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High-Risk Insurance Plan Being Discussed

By Brenda Buchanan

Legislators working to make certain that people at risk for AIDS are not denied health and life insurance have come up with a plan that would serve a broader constituency. The proposal that the legislatures established a high-risk insurance pool was scheduled for a public hearing Feb. 24 (after Our Paper went to press) and it was hoped representatives of other groups that have difficulty obtaining insurance would lend their voices to the effort to create the pool.

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"We really hope that the hearing will demonstrate that this is not an AIDS bill," Rydell said.

The first hurdle for proponents of the pool will be to convince the Legislature that there is a need for it. It is the position of the committee that studied the issue that insurance coverage should be available to all people at a reasonable cost. In its report, the committee said the number of people considered "uninsurable" is rising, as advances in medical science extend life expectancy, help people to recover from illnesses and accidents that once were likely to cause death, and provide for early diagnosis of serious conditions.

To address the public policy issue of having an ever-larger segment of society being unable to obtain health and life insurance, the committee proposes that the state establish insurance programs that would make high risk coverage available at a cost that would probably be about one-and-a-half times that of an average-risk person.

"The committee's assumption, which is based on the official definitions of "uninsurables," is that people at risk for AIDS and other illnesses would be willing to pay higher premiums for insurance, in order to protect themselves against the financial devastation of paying for medical care out-of-pocket.

"There are Maine people in all parts of the state with varying health problems who need this sort of program," Rydell said.

While there was consensus on the seven-member committee about the need for a high-risk pool, there was not total agreement about how to pay for such a program.

Rydell and Rep. Larry Connolly, Jr., D-Dorchester, differed with the majority on the funding strategy recommendation. They believe that for-profit and non-profit insurers should be taxed to pay for the pool. The other members of the committee-Sens. Beverly Bustin, Barbara Gill and Charlotte Sewall, Rep. Peter Manning and former Rep. Merle Nelson-think a general fund appropriation would be a better method.

According to the committee's report, those favoring a general fund appropriation believe that it reflects the notion that society as a whole is responsible for its citizens, so a direct subsidy by the state is the most honest way to pay the costs.

The opponents believe something as important as accessibility to insurance should not have to compete for funding each legislative session. Rydell said she does not think it would be wrong if the insurance companies directly passed on to customers the cost of their high-risk pool assessment, as long as their support for the program becomes institutionalized.

"We should all bear the small added cost it would mean to ensure coverage to those with health problems," she said. "If we were a general fund appropriation it would be competing with a whole lot of other things and the competition is always intense for funds," she said.

Plea Bargain Ends Assault Case

By Brenda Buchanan

A South Portland man charged in connection with assaults on two women last September pleaded guilty on Feb. 19 to one count of assault in exchange for the dismissal of the second count.

David Deschaine, 21, will pay a fine and restitution to one of the women he struck, according to the terms of the plea bargain.

The agreement between Deschaine and the women who were assaulted, Judy Nevers and Jamie Scott, was negotiated by an assistant district attorney whose name was not available at press time.

Nevers, who owns the men's bar Entre Nous, said after the use of hearing that she was satisfied with the outcome of the case. She dropped the charge related to the assault on her because she was not injured as severely as Scott. Four of Scott's teeth were broken, her jaw was fractured and some of her ribs were bruised. She said it cost her $1,500 for dental repair work.

The restitution ordered by the court as part of the plea bargain is $250. It must be paid through the Cumberland County District Attorney's office.

Nevers said Scott has contacted a lawyer and plans to file a civil suit in order to recover the remainder of his dental costs.

The fine levied by the court was $500 with all but $100 suspended, which means that Deschaine will pay only $100. Sun-

Condom Ads In Maine? Maybe.

by Fred Berger

As AIDS spreads slowly into the heterosexual population, the national and local media are being forced to reconsider their policies forbidding the advertising of condoms, one product which greatly reduces the chance of AIDS transmission during sexual intercourse. Advertisements for condoms have appeared on a handful of television stations and in some national newspapers. Last summer, the Federal Communications Commission recently reversed its established policy and will print an ad for LifeStyles condoms in the March edition of The New York Times Magazine.

Could it happen here? To date there has been no condom advertising in the Maine media. However, in a survey of all TV stations, nine daily and weekly newspapers, and two monthly magazines, Our Paper found that some organizations are actively working to develop a policy on condom advertising. Others have not addressed the issue and do not believe they will need to in the near future. All of those questioned reported that they have not yet been approached by condom marketers. Among Maine's six commercial television stations, southern Maine's three stations are most actively debating the issue within their electronic advertising departments. Although all three networks have policies against accepting ads for condoms, local affiliates are not bound by the network guidelines. While the stations are currently abiding by the network policy, interviewers and producers are looking at the condom advertising question as an opportunity to include a campaign promoting the use of condoms. Colby said this focus "Makes it more palatable to our viewers. Because of the need for education we owe it to our viewers to provide the publicity." Whitten said. He continued on page 6
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Nancy is fondly remembered by some as the companionist in "Oklahoma," Maine's first all-gay/lesbian musical which was performed at the 1978 Maine Gay and Lesbian Symposium (and little do many know, she co-authored the Dyke Patrol anthem). At the time of her death, she was the executive director of Parents Anonymous of Maine and involved in many activities addressing the problems of child abuse and other forms of domestic violence.

Also a peace activist, Nancy was a member of the Backport Area Peace Action Committee and a 1986 Witness for Peace delegate to Nicaragua.

Nancy is missed by her many friends, family members, colleagues, her companion Roberta, and by feminist, peace, and gay/lesbian activists throughout Maine and beyond.

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Commission pushes for change in Mass. Foster care policy

A Massachusetts commission charged with studying that state’s foster care system has recommended new rules that would effectively overturn the controversial policy that prohibits lesbians and gay men, among others, from being foster parents.

On a 15-2 vote, the Special Commission on foster care proposed adoption of a new policy that would not make two-parent ‘‘stable and nurturing’’ families a priority for placement.

The commission said that the goal of foster care is to provide children with a ‘‘stable and nurturing environment,’’ and included sexual orientation as one of 11 factors to consider when foster parent are being selected. The others are age, ethnic background, religion, sex, marital status, economic status, employment status, geographic location and ‘‘None of these factors should be an overriding determinant in a person’s eligibility to become a foster parent,’’ the commission wrote. ‘‘but they may be very important in the placement of a particular child in a particular foster home…’’

Kevin Cathey of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, the group representing two men from whom the state took children, said the challenge of the policy, said the case will go forward until the policy is changed.

Governor Michael Dukakis, a three-term Democrat who is said to have presidential aspirations, reportedly will make a decision after hearing a recommendation from the Special Commission.

Gaybashing Complaint filed against Boston Firefighters

An application for a criminal complaint was filed in Boston Municipal Court in late January, naming three Boston firefighters as the assailants of two lesbians and a gay man. Publicity about the incident, which occurred in November, led to front-page media coverage in Boston and reportedly to a police department internal affairs investigation as to whether arrests should have been made at the scene.

The people who were assaulted said they were walking past a Massachusetts Avenue fire station when they were jumped by the trio, who called them ‘‘faggots’’ and ‘‘queers.’’ One woman’s arm reportedly was twisted severely enough to require her to wear a splint; the other woman and the man were bruised and shaken up, reports said.

The men were later identified as firefighters who were off-duty at the time of the assault. The police department investigation is centering on how the incident was handled when officers arrived.

Katherine Triantafillou, who is the attorney representing the lesbians and gay man, said it was ‘‘a bit unusual’’ that the victims had to go to the police station to file a complaint, even though officers arrived when the alleged assailants still were there.

The firefighters reportedly have filed a cross-complaint of assault and battery against the two women and one of them filed a cross-complaint against his two coworkers.

The alleged assault was publicized shortly after statistics were released by the Boston Police department that showed that racial incidents involving blacks and whites have decreased significantly in recent years. Violent acts still are committed regularly against Asian people and lesbians and gay men.

Gay Money Floods Chicago

A couple of bar owners in Chicago last summer reported a protest by the Gay $‘’ campaign in which the heads of the powers-that-be in that metropolitan area, as paper currency with ‘‘Gay $‘’ stamped on it in red has flooded the streets. The protest is in reaction to the defeat of a civil rights bill by the Chicago City Council last July. That anger was further expressed in a recent protest in which activists struck against the Chicago Tribune.

Some letters from readers criticized the editorial and wrote the editorial because much of the city’s gay community has been victimized by the recent U.S. Supreme Court case in which the sodomy law was declared constitutional.

The specter of quarantine for people with AIDS is again rearing its head. In Indiana, the state health commission has asked the General Assembly for authority to quarantine carriers of the virus ‘‘who put others at risk.’’ In Colorado, lawmakers appear ready to approve a broad bill that would give the state wide powers to test, trace and quarantine individuals believed to be infected with the HIV virus.

PC Users show homophobia

The editor of a magazine dedicated to discussion of personal computers has taken heat from readers and at least one advertiser about editorial criticizing Georgia’s sodomy law.

Editor David Bunnell, who is heterosexual, reportedly received more than 1,000 letters in response to the editorial about 80 percent of which were critical. The editorial spoke about the need for people to be judged for who, rather than what they are, and noted that a large number of high tech workers are gay. He said he wrote the editorial because much of the personal computer industry is based in Georgia, not the only state with a sodomy law, (there are 24 others), but the one tied to the recent U.S. Supreme Court case in which the sodomy law was declared constitutional.

One advertiser, Peachtree Technology, Inc., located in Atlanta, pulled $8,000 worth of advertising. Its president was quoted as saying, ‘‘If the guy wants to push his ideas about gay sex, he doesn’t get to do it with my $8,000.’’

Some letters from readers criticized Bunnell for running an editorial on a political subject in a computer magazine, apparently believing there’s no connection between politics and computers. Others simply clipped the column and returned it after writing ‘‘quizzing’’ or ‘‘fagging’’ on it.

Bunnell said he doesn’t regret writing the editorial and thinks it’s ‘‘important for people to speak out and say what they believe.’’

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Maine Health Foundation
by Doug Cruger

Since 1983, when it was founded, the Maine Health Foundation has had as its number one priority raising the necessary money to educate our community and the7health professions about AIDS and ARC. The Foundation has been instrumental in helping the communities of Maine meet the growing need for services for people with AIDS and ARC. The Foundation has contributed to schools, health care agencies, and through the generous contributions of the general public, we have been able to contribute substantially to the AIDS Hotline, a Coordinator of Support Services, the campaign to distribute educational brochures, and the statewide AIDS Forum, coordinated by the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance.

Our work continues, and our commitment continues. This year the Foundation concluded an agreement with The AIDS Project (for whom we have always been a principal funding agent) to continue to work on the high priority of AIDS education and awareness.

The Foundation is also sponsoring a benefit performance of the Portland Stage Company production of the highly acclaimed Broadway play, "The Fifth of July," by Langford Wilson, originally produced in 1980 for the Broadway stage. The Maine Health Foundation benefit performance will be held Sunday evening, April 19, 1987. Tickets are available from local businesses and the Foundation Board of Trustees.

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Maine Bisexual People's Network
The Maine Bisexual People's Network was founded in 1986. We are a diverse group of women and men ranging in age from twenty-four to fifty-four. We are couples, singles and friends. We are feminists, artists, parents, health care workers, students and teachers. We have come together because we feel that everyone, regardless of sexual preference, can explore issues around intimacy and basic human rights.

We see ourselves as pioneering new ways of developing individual identities regardless of labels, creating fulfilling relationships, and challenging stereotypes within ourselves. We celebrate our diversity and look at ways to develop unity.

Save Your 4th of July Weekend, Friends!

Greetings From BAGLSC!

BAGLSC, for those who may not know us, is a human rights organization with a very special emphasis on maintaining a visible lesbian and gay presence in the greater Bangor area. We came together in July 1984, over the murder of Charlie Howard, a young gay man from Bangor, who was thrown off a Bangor bridge to his death after a "queer-bashing." That Charlie did not have to die, is the message behind BAGLSC. We are a small organization, with a major goal: to make the 4th of July accessible to everyone. It is, of course, a day for celebrating freedom, and it is also a day when many of our friends and families will come together to enjoy the festivities.

This summer we are introducing a new event: a picnic on the coast. The picnic will be held on Saturday, July 3, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. The location will be announced soon. We are looking for volunteers who can help with the picnic, or who would like to contribute food or drinks to the event.

Cathcart To Keynote MLGPA's Celebratory Dinner
by Elze

Kevin Cathcart, the executive director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), will keynote the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance's annual meeting and celebratory dinner on March 14 in Augusta.

Cathcart will be speaking on the theme "Coming Out For Freedom," and we invite you, individuals and organizations to join us in celebrating Maine's gay and lesbian community.

BAGLSC has announced that the Maine Bisexual People's Network will be the keynote organization for the MLGPA's annual event, which will be held at the University of Maine on the first Friday of every month and continuing pot-luck dinner. The event will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is open to anyone.

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In a letter to NLD, as reported in the gay organization's February newsletter, Hebert stated, "The nature of most of our fund-raising activities is of such an unplanned and impromptu nature, often in the form of requests brought to us, that it is impossible to make a definitive statement regarding the purposes and participatory posture of same."

Hebert also told the group that the Winter Carnival booklet had been sent to the printer's prior to the receipt of their letter.

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Support our Advertiser

Dignity/Maine, an organization for Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their friends, has begun meeting in Portland. Part of an international organization of over 100 chapters in the U.S. and Canada, Dignity/Maine will meet on Sundays from 5:30-7 p.m. (doors open at 5) at The First Parish, 425 Congress St., Portland (rear entrance). Refreshments served. All are welcome.
Bad Blood - Part One

by R.J. Bass

(This month's column will discuss the history, causes, transmission, and symptoms of the disease.)

Traditionally, few diseases were as closely associated with the term “VD” as syphilis. Documentation of syphilis occurs in official records and even in the ancient writings. Historically, it was known as “The Great Pox,” the lues, syph, the French disease, the Italian disease, the English disease, the Spanish disease, and “Bad Blood.” Among the famous, King David, Roman Emperor Caesar, King Henry VIII of England, and (two of his children, Edward VI and Mary Tudor), Christopher Columbus, Napoleon Bonaparte, Andrew Jackson, Benito Mussolini, Benjamin Franklin, and James Joyce were syphilitics. Joyce employed syphilis as a metaphor for moral decay in his masterpiece, Ulysses. In recent American history, a major scandal in medical research involved a federally-funded study of individuals with syphilis at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. The subjects of the study, all of whom were Blacks, were followed for decades but were never offered any treatment for their syphilis, which many of them eventually died from. This study was conducted from 1932 until 1972.

At the time of the out break of World War One, syphilis was extremely prevalent in the United States. During the war, 50% of the population of some European cities was infected with syphilis. The control of syphilis became a top priority of the U.S. Public Health Service, which promoted the reporting, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of the disease. By 1925, 88 of the 90 cases in the United States had been reduced to 1 case. A Public Health Agreement, a pledge to provide facilities to diagnose and treat venereal disease among the merchant seamen, was signed.

Even with the increased efforts to combat syphilis, it is estimated that during the late 1930s, 60,000 children were born annually with congenital syphilis (caught before birth from infected mothers). Prostitutes generally took the blame for the spread of syphilis, but extra-marital affairs and the embarrassment of the medical profession were equally responsible, if not more so. The reluctance of physicians to treat the disease (because “nice people don’t talk about syphilis”) caused many patients to die in valueless treatments and patent medicines. By the beginning of World War Two, syphilis was treatable with a drug called Salvarsan, an arsenic-based preparation, but the treatment took 18 months. In 1943, it was discovered that penicillin effectively cured syphilis. Since that time, the incidence of syphilis in the “western” world has continually declined.

In the past few years, the declining trend has been reversed in two areas: gay men, who account for half of all syphilis cases reported nationally, and the state of Maine, which posted a doubling of its reported cases in one year, from 1983 to 1986. Interestingly, while the number of reported cases has continued to increase, the percentage of cases attributed to Maine gays decreased from 50% in 1984 to 22% in 1985, and to 19% in 1986. Public health officials credit this decrease to safe sex practices adopted by many of Maine’s gay men.

Exactly what causes a disease capable of vexing the human race for so many centuries? Syphilis is caused by a corkscREW-shaped bacteria named Treponema pallidum. These organisms are also called spirochetes. Other treponemes cause yaws and pinta, which are tropical diseases.

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease. Primary infection usually occurs in the mouth, genitals, or anus. Once syphilis is transmitted when the spirochetes enter the body through broken skin or mucous membranes during sexual intercourse (vaginal, anal, or oral). Transmission occurs in thirty to fifty percent of contacts. Syphilis is also transmitted by transfusions of the pregnant women to their fetuses. This results in congenital syphilis. Very rarely, it is transmitted by blood transfusion. Syphilis screening of blood donations is routine.

Transmission between women is virtually impossible in this country, but bisexual women are just as vulnerable to syphilis as heterosexual women.

Syphilis progresses through several distinct stages, each typified by different characteristics. The first stage is incubation, during which there are no symptoms. Incubation can range from one week to three months, but averages about two to four weeks.

At the end of incubation, the symptoms of primary syphilis begin. The classic symptom is a sore called a chancre. Chancre is the Latin word for the location of sexual contact—mouth, penis, scrotum, vagina, cervix, vulva, anus, rectum, and the perianal area (the area around the anus). The chancre is an ulcer with raised, hard edges. It is often painless. Nearby lymph nodes may be swollen. The person is contagious in this stage.

Among gay men, 50% of the chancre are located in the rectum; because they are painless, the chances may go undetected unless a thorough anal exam is performed. Chances appear singly, not in groups. Even if the person is not treated, the chancre disappears in 2-6 weeks, although lymph nodes may remain swollen for months.

If syphilis is not treated during the primary stage, it progresses to secondary syphilis, usually 6-8 weeks after the chancre has healed. In some cases, it can take as long as 6 months for secondary syphilis to appear, while in other cases, it becomes evident before the chancre is gone. In this stage, a person may feel flushed, with achy joints and muscles, fever, arthritic pain, weight loss, headache, and sore throat. Two-thirds of infected people will develop a rash that is highly contagious. Secondary syphilis. The rash is often seen on the palms and soles; it may spread over the body, and it affects both right and left sides. The rash might itch, or it might not. It may be very faint and nearly unnoticeable. The appearance of such a rash is enough to warrant a blood test for syphilis.

Other rashes of secondary syphilis are large, flat warts called “condyloma lata.” These may be grayish-white, red, or appear between the buttocks, in the genital area, and on the inner thighs. A harder type of rash is simply referred to as “corkscrew patches.” Other nodes may be swollen in the secondary stage. Other affected areas include the liver (symptoms will mimic viral hepatitis), the eye (eye pain, difficulty with vision), brain and spinal cord (headaches, stiff neck), and hair roots (increased hair loss or patchy areas of baldness). The person is still very contagious.

Again, the symptoms will eventually disappear, regardless of whether or not the person is treated. During the next stage, called early latent syphilis, there are no symptoms. This stage covers the period of time from the disappearance of the secondary symptoms till the end of the first year of infection. Sometimes, the symptoms of secondary syphilis will recur in the early latent phase. Sometime after the first year, when there are no more relapses of secondary syphilis, the person is in the late latent stage, and, at last, is no longer contagious. Even without further treatment, two-thirds of infected individuals will experience no further problems.

The third stage of syphilis (tertiary) is the most serious, and may lead to a variety of complications affecting the heart, blood vessels, and nervous system. Our next column will discuss the late complications of syphilis.

AIDS Update

As of January 21, 1987, there have been 37 males (and no females) diagnosed with AIDS in Maine. Of these people, 27 came from southern Maine, 4 from central Maine, and 3 from northern Maine. Thirty-three (88%) were gay or bisexual men, 2 (6%) were IV drug users, one (3%) was a hemophiliac, and one case (3%) was transfusion related. Nine people, sixteen have died. Nationally, as of January 5, 1987, there have been 29,137 cases of AIDS diagnosed.

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Condoms

predicted there will be major changes at the national and local levels "within the next year" on the question of advertising condoms.

WMTW-TV is also reconsidering its policy. General Sales Manager Mary Jo Sullivan said that she supports changes allowing condom ads in later time periods and says that the station's general manager also "has no problem" with the idea. Sullivan said she has been informed on the issue through articles in trade magazines and a discussion at a seminar she recently attended. She also expresses changes in the current policy and says she "would push for it [condom ads] if we were on the fence." Sullivan adds that she believes any ads "should be tasteful."

Farther north, Margo Cobb, General Manager of WBLG-TV in Bangor says that her station will be considering a policy of condom advertising geared toward health protection rather than contraception. The other Bangor station (WABI) and the Presque Isle station will continue to adhere to their network's policy. Towe Thompsons, President Director of WABI TV (Ch. 5, CBS) in Bangor believes it is unlikely that the manufacturers will seek out his market. Thompsons says, "While Portland is the 78th largest market in the country, Bangor is number 154. Chances are they would advertise up to market number 100." Although WABI is adhering to the current CBS policy, the station has been beginning public service announcements about AIDS since last fall. Viewers calling the number will be sent written information about AIDS, Thompsons said.

Unlike the television stations, none of the eleven newspapers surveyed by our Paper have policies specifically prohibiting condom ads. Most have not considered the issue; a policy may be on the horizon at some papers. Some editors say that they should base their decisions on ads submitted to them by condom manufacturers.

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gay men in Portland. (Reportedly, such attacks have been renewed recently, especially in the Spring Street area. There was no time investigate before this edition of Our Paper went to press. Watch for a story in next month's paper.) The incident involving Deschaine began when he verbally harrassed two women who had just left Entre Nous and ended with him punching and kicking Nevers, Scott and another woman, all of whom had come to the assistance of the first pair. Charges were not brought in connection with the assault on the third woman, also, like Nevers, suffered relatively minor injuries, because she did not file a statement with police until after the other two charges already had been brought against Deschaine.

An important factor in the plea bargain was the issue of substance abuse. Deschaine reportedly was drunk at the time of the assaults, and had just left Fairwinds, a bar next door to Entre Nous. Since the assault he has completed an alcohol abuse treatment program, Nevers said the assistant DA told her, and has sought additional counseling.

While that may impact Deschaine's future actions, Nevers is still anxious about the behavior of many other Fairwinds' customers. The bar has been the subject of many complaints, a Portland police detective acknowledged in an interview with Our Paper last fall. Fairwinds' liquor license was up for annual consideration by the City Council in January, and it was renewed despite a recommendation by the Police Department that it be denied. Nevers said she was not at the hearing, but was told the vote was 5-4 to renew. Our Paper could not obtain more details before going to press.

Nevers said, as long as Fairwinds is operating next door, she will warn all of her customers to be careful about walking alone. She said she will move her bar to another location if problems continue.

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OUR PEOPLE: — Doing What Comes Naturally

by Elze

Karen Wilkie

When lesbians in the United States were leaping with joy at the debut of Rubyfruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown in 1973, little did we know that, at the same time thousands of miles away in Norway, a Norwegian lesbian-feminist had also just published a very lesbian book.

Gerd Brantenberg, 46, wrote her first book, What Comies Naturally (Opp Alle Jordens Hjemmel), in 1972 while living in Copenhagen, Denmark. Since then, this hilarious story about a young woman’s coming out and growing up lesbian in a heterosexual world has been translated into Danish, Swedish, German and English.

Three years later, Brantenberg got her hands on a copy of Rubyfruit Jungle. “I was so happy when I read it,” she told me last summer when I interviewed her during my brief visit to Scandinavia. “I really felt elated. I felt strong and confirmed in the life I was living.”

Brantenberg, who currently lives in Oslo, now has five other books to her credit: Egalia’s Daughters, Egalias Dorte), a fantasy about a land where gender roles are reversed, with the woman (women) holding the power and the men (males) at their mercy. Yes We Stop (Jau Vi Stutter), a diary about quitting smoking; The Song of St. Croix (Sangom St Croix) and its sequel, By The Ferry

“I felt there were so many other things I couldn’t express in just being funny. I wanted to write more descriptive prose which would enable me to get into deeper levels of the human soul.”

(ved Fergestadet), two novels based on Brantenberg’s childhood experiences growing up in Fredrikstad; and Embraces (Piamnak), a lesbian love story.

Unlike the young woman in What Comes Naturally, “I have never had any great difficulty in coming out,” Brantenberg said. “I’ve always thought I had all the right in the world to be exactly like I am.” She attributes the ease to a very supportive family.

Brantenberg holds a Philosophy Degree (history, social science, and English) from the University of Oslo with a concentration in English literature. A teacher for many years, she began writing full-time in 1982 when she gave up her teaching upon receiving a 3-year writer’s scholarship from the state. Now she is partly supported by a 3-year scholarship from the Norwegian Writers’ Union, the trade union for writers.

Last year, Brantenberg made her first trip to the United States, a tour arranged by Barbara Wilson of Seal Press, her American publisher and author of that great lesbian mystery, Murder in the Collective. Wilson successfully applied to the Norwegian Foreign Office to subsidize Brantenberg’s trip. Here for almost two months, she visited Seattle and Tacoma, Minneapolis; Chicago; Madison; Toronto; Vancouver; Boston; Northampton; and New York City.

Brantenberg loved Northampton. “It was one of the liveliest groups I had,” she remembered. “I had never been to a college before — all women between 18 and 23 years old.”

Long an active participant in Norway’s feminist community, Brantenberg has been working for five years with a group of women compiling a bibliography of Scandinavian literature since 1990 in which love between women exists as a theme or subtheme. The project was to be publish-
ed as a book in November with the title, In Remembrance of Lusty Passed, a play on Proust’s In Remembrance of Things Passed. When I talked to Brantenberg last summer, they had compiled 172 titles.

Brantenberg’s plans? Laughingly she said that she’d like to write “perverse stories,” and become a pianist (“I’m not very good, but I enjoy it.”)

But most of all? “I have great joy in writing,” Brantenberg smiled.

If you had to name three major influences on you that have contributed to who you are today as a writer, what would those be?

That’s too difficult to answer. There are some people, both personally and in writing, I admired a lot, or events that have influenced me, but it’s hard to say to what extent this one has come through in the way I write. I feel I was very much alone in writing my first book. At the time I wrote it, we were very isolated as lesbians. We were only starting to have the lesbian movement here.

Why did you write the book What Comes Naturally?

I felt it was a basic statement I wanted to make if I wasn’t going to make any other. But I had been writing all my life and I had always wanted to write. I wanted to write a book. Then, I wanted to write this book, if no other. I chose this one because I felt this was a statement that had never been made before, as far as I knew. A statement about women loving women and the suppression of this love had never been made. I was wrong, but I didn’t know it. Even a book like The Well of Loneliness wasn’t known to me.

We are told that in the United States of America women become lesbians because they are bored in suburbs while their husbands are on incessant business trips to the big cities. So they turn to each other. Besides, there is the tradition from the Wild West, where there were so many men to each woman that the women had fed up with men and turned to each other instead...

In Paraguay, on the contrary, they’ve always been at war with neighboring countries, which means there is a big surplus of women, since most of the men have been killed in some war or other. Therefore it’s quite natural that the many surplus women seek out each other for comfort and intimacy...

In Sweden there are an awful lot of lesbian women, because in Sweden the women are so liberated that they realised long ago how stupid it is to be subordinated to men. But in Spain the women are so oppressed that they cling to each other to escape from their brutal husbands. In France the situation is very complicated. Here the women are oppressed because of Roman Catholicism, but on the other hand, they’re liberated thanks to Sartre and his almost-wife, or whatever you call it — Simone de Beauvoir, I mean — and this uncertain state of affairs has caused so much confusion among women that they have become lesbians...

I presume that these theories were totally unknown to you. I can only recommend you to start reading all the extensive scientific writing on the subject. And then you’ll see that when one finally realises that one is
The idea, itself, though, is very old to me. I got that idea when I was about 20 years old. I started to write a book which I called Feminopolis about a very normal, young Norwegina man who just suddenly woke up outside of town and didn’t know where he was and he started walking towards this town and he noticed the population there was so strange. All the people he thought were women were dressed up in a uniform and all the people who looked like males were wearing all sorts of color and decorating themselves and chanting along the street.

"It has been a struggle to get to the point where I tell myself, 'I am a writer and I'm going to do that.'"

as a kind of debate book. They event wanted it to be my autobiography which it wasn’t. It’s basically fictitious. So I wasn’t reviewed in the usual way when a new author appears in this country. There wasn’t a literary evaluation of what I had done. It was only reviewed as a kind of debate book. I was very sure about that for a long time, so I changed publishing houses. That’s one of the many subtle ways lesbians are discriminated against.

Is humor special to you?

I don’t sit down and decide I’m going to be funny. I write the way I write. It just comes out. I don’t really plan to write in a certain style. But the motivating power behind it for me is a feeling of anger at stupidities. My anger at stupidity has a tendency to be transformed within me and come out again in the form of ridicule. You can parody it. That’s a question of temperament.

I think it’s the same process, even more so, with Egalia’s Daughters. It’s a parody on the oppression of women. It’s a way of saying indirectly what you think of it.

And it works. There was nothing profound in What Comes Naturally, but it was so clever. And it’s also very affirming. I feel that, too. I haven’t always felt good about the book. Sometimes I have thought it was just sweeping over a number of very difficult problems. I did make some changes in this version to give more of a background story about relationships.

What happened when the book came out?

That book was one of many things that happened around the same time. The lesbian movement began in Oslo and

"We’ve had quite a big struggle having a Norwegian culture at all and keeping our heads above water to survive as a nation and as a language. We feel very close to each other in that respect. It makes it easier for me to be accepted as a mainstream writer."

Copenhagen in 1974. We were starting to have lesbian groups. There were lesbian papers and magazines coming out. We were having demonstrations and protests. There was a lot of activity. The book was part of that setting.

The issues were similar to those for women in the U.S., but the social setup was different. From the impression I get from reading American books and speaking with Americans, the pressure on women to be heterosexual, to look like dolls, is greater in the U.S. Femininity, appearances, and what’s more important in the U.S. Even among lesbian-feminists who write books, I think it’s a striking fact that they tend to describe clothes more than we do. They tell the reader what the characters are wearing.

What inspired you to write Egalia’s Daughters?

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an empty place
the chairs covered by old blankets
the television blaring for company.

a dog in the corner his hide quivering, his eyebrows
two V's of fear.

there are two men here who may as well be alone
all their pushing and pulling and exhaling is like a windy mantra
neither is privy to.

- one periodically scans the wall,
his eyes drawn eventually to the television.
-two insane cartoon animals are trying various ways
to kill each other.

12/5/86
Brian Crabtree

Blowjob

As senses go
the hardest to lose,
the easiest to take for granted
is touch.

my hands run up and down your back
reading each bump like erotic braille.

It is much more
than a gathering of blood,
an evacuation of fluids from their tiny little premises.

Inside
it is the only thing that matters.
Outside the absurdity would be apparent

your pants at your ankles
your spine heaving before the empty windows.
But now as the text of your back flies off its page,
we have escaped temporarily from pounding the
ice-encrusted
world out there.

1/18/87
Brian Crabtree

SHARP

Corrupt? you tell me.
I was shaving and my eyes shifted across the foggy surface
of the mirror

A man was drying his wide back with a sawing motion.
Distracted I nicked my cheek and a thin red line
etched itself slowly through the white planes of the shaving cream
as he put his head in the towel and bent over to dry his hair,
I pressed my finger to the cut,
trying to stop the welling flow.

12/20/86
Brian Crabtree

A Home Coming

I remember the last time I saw him;
He got up, dressed without a word.
He didn't face me
our eyes never met.

Near the door
he carefully arranged his hat
and pulled his bleached locks over his perfect forehead.
He threw his scarf around his neck
looked at me once
and left.

Now, looking back,
I can see his eyes
their deep starry grey color
subtly defined by charcoal eyeliner.
As our affair came to an end
so did my intimate relationship
with London,
so I left and came here.
Finally home.

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sitting in the park on thursday
there's me
and the guys
(just a bunch of fags)
we're all looking
for something did we lose?
to fill what?
a whole where?
over there - the guy with the great bod'!
(God, I wish he were GAY!)
we're becoming very active you know
in 'our' politics
and it appears that...

-he's getting closer

(-what a hunk
(-hot basket!
(what I'd give for just
5 minutes in bed with him and...)
did you hear?
Hardwick vs. Bowers set us back
50 years!
society is so damn ignorant, so narrow-minded so...

-take a look at that boy

-he is so cute!

-tight ass

(sigh)

-isn't he just...
too much emphasis on
sex roles - really!
we have the right to be
intimate, to love other men
regardless of...

-those fucking straights

-will you look how he treats her!

-all they think about is
tits and ass - how disgusting!

-how can she let him
do that?

-it's...

-obvious to us
that in order to reduce
our oppression, we must begin
to take action
to educate the masses
dispel the myths
lobby the courts
and...

STOP!
take a look at ourselves
and realize,
we're just the same -
aren't we?

steven j. harly

The Finish Line
A poem for my friend Lanny who died in December.
By B.J. Aaron

The finish line was just ahead
No competition leading or close behind.
A test of endurance, a race with fate.
Short of breath, full of fear, muscles aching;
He continued to push on.
A sweaty brow, trembling hands, a pounding, heavy heart,
The odds stacked against him, he continued on.
Doubt and sadness met up with him from time to time,
As did the temptation to throw in the towel and quit.
Pain was always with him, as if he ran with a rock in his show.
But the race was not finished.
Sportsmanship and honor called him to finish.

Friends lined the course with love, hope and encouragement.
He gave his thanks and bid farewell and passed by.
Those closest to his heart were near the end of the line;
But at the finish only silence.
No crowds to cheer. No ribbons to be awarded.
Only the Master awaiting him.
An embrace and a welcome home.
A welcome back from a race well run and alas a peaceful rest.
Ah, sweet rest!

Unable to Sleep on a Wet Night
2 Days After the Sixth Anniversary
of John Lennon's Death

Closeted angel-heroes
playing out heterodramas.
Sheathed swords
brittle with each brush
of accidental longing.
Youthful emotions
longing desire
suppressed — beaten
into dark recesses
of perversion —
like starving creatures
screaming for
the acceptance
of holy society.
Only fantasies
to release feelings,
long complicated
of self-created delusions.
The slightest contact
taken as intimate sex.
Devirginizing youth
by the touch
of a finger
to a jockular nipple.
Glimpses caught
of nude athletes
in showers after practices,
blocking in lockerrooms,
taken as supreme
Sexual encounters,
the highest romanticism.
The crude remarks
of rednecks — unimportant
transformed into
sexual invites
exciting · thrilling
creating ever more fantasies.
Creating ever more doors.

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POETRY

Portraits in a Gallery

I, Her Majesty

Cigarettes burn rubies for
Queens dazzling with tinted
Charm. Mirrors joute spotlight-
Eyes crowded to attention.
She moves in any direction.
Unhindered, ruling domains of
Leather black and infra-red,
Checking the frozen-water gaze
Of votaries with opal flashes;
Jealous of her trade,
Pruning with vulture-viciousness
The carcass of competition,
Dealing in back-room whispers
Calumny sharp as
Diamond’s cutting edge.

III, The Hustler

Tangerine light feathers
The geometry of your muscles
As touch, as feeling
As mental state reeling
To the jig of masculinity.
Borrowing against your gleaming idol
Cheats me - bankrupts my
Pride, my self-respect,
Beating against the golden bars
Of your arms, our legs,
Traps me a gallely slave
In bondage whipped to
Sweaty musk, going down
In prayer at the knees of
Your indifferent self
Accepting was due the coinage
Of my interest in the denim
Lips of your crotch.

IV, and in this Corner

Dismal stars dissolve from
Attention like aspirin.
Buried in the blanket darkness,
Observing with drooling eyes
The game-play of love-making,
Too shy to action they
Scribble sex on bathroom
Walls and masturbate alone
In corners, stroking fantasies
Til closing hour sends them home
Where all their loves are in
Cellophane,
Wrapped for safety from
Lonely semen and salty tears.

V, Chaps

Exoskeleton visored like
The majestic beetle of a
Japanese horror flick
Sending intimations
Down spines and up rectums
While the curious look
On as at an escapee from
A computerized sci-fi film-
some special effect.
Chain-mailed master
Thrust masculinity out,
Rimmed in smoky mist,
A fire-breathing dragon,
Sex-machine bound in
The nun-black hide of a bull.

VI, You and Me

The ordinary cruise by
Swaying cigarettes like
Censers supplicating, or
Stand in rows, acolytes
Of some solemn ritual.
Eyes jumbled like bones
In ancient lottery rattling
Out the day’s selection.
Settling, at last, on eyes
As taunt with questionings;
Initiates dumb but for
Signs of secret society
Murmuring gestures
Whispering
Of rescue and seduction

Kirk Klebe
The Adventures of Macho and Friendly Goodbye Maine, Hello Key West

by Bull O’Nee

It’s Sunday morning in the household of Harry and Friendly. Friendly lies in bed. Harry has just gotten up to look out of the window.

“Don’t do it,” Friendly begs. “Don’t open that window quilt. I’m looking for a formal night on the town. The dinner party for my friends in the music world went simply divine for the soul. But I couldn’t appear on national television tonight. If I see one more anybody for little ol’ coon (a very sophisticated raccoon, of course), I don’t know what I’ll do.”

“‘Well, where should we go?’ Harry asks.

“I don’t know, someplace free, someplace where we can walk down the street holding hands, kiss when we want to,” Friendly says.

“Provincetown’s a little cold this time of year,” Harry suggests.

“Not Provincetown, someplace warm. How about Key West?”

“I can’t, I’m under the weather. I have a fever, you know, and I have a cold.”

“Round trip one way, one day. I’m not going back.”

“Dream on.”

“...boys in bikinis playing frisbee on the beach, dancing ’til dawn. I ain’t never going back.”

“You sound serious,” Harry interrupts.

“I have it with this turkey town. We bare our souls every month in that Our Paper rag and what do we get? Not one letter of appreciation. I’m going where I’ll be appreciated for my beautiful body and soul. They’ll have to beg if they want me back! Goodbye, Maine.”
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Saturday, March 7

Maine Health Foundation Benefit Ball, Sonesta Hotel, Portland, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

Mardi Gras Masquerade Party at Sportman’s, 2 Bates St., Lewiston. Cash prizes, judging at 10:15.

Saturday, March 14

MLGPA annual meeting and celebratory dinner, Augusta. Call 871-1555.

Sunday, March 15

Chiltern Mountain Club Cross-Country Ski Trip to Jackson, N.H. Group will gather at Ellis River Covered Bridge on Rt. 16A in Jackson at 11 a.m. Non-members welcomed. Call for snow conditions: Michael, 883-6934.

Friday, March 20

Portland Pride’s video presentation on Boston Pride ’86 and a 9 a.m. drawing for a provincetown weekend, at Entre Nous, 117 Spring St., Portland.

Friday-Saturday, March 20-21

Mr. Drummer New England Contest, The Underground, 3 Spring St., Portland.

Sunday, March 29

Pride’s monthly outing, Beachcomber’s outdoor brunch at Scarborough Beach. Gather at 5th Ave. parking lot, Pine Point at 11 a.m. Dress warm and bring munchies to share. Details: 883-6934.

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