August, it has been used by some commentators to discredit Gay Liberation. For example, CBS commentator M. Stanton Evans tied the murders directly to the rise of "homosexual militancy." While the accused murderers, presumed innocent, remain in pre-trial custody, convicted heterosexual mass murderer William Calley is free on bail from house arrest.



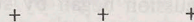
Due to Linda Lachman's appendix the holy union between Ms. Lachman and Claire Shanahan scheduled for March 30 at MCC/Boston has been postponed. Get well soon, Linda!



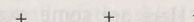
Ann Landers will be at the Harvard Club Saturday, March 30. The day's activities will include a 10 a.m. lecture by Ms. Landers entitled "Some Rigid Convictions of an Open Mind" ??? At 1:00 there will be a luncheon followed by a panel discussion. All this and Ann Landers too! The day's festivities are open to all members of the Harvard Community.



One workshop at the Amherst Gay Conference, scheduled for May 3-5, is entitled, Gay Men Cooperating with Radical Women in a Common Anti-Sexism Struggle. Anyone who feels capable of helping to plan and hold this workshop should contact Jeff Keith, P.O. Box 193, Amherst, Mass. 01002.



This spring the new cycling season will be opened with New England's first bicycle show. The Tuborg International Bike Show, to be held April 5-7 in the Commonwealth Armory, will celebrate bicycling's greatest peak popularity since the 1890s with exhibits on every aspect of bicycling. From bicycle history and fashion to racing and repairs, the bike show will offer information, displays, and a chance to purchase many new bikes and accessories at discount prices.



We are looking for doctors to join us every Wednesday evening, 6:30-9 p.m., for "Gay Health Night" at the Fenway Community Health Center. Doctors are needed for general medical problems, a gynecological clinic, and to oversee a VD screening and treatment program. "Gay Health Night" is sponsored by the Homophile Community Health Service. Interested physicians should contact Michael Mazloff, Fenway Community Health Center, 18 Haviland St., Boston, phone 267-7573. Please help us stay healthy.

A Brief History of the Sodomy Statute

by John Kyper

I am a student at the College of Public and Community Service of the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Recently, as part of a history project at UMB, I researched the Commonwealth's statutes against homosexuality. I was able to trace these laws back to Colonial times, and I wish to share some of my findings with you:

The first law dates to 1641 and is a direct quote from the book of *Leviticus*: "If any man lyeth with mankinde as he lyeth with a woeman, both of them have committed an abomination, they both shall surely be put to death." This appeared in the first New England law code, the *Body of Liberties*, composed by Nathaniel Ward, a Puritan clergyman from Ipswich. The *Dictionary of American Biography* calls the *Body of Liberties* "one of the cornerstones in American constitutional history." Also listed as capital crimes are: idolatry, rape, adultery, witchcraft, blasphemy, bearing false witness, cursing or striking one's parents, and murder.

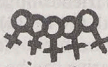
The Puritans aspired to build the New Jerusalem in Massachusetts, and damned be anyone who got in their way. The laws gradually became secularized over the next century and a half; nevertheless, "An Act Against Sodomy," passed in

1784 after the American Revolution, still prescribed the death penalty. Only in 1805 was the punishment reduced, to one year of solitary confinement plus ten years of hard labor — hardly much of an improvement.

In 1836 a new law was enacted, which was entitled "Offenses Against Chastity, Morality and Decency." Section 14 read: "Every person, who shall commit the abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or with any beast, shall be punished in the state prison, not more than 20 years." This is the law that is in effect today, Chapter 272, Section 34, the crime against nature.

I have traced the history of the Commonwealth's most important law against homosexual acts. Section 35, unnatural and lascivious acts, which dates to 1887, also prescribes a harsh penalty: five years' imprisonment or \$1000 fine. By contrast adultery is three years or \$300, and fornication is three months or \$30. Elsewhere in Chapter 272 blasphemy is listed as a punishable offense.

What we are dealing with is a series of legal antiquities, reflecting the prejudices and bigotries of an earlier age. Their perniciousness lies in their very unenforceability, which encourages capricious and selective enforcement. As the tragedy of Edward Rastellini demonstrates, the repeal of these laws is long overdue.

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that they are conforming to standards of conduct and appearance established and maintained by straight society.

Gay Rights laws, like Black civil rights laws, will not significantly alter anti-Gay attitudes. Ann Landers, for example, supports Gay Rights laws — but she also says that Gay people are sick — and quotes "doctors" to prove it.

There are many definitions of Gay. We all have the right to work out and act upon those definitions. My own definition involves personal and collective openness, warmth, spontaneity, love, and the sharing of vital resources. I do not always live up to that definition — it is an ideal. But it is one that I and others have the right to pursue. And we cannot pursue that ideal within an oppressive society.

At Christopher Street 1973, Silvia Riviera, a Latin transvestite and head of STAR, resigned from the Gay Liberation Movement. She said it had become "a white middle-class club." She sees a difference between a club and a liberation movement.

The political scene in this country is dominated by Nixon and his powerful corporate supporters. This is not a time when we can afford to kid ourselves about the nature and strength of our oppression. We need only look at what happened to homosexual civil servants in the McCarthy era — to say nothing of what happened to Gays under the Third Reich (see recent issues of *The Body Politic*) — to discover what might happen to us. We need the strength and maturity to face the challenges of an increasingly repressive political situation.

This letter is offered, more than anything else, as constructive criticism, the kind through which every movement grows. I hope it will have positive results.

Gay Love,

Eric L. Shambach

This spring's New England Gay Conference (St. Patrick's weekend in Boston) was the first such conference that I've attended and I came out of it flushed with inspiration and energy.

I also have opinions on where the Gay movement should be going specifically three priority areas:

- 1) New England Gay United Fund: The only way we are going to get the political clout and the social service institutions we need is with money
- 2) Gay Media Action: The effort to remold the public image of gay people into a more positive cast must hit every television radio and news paper in New England.
- 3) A commitment to solving the problems and needs of Older Gays: There's one aspect of our future that everyone's sure of: aging. I'm 18 and I'm planning on living a happy and rewarding eighty years more. By helping older people now find better existences the young people of today will be preparing ourselves for a more happy gay future.

It may be harder to reach many closeted older gays (those who have adapted to social repression by living stealthily existences) than it will be to reach state legislatures. But we're in the business of liberating people as well as institutions. We should set a high priority on building strong supportive institutions for gays as well as attacking the poisonous institutions in society.

Robert Mark Gordon
Storrs Conn

During the past four months I have, of necessity, associated with a group of people that society insists on calling perverts. That group, labelled 'Gays' includes faggots (femme and butch), lesbians, prostitutes, hustlers, transvestites, and transsexuals, as well as 'straights' and bisexuals who spend time with gay people. Truthfully, I have never met a group of people so easily loved and yet so subject to hate. I have had sexual as well as spiritual and physical encounters with members of each of the aforementioned sub-groups.

Consequently, I have loved and been loved by what society classifies 'Gays.' I have also done service for my gay brothers and sisters, and I am not content. It is that discontent which causes me to make a decision, that being a long needed vacation from this gay community. I know that I will always be gay, specifically androgenous bisexual, but to quote a friend of mine, it has become time for me to go.

Finally, something I consider significant,

Ideas must be tested
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And truth must be lived.

I wish my gay brothers and sisters truth and mighty love and thank them for the experience called "coming out."

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Homophile Union of Boston, 419 Boylston St. Rm. 509
Paperback Booksmith, 753 Boylston St.
Cabaret, 17 Lansdowne St.

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TUE'S. NIGHT AT THE SAINTS
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2 Gay brothers are writing a book on Beacon Hill. Need a loan for supplies 'til book is done. Help!! Write Satya, c/o GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, or call 227-5667.

GAY TRIP TO RIO
First time in Boston from May 14 to May 22 in the beautiful city of Rio. Write now for free brochure to Homophile Union of Boston, 419 Boylston St., rm. 509 (02116).

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LAVENDER RHINOCEROS?
Not in Africa or a play by Ionesco but skipping Gayly into your happy little heart. Watch and see!

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GCN needs donations of office furniture. See GCN TRUCKERS ad under services.

WHITCH
Watch for Whitch. Watch for Whitch. Watch for Whitch.

A training program in para-professional counseling, affiliated with the Homophile Community Health Service, is beginning April 3rd. For information, contact Gerald Soucy, Director of Admissions, 266-1950.

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| BOSTON AREA (area code 617) Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181 Boston Gay Youth 536-6197 B.U. Homophile League 353-7238 Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368 Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450 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 536-9826 Gay Alert 536-3285 Gay Community News 523-0368, 267-0764 Gay Craftworks 523-8729 Gay Media Action 738-0426 Gay Nurses' Alliance 868-5729 Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston 266-5473 Gay Speakers Bureau 287-1900/3236 Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 547-1451 Good Gay Poets 353-2790 Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student's Assn. 536-9826 Homophile Community Health Service 498-3096 Homophile Union of Boston 266-5477 Jewish Gay Group 536-6197 Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 625-6409 Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 261-8526 Lesbian Mothers 354-8807 Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807 Metropolitan Community Church/Boston 523-7664 Project Place 494-8227 Fr. Paul Shanley 267-9150 267-0764 | EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area code 617) Southeastern Massachusetts University Gay Alliance, Box 509, Building 4, North Dartmouth 02747 Wellesley Mylene Society 235-0136 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 Gaybreak Radio, WMUA 91.9 FM 545-5176 Hampshire College Gay Friends (Amherst) 452-4600/4882 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) Dignity/Providence, c/o Frank Murphy, 199 Garden St., Pawtucket 02860 Homophile Community Health Service (Prov) 274-4737 Metropolitan Community Church/Providence 831-3773 Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817 | VERMONT (area code 802) Gay in Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496 Vermont Gay Women 425-2782 | CONNECTICUT (area code 203) George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646 Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101 Metropolitan Community Church/Hartford 525-3523 | NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603) Univ. N.H. Gay Student Organization c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824 Occupant, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261 (Gay Women's group, do NOT use "gay" on any mail to them) | MAINE (area code 207) Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 1046, Bangor Brunswick Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick Gay Liberation Front, Gen. Del., Chapter 14, Calais 04619 Gay Rights Organization (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401 Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605 The Open Door, Box 901, Roberts Union Colby College, Waterville 04901 Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473 |
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