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FEAR SCORES UPSET IN NYC

by John Mitzel

A bill in the New York City Council which would have banned discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment and public accommodations in that city was defeated this past Thursday, May 23, by a vote of 22-19.

The bill, popularly known as Intro 2, had been voted affirmatively out of committee a month ago. It had been buried in committee since one of its original sponsors, Carter Burden, had introduced it three years ago. It had been assumed Intro 2 would be passed by the full legislative body. Virtually all progressive political forces in New York agreed that Intro 2 was essentially a civil rights issue around which there could be little controversy.

This situation changed, however, when groups intent on denying homosexuals equal legal protection polarized the debate. The *Catholic News*, the official propaganda organ of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, ran a sensational front-page editorial attacking the bill and libeling homosexuals. This attack aroused many people who were otherwise uninformed about the issue into hysterical opposition and transformed what was a civil rights issue into a referendum on the desirability of homosexual lifestyles for children. It was a dark and ugly month for the democratic process, one they won't be teaching in public school civic classes but a textbook case of the tyranny of an uninformed majority.

The uniformed firemen's union joined the attack. The president of that union, Michael Maye, we'll recall, physically assaulted Gay Activist Alliance President Morty Manfred two years ago at a public dinner, and it's thought that this group's antipathy to gay rights is due not only to the entrenched homophobia of the working classes but partly the result of its leader's vindictive personal animosity towards Mr. Manfred who has been active in organizing support for Intro 2.

Councillors were flooded with an orchestrated barrage of anti-Intro 2 sentiment. Councilman Sam Wright of Brooklyn said: "When I walk the streets of my district, I found that 80% of the people are against it, emotionally against it." Government and legislative process of law moved from rational discourse to appeal to emotion.

Rabbis from more orthodox congregations joined with the Catholic Church in their opposition. Some sent Talmudic texts to the City Councillors. Councillor Howard Golden cited religious sources for his opposition to gay civil rights: "I cannot accept a homosexual lifestyle for my three children." This was, of course, not the issue.

Not all those associated with an official religion opposed Intro 2. Rev. Louis Gigante a priest and a Councilman, voted in favor, and said that he was concerned by "elements in my church" which he witnessed encouraging "a kind of bigotry."

The National Gay Task Force played a prominent role in organizing support for Intro 2, as did other gay groups. Among the endorsements were: the New York City Bar Association, the New York Civil Liberties Union, the Citizen's Union, candidates for Manhattan D. A. (Robert Morgantheau) and a bevy of well-respected individuals from various professions.

Arrayed in opposition were Uniformed Fire Fighters Officers Association, neighborhood associations, veterans' posts, Holy Name Societies, and other religious groups, none of whom have any discernible track record in favor of Constitutional rights or guarantees for minorities or any particular attachment to concepts of freedom. The battle over Intro 2 was metamorphized into basically a class struggle, and the class most in the grip of superstition won this round.

33 of the Council's 43 members face re-election this fall, and it has been suggested that due to the degree of emotionalism provoked by the Roman Catholic Church's agents and other anti-progressive forces, the "swing" councillors feared they'd become political suicides if they voted in favor of the bill. Some city councillors hadn't made up their minds how'd they vote until the last minute. A first-term councillor said: "If this weren't an election year, I'd stand on a rooftop and yell: I'm for gay rights. But I'm getting tremendous pressure."

Because the Roman Catholic Church like other religious institutions, enjoys a tax-free status in New York City, as elsewhere, it is legally barred from engaging in political actions of any sort either directly or indirectly. Violation of this statute could warrant loss of tax privilege. The evening that Intro 2 was defeated 70 gay protesters sat in all-night at St. Patrick's Cathedral and pledged a legal challenge to the Roman Catholic Church's tax-exempt status.

AMAZON EXPEDITION

Planning for next fall's "Conference '74: An Amazon Expedition"—a lesbian conference-celebration being put together by a group of Boston-based women—has stepped up as summer approaches. The next planning meeting will be held Sunday, June 2, at 5:00 pm at 1039 Mass. Ave., Apt. 6A (third floor), in Cambridge.

Conference planners conceive of an ongoing "Amazon Expedition" throughout the summer, culminating in a three-day conference-in-the-country over Columbus Day weekend next October. In conjunction with the Conference, a series of events are being planned for the summer—including



Photo by Ed Braverman

the block: COMPLAINTS SPUR POLICE

by David P. Brill

A dramatic increase in the number of complaints from area residents has caused an upsurge in the amount of police activity around the area commonly called "The Block", bounded by Arlington, Berkeley, Marlborough Streets, and Commonwealth Avenue. In addition, complaints by the management of the Greyhound Bus Terminal have also caused the Boston Police Department to increase their patrols of that location as well. The police are using a form known as an F.I.O. (Field Interrogation Observation) report as a tactic in questioning persons in the area.

According to Boston Police Dep-

uty Superintendent Joseph Jordan who is in charge of District Four, the increase in complaints was timed with the arrival of the warm weather. Residents of the neighborhood complained of traffic jams, persons sleeping and/or urinating in their doorways, and an extremely noisy situation at all hours of the night allegedly caused by the presence of hustlers, those who would be looking for them, and their friends. The complaints were made to the Back Bay Neighborhood Association, Police Commissioner Robert J. DiGrazia, and State Rep. Barney Frank, whose Commonwealth Avenue residence is on the

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ing concerts by a New York City recording group, Lavender Jane, and others, as well as bicycle expeditions and work shops. More events are being planned, and T-shirts and buttons spreading the word about "Conference '74" will be for sale soon.

The planners of "An Amazon Expedition" are creating an extended, single event. They are eager for more ideas and welcome new participants. Women who would like to join the Expedition are cordially invited to Sunday's planning session, or asked to contact Conference planners at Box 2000, GCN, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston.

PRIDE WEEK PLANS DETAILED

At its meeting last Wednesday night, the Gay Pride Week Planning Committee put together plans for events ranging from picnics to a media zap and elected Lois Johnson as chairperson for the June festivities. Tentative plans will only become realities, however, if more people volunteer to help. Following is a list of all the activities scheduled at this time for the week of June 21-30 with the name and telephone of the person in charge. Few of the events require special talents, but many require help *now*, since Gay Pride Week is less than a month away.

Dances: two of them, on Friday, June 21, and Friday, June 28 from 9 to 1 at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. Both require clean-up committees. Call Jimi Shealy at 523-0368.

Boston Parade and Festival: the June 22 parade will begin at noon, last year's route, and climaxing with music, a crafts festival, and other events on the Common. Lots of people are needed to construct the celebrated rhino float. Old sheets are needed to construct the float. If you have either time or sheets, call Bernie Toale at 783-1627.

Sheri (536-3285) also needs help in assembling a New England Gay Pride banner. Anyone can help, even if you don't know the difference between a quilt and macrame.

Call Bernie to work on any other aspect of the parade and festival.

The rhino wall: Boston has its Black pride wall murals, and it will soon have the world's first gay pride mural. Call Sheri at 536-3285 to help create one of the wonders of the modern art world, to be unveiled Sunday, June 23.

Benefit for Elaine Noble: at 3:00 Sunday, June 23, at Cabaret. Preliminary work is under way, but make sure you turn out to help Elaine in her campaign for Fenway delegate to the state legislature.



Charles Street Meetinghouse Clean-up: show your appreciation for one of the Gay community's major institutions by helping paint, wash, redecorate, and renew the Meetinghouse on Monday, June 24, from Noon on. Call Jimi at 523-0368 to volunteer.

Long-range Projects: on June 24 there will be meetings to plan 1) a gay crisis/information phone service; 2) a gay United Fund; 3) a gay community center; 4) a gay legal aid program. Any of these projects could use your help and ideas. No planning needed; just be at the Meetinghouse at 8.

Gay Hawkers: you've always wanted to sell *GCN*, *Fag Rag* and *Focus* on the streets of Boston, right? Here's your chance to publicize gay publications. Come to the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, June 25. Time to be announced.

Forums: The Meetinghouse plans to host two discussions between anti- and pro-gay psychiatrists and lawyers. Plans are tentative; call Steffi at 523-0368 to help.

Publicity and Getting Ourselves on the Media: Loretta Lotman needs help on Thursday, May 30, in the afternoon or early evening with Gay Pride Week mailings to the local media. Plans also call for getting gay people on all the local talk shows before or during Gay Pride Week. One person is needed for media booking *before* the week of June 21-30. *Catch 44* on June 12 (8:30) will be devoted to Gay Pride Week: meet Tuesday, May 28, at 8:00 if you want to appear on this TV show. Call Gay Media Action at 868-5729 for details.

Art Show: the Meetinghouse will host a showing of works by gay artists from June 16 to June 30. Call Dennis Thomas (523-0368) to participate.

Information and Outreach: providing help for people who are just coming out, or who just want to learn about gay life from the people who live it, can be one of the most important activities of Gay Pride Week. Evenings of Tuesday and Thursday (June 26 and 28) are scheduled for informal conversations. Call Paul Tellalian at 524-6417 to help out.

Communities Night: the Fens and Charlestown are organized; what about the rest of New England? Volunteer your house/apartment/closet for a gathering of all gays in the neighborhood on Wednesday evening, June 26. Volunteering your house does not mean that you volunteer to be fearless leader for Dorchester, Mattapan, or Watertown. Call Ian Johnson (251-8357) for information.

Media Zap: some of the local media are going to get it during Gay Pride Week if they don't watch out. Call Gay Media Action (868-5729) to make them watch out.

MBTA Campaign: if the rhinos are on the subway, plans call for gay people to ride the trains on Thursday, June 27, to explain what the lavender creatures are all about. If the rhinos are not installed by Gay Pride Week, the rhino people will still board the trolleys to talk to passengers about being gay. Call Tom Morganti at 241-8357.

Fenway Picnic: the Fengays are hosting a picnic for all gay people on Saturday, June 29, from noon on. The reeds are at one end of the Fenway, the picnic will be at the other. Call Bernie Danoff (267-6528) or Steve Brophy (267-6528) to help.

New York Parade: June 30. Join your sisters and brothers from East McKeesport and the East Village for the annual parade in the city that annually votes down gay rights. There will be a bus, and reservations will be needed. Keep reading *GCN* for more details.

CORRECTION

In the roll call vote on H.5863 listed in the *GCN* two weeks ago, the name of Rep. Barney Frank (D-Back Bay) was omitted in the list of those Representatives who voted in favor of the gay anti-discrimination bill. *GCN* apologizes for the error.



Elaine Noble

BUTTON CONTEST

A "Design a Button" contest has been announced for a campaign button for Elaine Noble. Contest sponsor, Bonnie Cronin of WBUR Radio said the winning button will be used throughout Ms. Noble's campaign for state representative from the Suffolk 6 District.

Elaine Noble is a well-known lesbian and feminist activist, a member of NOW, DOB, HUB, and former moderator of "Gay Way" on WBUR.

The contest rules are 1) the button must be submitted by June 1. All entries should

be black and white, but colors can be specified. The design can feature a drawing or be words only—the option is open to the entering artist. (See entry blank elsewhere in *GCN*); 2) the button must have the name "Elaine" or "Elaine Noble" on it.

First prize winner receives dinner for two prepared and served by Elaine. (She says she's a good cook!) The winning design will be reproduced on campaign buttons and used until election day. The winner will be announced during Gay Pride Week, June 23-30.

CANDIDATES VIE FOR GAY SUPPORT

In an apparent effort to garner the support of the Commonwealth's large bloc of liberal voters, State Senator John M. Quinlan (R-Norwood) has announced that he supports all legislation filed this year that would protect the rights of gay people. On April 18, however, Quinlan's vote was recorded with the majority in favor of killing S.1585, the anti-discrimination bill. Quinlan's vote at the time was paired in favor of killing the bill, and he now claims that this was done in error. A spokesperson for the Homophile Union of Boston informed *GCN* that HUB is asking Sen. Quinlan to use his influence to help resurrect S.1585 from the Senate Rules Committee, where it is buried now.

Sen. Quinlan is seeking the Republican nomination for the office of Secretary of State. Many of his fellow Republicans supported the gay legislation, and there has been support from Gov. Sargent's office for it as well. In addition, Mrs. Anne H. R. Witherby of

Boston, a candidate for Senator last year and prominent member of the Mass. Republican State Committee, has also been pressuring her fellow Republicans to "come out" for the gay legislation.

This turn of events is particularly interesting since State Rep. Paul H. Guzzi of Newton, who will be challenging incumbent John F. X. Davoren in the Democratic Primary, received the Mass. Caucus endorsement last month with a great deal of help from the Gay Caucus. Guzzi was endorsed by State Rep. Barney Frank, HUB President Robt. Dow, and candidate Elaine Noble (Sixth Suffolk District), and it was considered that all of the gay voters would be asked to support Guzzi. There have been recurring reports that Guzzi's originally open and vocal support of the gay legislation has been diminished since the Caucus to something less than strong.

Quinlan's commitment will be shown if S.1585 is saved. But it is interesting to note how each candidate is attempting to "out gay" the other.

FRANK DISPUTES SARGENT'S STAND

State Rep. Barney Frank of Boston this week challenged the *GCN* statement of two weeks ago that Governor Sargent is silently supporting the gay legislation filed this year. Frank noted that while many Republicans did vote in favor of the measures, that those legislators most closely allied with the Governor's stands on issues, however, did not.

Frank who made headlines a few weeks ago while blasting Sargent and his policies on busing and the racial imbalance question, stopped short of calling the governor anti-gay. "For two years I've been trying to talk with them about this, and they just won't say anything either way!" Frank said.

The *GCN* comment was based on in-

terviews with the members of the governor's staff. The governor's Public Service Office has been in contact with HUB regularly in procuring information for a policy statement (upcoming) on gay rights, to answer some of the mail that he has been receiving. In addition, the governor's office has invited several gay organizations to a symposium on the right to privacy, and has sent them a lengthy policy statement on that subject as well.

Frank, however, said that all of these tactics were nothing but cheap political ploys, and advised the gay community, "Don't be misled. He isn't saying anything." *GCN* is attempting to obtain an appointment with the governor to interview him on the subject.

block

"Block."

Rep. Frank wrote a letter on May 17 to Dep. Supt. Jordan, in which he urged the police to take action to prevent this type of activity in this residential area. In his letter, however, Rep. Frank reiterated to the Department that he has no objection to cruising or solicitation in non-residential areas. Rep. Frank told GCN, "Cruising along the Charles, or in the Fens, or in the Park Square area, or in any of a number of non-residential spots is perfectly legitimate, and I will defend people's rights to engage in it. But it is unfair to conduct solicitations in those hours when people are trying to sleep, directly outside their bedroom windows."

Jordan said that the police are going to continue to patrol the area, question persons, and make use of the F.I.O. system until complaints are reduced. "They'll have to go someplace else, maybe try the Public Gardens," he said.

The F.I.O. system has been in effect for several years, but was recently brought to light at a recent hearing of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, at which time representatives of the police department explained what types of persons an F.I.O. would be written for within the vicinity of Jacques and the Other Side. The regulations appeared to state that simply being a homosexual was enough reason but the police modified that to mean "known male or female prostitute." (More on this in next week's GCN). The F.I.O. is a small form with room for many details. The original is kept at the B.P.D.'s Intelligence Division, with a copy kept by the District in which the person was questioned. (District Four encompasses Wards 4 and 5 of Boston, which is the entire Back Bay, South End, Bay Village, and Kenmore Square area).

Deputy Superintendent John Doyle, head of the Intelligence Division (Tactical Patrol Force, or "vice squad") said that the F.I.O.'s are used to "Keep tabs" on known gangsters, persons known to be associated with drugs or organized crime, or known male or female prostitutes, and are supposed to be written upon the observation of any such person. Doyle concedes, however, that these are not written every time, and therefore, much is left to the discretion of the officer. Doyle refused to say what these F.I.O.'s are used for within the department, but a prominent Boston attorney claims to know exactly how.

"It's an outrage!" remarked Attorney Frank DiMento, whose Boston law firm of DiMento and Sullivan is counsel to the management of Jacques, the Other Side, and the Massachusetts Nightclub Owners Association. DiMento claims that the F.I.O. system is a direct violation of a person's civil liberties, and says that the information contained in an F.I.O. is available to anyone in the B.P.D., or any police department in the country. (It was this F.I.O. system that was used to defame former State Rep. Martin A. Linsky of Brookline a few years ago. Linsky was found in the presence of a known prostitute, and the F.I.O. containing that information was used against him to cost him the 1970 Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor). DiMento's objections are that the person being "written up" has no way of knowing what the officer is writing down, has no way of challenging it, and no administrative way of purging it.

DiMento's last complaint is an interesting one. Jordan claims that the F.I.O. is "not really a record at all" and there is therefore no record to purge. However, Boston Attorney John Pino, who has devoted much of his law practice towards working within District Four, and is currently serving as

prosecuting attorney for the Bay Village Civic Association, said that the F.I.O. could be expunged through extra-administrative means. Two patrolmen in District Four stated that Dep. Supt. Jordan has the authority to remove the record. In other words, while there is actually no formal system for challenging or purging the F.I.O. it apparently can be deleted if the person involved has the right relationship with the 'right person.'

An investigator for the Homophile Union of Boston, who began his work about six weeks ago, when the neighborhood complaints and reports of violence against gay people became known, now has two F.I.O.'s written up on him as the result of his investigating the situation. The first time he claims the officer used such abusive terms as "Fuckin' faggot!", "Queer!" and "Damn cocksucker!" The Police Commissioner is now investigating this incident, as the officer was apparently in violation of a departmental order requiring officers to refrain from antagonizing language and behavior during the course of an investigation. The second time, the investigator asked what would happen if he refused to provide identification, and was told by the officer that he would be arrested for disorderly conduct, in an apparent threat. In a separate incident, a young man reported that he had asked the officer for his badge number, and the officer refused. Dep. Supt. Doyle stated that all police officers must provide their badge numbers and names to the persons they are questioning if so requested, and also asked that persons who do not find this to be the case to write a complaint to the Police Commissioner.

Attorney Richard Rubino, legal counsel to HUB and a number of gay organizations, says that a person stopped by the police must provide the following information: Name, address, and purpose in the neighborhood, which could simply be taking a walk. Rubino says that this is all the information that one has to give. If a person is arrested, however, he is required to provide more facts.

The City of Boston Law Department advised HUB almost two years ago of the definition of "disorderly conduct". Assistant Corporation Counsel John A. Fiske quoted from a Supreme Judicial Court case, *Alegata vs. Commonwealth*, in which the court defined disorderly conduct as "activities which intentionally tend to disturb the public tranquility or alarm or provoke others." "I fail to see how the mere presence of a person on the streets at any time, in the absence of something more, can make him a 'disorderly person' as our courts now apply the law," Fiske said. The problem seems to be that there is too much left to the judgement of the police officer when deciding to write up an F.I.O., and that many officers may be writing them indiscriminately. One gay policeman from another District said that half of the F.I.O.'s written up are nothing but attempts to scare or harass certain persons, and that they are frequently just destroyed.

The legality of the F.I.O. system is doubtful. In addition to providing no protection for the person from lies being made about him by the officers may violate a person's constitutional right to due process by giving him something dangerously close to a criminal record without the benefit of an arrest or subsequent trial. While Jordan and Doyle insist that the F.I.O. is not a criminal record in any way, all the attorneys interviewed agreed that the F.I.O. file definitely would be taken into consideration if a person actually were arrested. Doyle said that the F.I.O.'s file's influence on an arrested person "varies." Several attorneys remarked that the entire F.I.O. system could be declared unconstitutional if ever brought to court.

Rep. Frank has urged all gay people to avoid "The Block" area out of respect to

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The Boston Police Department's Field Interrogation Observation Report. (F.I.O.)

the residents, Rep. Frank is reportedly making this move as the result of pressure from his constituents in the Back Bay

christian science church evicts

A community organization of gay Fenway area residents—called Fengay—held its last meeting two weeks ago at the Boston Center for Older Americans, at 236 Huntington Avenue in Boston. The building where BCOA has its offices is owned by the Christian Science Church, an institution that owns large amounts of property in the Fenway. If the Christian Science Church has its way, Fengay will never again meet in BCOA's offices. The Church has even threatened to kick BCOA out of the building if Fengay meets there again.

Why? Officially, the Church says that it objects to the Fengay meetings because Fengay does not offer direct services to the elderly of the community. Therefore, argues Church public affairs director John

Neighborhood Association. The following conclusions and recommendations have been made:

—Gay people should not frequent the Block at all possible costs, either by foot, car, or thumbing. (Police have acknowledged that undercover vehicles may be taking down the licence numbers of cars circling the area).

—If stopped and questioned by the police, it is in the interests of gay people to carry and produce adequate identification, but say as little as possible.

—Always request the officers' names and/or badge numbers, and report the date, time, and place of the incident to HUB, if you are ever questioned for the purpose of writing an F.I.O.

—If ever threatened, or verbally or physically abused by the police, write a letter of complaint to Police Commissioner Robert J. DiGrazia, Box 911, Boston. Your complaint is confidential.

GCN will have more details on the F.I.O. system next week.

Selover, BCOA violates its charter by permitting the meetings. But Selover admits that he has not contacted Fengay, and does not know whether they may offer or be planning services which are beneficial to the Fenway area elderly.

The Christian Science Church has no official policy regarding gays, according to Selover, who said that he sought understanding of the issues. He emphasized that the reasons for the Church's objections to Fengay meetings did not hinge on the fact that the group is homosexual. But it should be pointed out that other groups that are not directly offering services to the community's elderly have met in BCOA's offices with the full knowledge and implicit approval of the Church.

oregon backs rights

Last week GCN reported the Maine Democratic State Committee's new party plank endorsing the gay rights movement. However, the first pro-gay party plank was passed exactly two years ago in Oregon. Their platform on gay rights reads:

"We recognize that there are millions of Americans who undergo legal and institutional discrimination solely because of their sexual orientation. We commit the Democratic Party to use the full force of its power to achieve equal rights for all homosexually oriented individuals ... We advocate:

1. That the President immediately issue an executive order banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in all federal employment and professions and businesses holding federal contracts.
2. Specifically, the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 should be amended to bar discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
3. Legislation to end discrimination against homosexuals practiced by insurance and bonding companies.
4. That the President immediately issue an executive order banning discrimination against aliens by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the basis of sexual orientation.
5. That the President immediately is-

sue an executive order which would restore full veterans rights to all individuals previously given less than honorable discharges for homosexuality and which would change the status of those discharges to honorable.

The Oregon Democratic State Committee Party Platform is considered to be the most progressive in the country. In addition to this all-inclusive gay plank, there are also resolutions urging the legalization of marijuana, the legalization of prostitution, maternity leave for men, the abolition of most privately owned property, nationalization of health care services, and an end to tax discrimination against single persons. Another plank requires all judges to spend at least one month per year in the institutions which they sentence people. Leading old-guard Oregon Democratic office holders attacked the platform as being too extreme, but the Oregon press simply termed it "ahead of its time." The Human Rights Section, in which the gay plank is contained, was submitted by a committee consisting mostly of college students, was more sharply criticized for its advocacy for amnesty for draft evaders, 24 hour state-run day-care centers, abolition of the militia, and the legalization of prostitution than for the gay plank. The Oregon Platform is the most pro-gay one at the present time within the Democratic Party, and it is expected that the next convention of the Oregon Democratic Party will see the gay planks take even stronger and more words.



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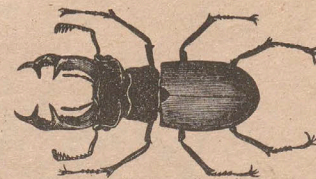
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REACT!!

intro 2-A



Andrew Kopkind broadcast this commentary on WBCN on May 27, following the defeat of Intro 2-A:

"The defeat of the New York City Council bill prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals is a victory for the forces of reaction, repression and unreason. Activists in the areas of minority, civil rights as well as sexual liberation have been trying for years to get the city council to guarantee equal rights to all citizens, regardless of irrelevant considerations of sexual orientation. This year, the bill finally cleared its most important committee hurdle. Its supporters assumed that the city council would formally pass the bill. But they reckoned without understanding the deep hysteria which grips certain benighted sectors of the society when it comes to human freedom. In particular, they underestimated the deep antipathy of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America to the movements of personal liberation: liberation for women, for homosexuals, for those who are trying to remove the shackles of authoritarianism which the organized church represents. There were many Catholics in New York City in favor of the bill, which would do nothing more radical than secure rights in employment, education, public accommodations and housing to all citizens. These are rights which are supposed to be unalienable, but of course have been alienated and obliterated by repressive

governments and religious institutions since America began. But it was the power of the church itself, and especially the bigoted assaults of the bill by New York's Cardinal Cooke that frightened City Councilors into sudden opposition. The Cardinal and his super rich clique of bishops and priests was not alone in their adventure in intolerance; they were joined by orthodox Jewish Rabbis, who cited ancient Talmudic texts and grotesque male chauvinist rituals to convince New York Jews to oppose the civil rights measure. The Rabbis and the priests in this instance imitated the age old crusades of religious fanatics against those who seek to live in freedom and peace. Terrified, sexually up-tight groups like the New York firemen also opposed the bill, which clearly threatened the purity of their sexual domination. But it was the organized Catholic Church which must bear the most serious blame, for this new affront to human dignity. My own disgust at the abuse of the Church's political power and its complicity with government authoritarianism evoked for me that devastating epigram by the eighteenth century French philosopher of the enlightenment, Diderot, who said, "And mankind shall not be free until the last king is strangled with the entrails of the last priest."

REACTIONS:

florida

Dear Editor,

In a recent May issue of GCN there appeared an article titled "The Gay Traveler: Florida" by John Graves which was in error. In the article the following statement was made: "Gay Liberation Groups do not seem to have made much progress, even at the few area colleges." This was a fallacious statement to say the least, and a statement which does great disservice to those who are in fact involved in the Gay liberation struggle in this area, not to mention the fact that it was also demoralizing.

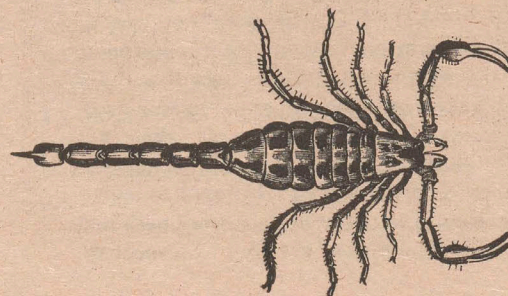
I personally have been active in that struggle in South Florida for the last three years...a long time before the "Gay Traveler" buzzed in and buzzed out. I am very familiar with others in this area who also have been active in the Gay Liberation struggle.

Two groups of people that people might want to contact when they come to this area are:

Stonewall Newsletter Committee
P.O. Box 2084
Hollywood, Florida 33020

Southern Gay Liberator
P.O. Box 2118
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

In Gay Struggle,
Joel Starkey
Boca Raton, Florida



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nazis

GCN, etc.

I am appaled to learn that the *Bay Area Reporter* has been publishing Nazi recruitment ads. It is even more infuriating that this is happening with the support of the *Reporter* and with the closing of that newspaper's pages to protests against this ad.

All of this is most ironic, for Nazi Germany was probably the most homophobic society in history. Among the twelve million people systematically exterminated in the death camps were over 100,000 homosexuals. These were the ultimate *undermenschen*, condemned to wear the pink triangle, subject to constant abuse and rape by other inmates, inflicted with the most hideous tortures that the guards could devise. Few survived.

The story is not well known. One of the greatest tragedies is that we have been denied our own history; instead, we are presented with garbage like Visconti's *The Damned*, whose innuendo links Naziism with homosexuality, child molestation, and mother rape. I highly recommend Jim Steakley's article "Homosexuals and the Third Reich," which appeared in *The Body Politic*, no. 11, (available at the Red Book Store in Cambridge).

John Kyper

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Dear Beautiful People,

I was just sitting here thinking how much I enjoy receiving GCN so I decided to drop a few lines in gratitude. I have presently had the pleasure of reading, several times in fact, about ten issues of your fantastic publication and find it the best gay work I've had the benefit of perusing. It really helps to keep me informed on what's happening. I hope one day to be able to subscribe, but till then I hope you'll continue your generosity to a prisoner that really digs you.

Peace and love always,
Dale James Cone,
Soledad, California

cartoon

Dear GCN,

Ruby the Razor is a caterpillar who has emerged from the cocoon of "sanity" to become a beautiful butterfly riding the free winds of imagination. If some find her "irrelevant", this only confirms that women will always be losers when judged by male artistic standards. In short, Ruby is the kind of character I enjoy reading around 4 am before I join my dearest love in perfect Lesbian togetherness.

With cosmic affection,
The Lavender Pterodactyl

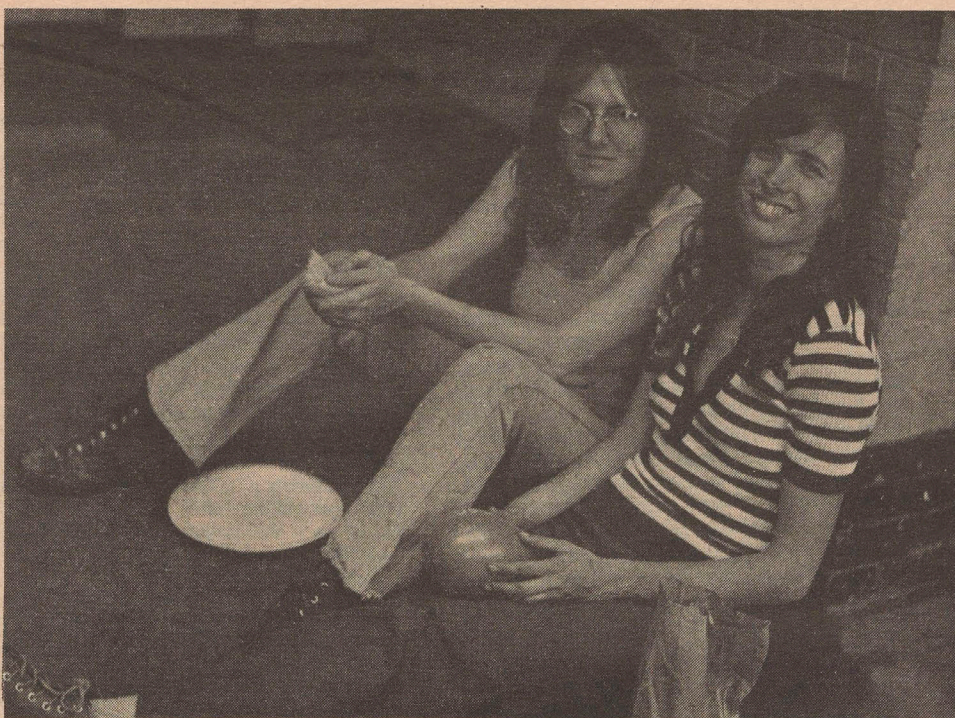


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in love?

In love? Henry Griumbaum, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Harvard University is compiling data for a study on human nature and romantic love. Griumbaum has done a study with heterosexual couples but feels his research would not be an honest, complete study without also including homosexual couples. He is interested in the phenomenon of love only—not in analyzing or comparing which lifestyle is more compatible for love to happen or grow. A questionnaire with such questions as "How do you define love?, How do you know when you are in love?, How does love affect

your life in different ways?" is given to participants. The answers will be compiled by Griumbaum to give an accurate account of the phenomenon of love, what it is, and how it happens. Griumbaum feels he is acting only as a recorder of couples' feelings, that he does not plan to evaluate or criticize. He just wants to know why some people find someone they want to live with, with whom they're in love.

Griumbaum is asking for volunteers from the gay community who are living together and are *in love*. \$5 will be paid to each couple who participates to cover any transportation costs. Confidentiality is exhibited. Anyone who would like to participate is asked to contact Prof. Griumbaum at RE4-6118 or write to him in care of Cambridge Hospital, 1493 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Mass. as soon as possible.

GCN is doing a comprehensive survey of V.D. treatment for Gay People in the New England area. We would appreciate our readers sending the following information

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resurrection

The Homophile Union of Boston announced May 22 that it will begin lobbying efforts to attempt to resurrect S.1585, a bill prohibiting general discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual preference, from the Senate Rules Committee, where it has been since it was buried there on April 18. David Brill, HUB's chief lobbyist, said that Sen. Robert Hall (R-Lunenburg) and Sen. John M. Quinlan (R-Norwood) have agreed to sponsor and second, respectively, a motion to bring S.1585 out of the Rules Committee if we can guarantee them the 20 votes needed to do it.

Thirteen votes were received for the measure last month, and Sen. Quinlan makes it 14. Pressure is being applied to the following Senators who were known to have been "on the fence", last month regarding the bill: Anna Buckley, Brockton; William L. Saltonstall, Manchester; Walter J. Boverini, Lynn; Ronald C. MacKenzie, Burlington; John F. Parker, Taunton. He is under pressure from the Republican leadership; and William M. Bulger of South Boston (his district has recently been altered and now includes all of the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and the South End).

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PHILADELPHIA—In a rare gay foster home placement, a judge has placed a 15-year-old male transvestite in the home of a lesbian couple. The judge involved evidently did not know that the new parents are gay but that the agency which arranged the placement was aware of the situation.

Dennis Foster, who handled the case said that, "we want to demonstrate that it is possible to make what judges consider a 'proper placement' with gay couples." Foster, who took the case as part of his prison ministry with the local Metropolitan Community Church, said that, "the boy had spent time in straight foster homes but they didn't work out. Most of the arrangements are set up badly, with little understanding of the youth's situation."

Foster said that the youth had been basically living on the streets for the past four years and had been arrested 10 times on minor charges. The new couple is seen as excellent. One of the new parents is a registered nurse with experience in mental hygiene and has a son of the same age. Without knowledge of the parents' homosexuality, the judge decided that they qualified. According to Foster, the youth was so happy when he found out that the new parents were gay that he cried.

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THE BLACK GAY: BLACK GAY EXPOSURE

part one

by L. A. Carter

(No. 1 in a series on the Black community)

This article is in no way meant to rebuke or criticize any one sect of people. Its intent is to do exactly as the title suggests: Expose the Black Gay Community to the White Gay Community.

I would think that the Gay Movement, being a minority in itself, with all the pressing and aggravating issues upon us today, would welcome all the contributions and moral support it could muster. Yet only a handful of Blacks are there. Don't you wonder why? Henceforth I will attempt to enlighten you.

There are two basic reasons why Blacks are absent from not only the movement but social and cultural functions as well.

(1) We have our own oppressions to deal with as Blacks in a White Straight Society.

(2) Being gay, we try to forget our Black oppressions and go nestle with our gay sisters and brothers, knowing there we will find contentment. But this society, also predominantly white, tends to suppress us as much as White Straight Society.

Conclusion: DOUBLE OPPRESSION.

Giving the matter much consideration, I have rationalized (I can be rational sometimes) the problem this way . . . White people are ignorant . . . Don't misunderstand me. I didn't say you were an ignoramus (a hopelessly ignorant people). But where the Black issue is concerned, you are ignorant (knowing little or nothing; uninformed; unaware). Feel better? So being, I will introduce you to your Black Gay Sisters and Brothers.

The best way to begin is to give you some education about our culture stemming from ancient times. I wish I was a Nikki Giovanni, Gwendolyn Brooks, James Baldwin or any one of the numerous and talented Black poets or writers. But I'm a mere me who can only tell it like it is the only way I know how. There will be no fancy or impressive words. Just plain talk.

When Europeans discovered the value of purchasing and selling Africans in the New World, they gave little notice or heed to the kind of people they were enslaving. Europeans theorized, that coming from a pagan land with little or no exposure to the ethical precepts of Christianity, Africans could be rigidly disciplined and morally and spiritually degraded for the sake of stability. Trying to defend and justify their actions, the exploiters told themselves and others that Africans deserved nothing better than slavery, that the Africans had been cursed by God and their color was a sign of that curse. They further theorized that Africans were heathens and therefore lay outside the normal protection that Christianity and civilization should give. Moreover they convinced themselves that the Africans were indeed fortunate to be brought under the influence of an advanced Christian society, even if it was under slavery. All of these rationalizations excused the Europeans from taking a closer look at the true African culture, which they did indeed possess an abundance of.

For example: By the time the Europeans even arrived in this affluent land, the African people has long since solved the basic problems of government. One of Africa's greatest rulers, Askia Muhammad had already estab-

lished uniform weights and measures, improved the administration of justice and built schools which proved to be such intellectual centers, they drew scholars from Europe and Asia. The cities of Timbuktu and Jenne housed the most impressive of these centers. Africans had also made significant advances in writing and languages. There were the hieroglyphics of Egypt. Other alphabets produced several languages; some of these being Swahili which was used along the East African coast and Arabic which was used along the west coast. Africans were responsible for some remarkable folk literature derived from their proverbs and sayings. Folk literature to the African is like history is to us today. Es-Sadi wrote Tarikh-es-Soudan, which is a history of Sudan and Tarikh-el-Fettach written by Kati are to mention only a few of the great African writers. In time these writings and other folk literature of Africa would spread to many parts of the world.

Art, especially sculptures in wood, clay, ivory and metals was virtually a part of every village. Music was played on flutes, guitars, zithers, horns, drums and other instruments. Drums were used for entertainment, dramas and dancing, for political and religious ceremonies and for communication. There were social and religious rites that only those who belonged to could understand.

Most Africans were farmers and or cattle grazers and were experts in agriculture. More so than the Europeans. Africans even in the sixteenth century were in the advanced stages of producing metallic and cloth goods. Some experts say that iron was first discovered by Africans. And although their religion was not Christianity, they were not lacking one. For centuries they merely relied on their own special brand of theology to explain the mysteries of the universe and their destiny as human beings. Each group had their own views, thus giving them many different religions. Unfortunately the Europeans mistook these unfamiliar religious practices for heathenism; or worse barbarism.

This is a mini review of my peoples' ancient culture. But enough to show how such brilliant, intelligent and resourceful people did not warrant the degradation and dehumanizing treatment thrust upon them which they were to endure and pass down to their descendants, which is still a plague even today.

Let's move further up in history to our grandparents, parents and our time. That's right: degradation, abuse, demoralization, oppression, suppression in the areas of education, socialization and just plain living existed then, they do now and as I see it, will in the future. Lynchings for meager infractions of the law; White Man's Law that said a black man couldn't speak to a white woman. Or black children killed or burned alive because they didn't say "Yes Mam" or "Yes Sir" to a white child his own age. And this only touches on the subject.

It's said that the black man of today is not refined. That he doesn't care for good music like Bach and the rest of the classics. But when did he have the opportunity to acquire a taste for this? You grew up going to symphonies and plays where you could acquire a taste. But there were signs that stated "No Negroes." So while you were at your fine operas we had to be someplace else. We were. On the stoops and hanging on the corners in the trashy, rat infested neighborhoods where the white man

had locked us, singing songs of the only caliber we knew: blues written by people who had known so much hardship, that to keep from breaking they spilled it out in song. The blues, cause that's all they've known. And when we really want to forget, we sing our fast songs and dance and drink and just have a merry time to get the white suppressiveness of the day off our backs. You call our songs loud and wild, we call them escapism. The white man has conditioned us to keep this mechanism alive generation after generation. So don't blame us if this is the only character we portray. Because this all most of us know and have ever known.

You grow up, determined to get a decent education and remove yourself and your loved ones, your old Mother and Father who have struggled long and hard for you, out of this hell hole into someplace decent. You want to see your younger sister and brother have it easier than you did at their age. But what happens? Some bigot starts telling you where you can or cannot go to school; if he tells you you can at all.

If they could feel the swelling glands in your throat, the sweating hands and aching head from holding back tears of disgust and confusion of knowing that you are qualified for those schools. The white man has always said that the black man is lazy, shiftless and dumb and doesn't want to learn. That's not true. We want to learn and have so much to offer to this society. But we don't get many chances to do so. And I'm not referring to the "Tokenisms" we've received. Or what we took by force. I'm inclined to believe that the white man is afraid to give us every fair chance due us for fear that if he does give us complete freedom, a hell of a lot of whites may have to stand aside or get back.

I started this article to give you some exposure on the Black Gay. But I felt it important that before you met the Black Gay, you should meet the black individual himself and learn something about him. As I said in, the beginning, being black and gay presents a double problem. As a black, suffering from social oppression is one thing, because it's left most blacks exactly as the white man intended — that is, with no self confidence or respect for himself, no sense of belonging: mute, frightened, confused and unliberated. As a gay — rejection in both areas.

It would be so wonderful to not only me but to many Black Gays that I know, if we could frequent the gay bars and affairs and if some fancy happens to catch your eye, feel free to approach them and maybe "get over" if it weren't for the feeling that you had better not or that you will be rejected because you're Black. I saw chalked on a subway wall one day these words, "Black is Beautiful, but White is Cleaner." Well that's the way you often make us feel; as if we were dirt. Thus inciting us to shrink back and away as we have from life. Help us attain a feeling of belonging somewhere. With you our gay friends. Not our White friends but our gay friends. We shouldn't have to ask for it. We were born Americans and human beings the same as you and we are entitled to everything the same as you.



As it's only fair to give in return what we expect to receive, I urge my Black Gay sisters and brothers to try to accept our White Gay sisters and brothers. It's hard when you know that for centuries your people have suffered injustice and cruelty. When you've been brainwashed and belittled into believing that your worth is nothing. When you've been denied access and opportunity to the necessary and finer things in life such as education, employment, dwelling, social and cultural environment and many other opportunities which would then and only then render you an equal member of this society. These are several very understandable reasons for blacks to be leery of accepting whites. Whites have only had one reason all these years; the color of our skins. But let's engage in a mutual attempt to rid at least our gay community of the malignancy that has eaten away at our country for so long. Too long. We may not be able to forget but we can possibly learn to forgive. Accept the fact that our generation didn't start this mess in the first place. Why should we continue it? If we would all (black and white) refuse to let old tales, bigotries and beliefs of our parents, grandparents and those before them, infiltrate our society, there could be a meeting of the minds.

In closing I'd like to make a suggestion. Let's you and I do something about the situation. Let's come together, Black and White and Gay. Maybe we can do something to help the whole stinking world. Let's seek to learn more about each other. Learn to enjoy one another's culture. Just because yours isn't what mine is, doesn't make yours right and mine wrong and the same applies to us. Let's learn to live together and play together. When there are social and cultural functions strive to make them both black and white oriented. Come into our neighborhood sometimes and accept us into yours openly. I won't say that matters will be settled overnight, but I'm willing to bet that if Gay Love is in the game, it's bound to be a winner.

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The View from the Closet

by A. Nolder Gay

FORMS OF SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT V: GAY SYMBOLISM

"Today the subway, tomorrow the Citgo sign." So proudly proclaims Gay Media Action, in its current imaginative effort to popularize a new visual symbol of gay pride, the lavender rhino. Yet the rhino is only the latest in a series of symbols by which gays have identified themselves to each other and to the world. In recent years, as gays have become more visible, they have created symbols which have gradually intruded upon the consciousness of the straight world — the lambda, for instance, or the linked male-male and female-female biological signs, or MCC's chi-rho cross.

But the rhino campaign may become the biggest consciousness-raising effort yet in the area of social engagement through symbolization. Symbols, wrote the late theologian Paul Tillich, point beyond themselves. The rhino as symbol carries a burden of meanings which may indeed prove too weighty even for that animal's capacious back. It is lavender, a mixture of "feminine" pink and "masculine" blue. It is "much maligned and misunderstood," we are told; a peace-loving animal who, nonetheless, should not be crossed. (I might add that the beast is protected by law against extermination, something which can hardly be said of gays!)

It will, if the MBTA hassle can be satisfactorily resolved, appear in three incarnations: as one of six similar beasts (roughly proportionate to the gay fraction of the population); as a lonely animal slowly emerging from the closet (itself a symbol, though a rather oppressive one, which one can assume has some prior public recognition); and finally in the midst of a diver-

sity of creatures in the "peaceable kingdom," a historically powerful symbol which goes back in the American artistic consciousness at least to the early 19th century Quaker primitive, Edward Hicks.

In the interim, Boston gays have seized upon the animal in the form of buttons and even of T-shirts, and the campaign is receiving favorable local media coverage. A gigantic rhino (rumored to be a couple of miles long and carried by a cast of thousands) is to be featured in the Gay Pride Week parade. Another feature of that week will be the unveiling of a wall-sized rhino on the exterior of a South End house. And already one sees rhino buttons in the damndest places (would you believe High Street in Charlestown?). It may yet be the dashiki of the gay liberation movement.

I have kicked in my \$10 for a series of three subway ads and bought a button, though I can't yet bring myself to wear it in public. (I rationalize my politeness by saying that buttons are a young person's thing, and it is never easy for an aging dog like myself to pick up young tricks... but I digress). Yet something within me responds to the power of the symbol when I see one on the lapel of a younger brother or sister along Charles Street or wherever. Welling up inside comes the gut reaction: "I love you, for you are teaching me something important. I am at your side in spirit and in secret, though not yet openly and in the flesh. Some day I will speak, and tell you how much I owe to you. But it is enough at present for you to remind me, through the breezy symbol you wear and the look of assurance on your face, that the world is indeed beautiful, and that I am your brother."

All hail, rhino! Out of your closet and into the subways! Maybe by the time we rent the Citgo sign...

Taylor — grotesque, metallic, technologically beautiful: a visage upon which lipstick seems the only genuine flesh. Two other canvases are portraits of Billie Holiday, and one of them, executed entirely in black-white-gray, is terrible and moving: it is also, I might add, subtly so.

Anthony Calloway also paints pictures whose subject is Garbo. Another star who appears frequently in his work is Petulia Clarke. Calloway's style is rather stringently Art Nouveau; his inspiration here is the great Czech decorative painter, Alphonse Mucha, whose posters for Sarah Bernhardt's appearance in Sardou's *Gismonda* launched Mucha as the most popular artist of *La Belle Epoque*: the fanciful Metro entrances of Paris were designed by Mucha, whose sole rival in over-embellishment is the architect Gaudi. To a lesser extent, Anthony Calloway has been influenced by Beardsley (where Beardsley was being kind to his subject). Calloway's Garbos are outgoing, in the manner of enchanted princesses. (Some of Calloway's pictures in this show are illustrations for *The Sleeping Beauty*.) Ornament around the figures is precise, again extremely stylized. (In two instances the framing of the profile, for better or worse, is circular, giving the effect of Garbo or Clarke peeping through a ship porthole.) Especially seductive are the yellows and greens in an untitled portrait of Pet Clarke — whose face is the Pre-Raphaelite dream come true.

The most impressive thing about Anthony Calloway's pictures is that every hint of topical or trendy appeal has been either ignored or, more likely, sluiced out. This artist wants to paint pretty pictures and does so. What I find extraordinary is that the pictures neither lack expressiveness nor play to the public's craving for nostalgia: instead, they demonstrate the possibilities of design and the transposition of old forms as incursions into a very changed era.

A final note: decorative art, for those who feel content with the perjorative 'camp' as the name for much of what is lovely in our increasingly grotesque country, is the art with which a pleasant environment is created. If Anthony Calloway's pictures are 'decorative,' they are still more appealing to the eye than a rhinoceros of any color. And they are far less unconsciously camp.

*Raymond Douglas Davies, "Celluloid Heroes."

Gays and Sci Fi

by satya

This one's for you, all you science fiction freaks. Did you ever read a Sci Fi novel and feel that the author was really writing about what it's like to be gay? How about Clarke's *Childhood's End* where strange beings are born to "straight" parents, and no one really understands how or why. This theme is a common one in the Sci Fi circuit.

Slan by A. E. Van Vogt tells of a strange and rare breed of beings who have their own subculture, but must remain incognito, because the "straights" are out to exterminate them. (I use the word "straight" to denote any group in power which cannot tolerate differences in any form.)

A really outstanding new Sci Fi novel that you should look into is by Isaac Asimov. Titled *The Gods Themselves*, this book tells of a world that is "peopled" by energy creatures. These creatures have no physical bodies, and exist in a different physical dimension than their human counterparts. Gay people and any women will really get off on the episodes where the

sex lives of these energy creatures is described. In that world, three beings must get together to produce an offspring. Having no bodies, subtler levels of sexual pleasure are introduced (it's called melting), but with problems similar to those with which embodied creatures must wrangle.

Enjoyable to read, *The Gods Themselves* deals matter-of-factly with homosexuality among these energy creatures. One of the main characters is a "female type" energy creature who refuses to fit into her given role, and she is promptly ostracized by the others and given the derogatory name of "Left-Em." I won't go into the meaning and derivation of this word, but suffice it to say that in our world, Dyke is used similarly by the heterosexuals.

The experience of being different is often brought out with compassion and deep understanding through the vehicle of Sci Fi. Why not give it a try? Reality is all within your mind anyway.

NEW!!

Corydon QUERIES, a biweekly column of letters from gays about problems or situations connected with being gay in this society. Corydon is a long-time gay activist with professional experience in education and counseling. See GCN issue 47, May 18, for a full explanation.

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by Gary Jane Hoisington

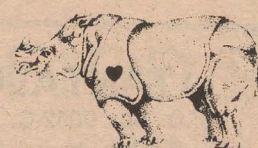
Because I am not a critic — at least in the sense in which I understand that word — I don't feel that opinions about works of art are especially interesting. Ideas, seldom advanced and even less frequently comprehended, require more time and patience to elaborate, and anyone reading this who is a working artist knows precisely how boring critics are. Whether the critic works for *Artforum*, the *Village Voice*, *The New Yorker* or something small-time like *The Real Paper*, his voice, with rare exceptions, is that of someone incapable of doing art himself. Critics of literature are contemptuous of literature; film critics hate films; art critics, by and large, can't stand art.

Since I like many kinds of art, I feel slightly ill at ease writing about art. I am afraid of misrepresenting the works of art themselves, of misreading what an artist may tell me about himself or his work, and, in all candor, of sacrificing most of what I really think in order to bang out something pithy to meet a deadline.

This preface to another pithy column is, I feel, quite necessary.

Several water-color paintings by the Boston-based artist, Anthony Calloway, are presently on view at the Charles Meetinghouse Gallery. The show is a two-man show; the other artist, George Martins, has a display of oils. Both artists are interesting, extremely proficient in their chosen media, and their works in this show indicate similar preoccupations. Their treatment of pop iconography is, however, radically different. Martin's *Garbo*, for example, is based on the photograph that appeared on the cover of John Bainbridge's biography of that screen star — a stark, enigmatic Garbo, whose face is so familiar that Martin's translation of it forces the viewer to consider why "she turned her back on stardom/because she wanted to be alone." Similarly, Dietrich in a top hat, holding a cigarette between languid fingers, gazes a trifle too knowingly. The largest of Martin's pictures, *Taylor*, is, for me, the real Elizabeth

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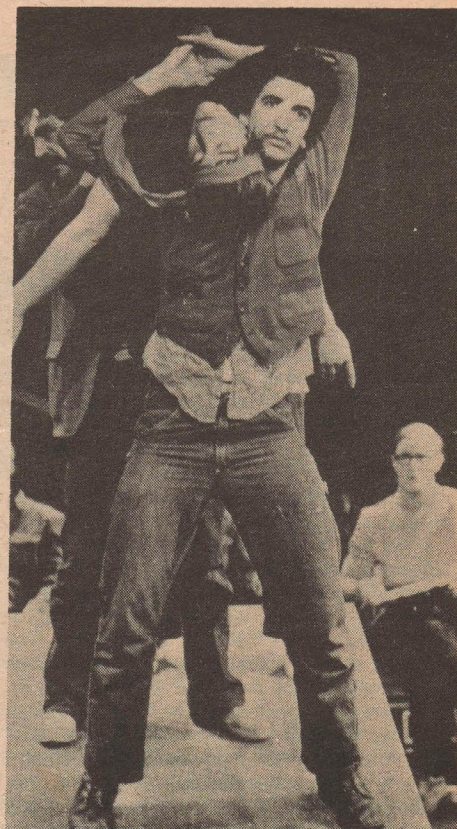
by Craig Thiersch

Four agitators sent from Moscow to instruct
the Chinese workers in the lessons of Commu-
nism and revolution explain the execution of a
younger comrade before a tribunal of the Con-
trol Commission. Their defense for his death
consists of acting out short episodes in which
the zeal of the younger comrade invariably out-
strips his caution, and he makes many mistakes
detrimental to the workers' movement. These
are tolerated, as the Commission quotes from
Lenin: "Smart is not he who makes no mistakes,
but knows how to correct them quickly." But the
younger comrade lost his cover, endangering the
entire movement, and they were left with no
alternative but to execute him and destroy his
body before the police found him; to which he
himself agreed. The Commission concedes they
had acted rightly.

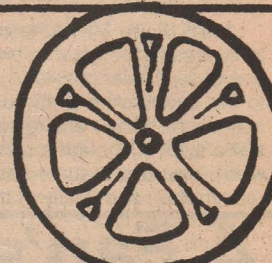
In typical Brecht fashion, minimized staging,
maximized audience involvement break down the
formal play atmosphere: the episodes are punctu-
ated by chants, songs, and audience dis-

cussions. The pace was fast, the timing accu-
rate, and the cast worked well as an ensemble.
But did Brecht work? A violent episode: coolies
are horse-whipped, the comrade humiliated, to
the accompaniment of chanted maxims and
sardonic songs; one's mind still reeling, the ac-
tion abruptly halts, and the Head Commission-
er, a stern woman with penetrating gaze con-
fronts the audience in an icy voice: "What do
you think the younger comrade's motivations
were?" "Do you think he was right?" Already
exhausted by a previous "audience participa-
tion" production, I imagined I had been sud-
denly transported back in time to Prof. Csi-
zevska's class, quaking in the back row, hoping
beyond hope that she wouldn't call on me
today.

Brecht's didactic point, that social change
can be effected only by "anger and toughness,
knowledge and outrage, ... cold patience, end-
less anguish ..." is hard to argue with, but his
particular example makes it problematical. The
execution is expedient in the largest context:
bringing the Revolution to China, relieving mil-
lions from suffering, yet Brecht does not dis-
cuss alternatives or implications of the execu-
tion. Seeing the play in a week full of the gory
consequences of expediency as seen from the
point of view of various groups' "higher con-
text," Brecht's stern and unequivocal lesson is
diluted. It almost goes without saying that the
questions raised, on a less cosmic but more
personal level, are relevant to the gay move-
ment as well.



films ON THE SCREEN by vince puleo



Every so often a juicy little flick comes pop-
ping along which gives yours truly the opportu-
nity to opine about the goings-on in this
great, beautiful, trusting land of ours ...

The Conversation is the right film, at the
right place, at the right time. It's the type of mo-
tion picture that, if released five years ago,
would have been shoved aside as science fic-
tion fluff, and God help us, if society doesn't
change for the better, will surely be "outlawed"
by the Orwellian Society of 1984.

This is Francis Ford Coppola's best film to
date. It is an outstanding documentation about
a professional surveillance expert played with
brilliance by Gene Hackman. Hackman is su-
perb as a zombie-like modern day throwback to
the Old West gun-for-hire.

The Conversation is as up-to-date as tomor-
row's headlines. A thrilling suspense movie. A
cracker-jack crime mystery. A film which makes
all too much sense in today's post-Watergate
climate. It is a movie originally conceived by
Coppola in 1966, when he was as yet un-
known, and the idea of a movie about a profes-
sional surveillance expert was considered a big
joke by top executives at Seven Arts and Warn-
er Brothers.

I remember when Z was released several
years ago. The commotion of controversy it
caused. In particular I recall this one chapter
in the novel which is my own life, when I was
roaming the night life of Harvard Square ...
Wasn't a very zesty night. Gaiety wasn't in the
air. The Vietnam Conflict hung in the black sky
like a deadened weight.

I strolled into the Waldorf Cafeteria. Not

very crowded for 8:45 at night. Some middle
aged people, a cluster here and there of Long
Hairs, a bitter-tasting cup of coffee and a stale
piece of pound cake were my companions.

And across the street some more long hairs
were pointing at the brick wall for the passing
cars to look at. On the brick wall was painted a
big letter Z. Z represented something — an-
cient Greek for "he is alive." And these long
hairs wanted the passing stream of chrome
and headlight to stop and look. The cars
wouldn't. The ignitions were set on go. Cars
are inanimate objects subject to the caprice
and turn of the key of their masters.

The cars kept on going. And the long hairs
kept on pointing at that big letter Z graffitied
on the brick wall. And we in the cafeteria all look-
ed. And then a slight verbal contest began in
the Waldorf ... No, I can't give you the exact
word by word account of what was said be-
tween this group of Long Hairs sitting a few ta-
bles away, and this middle-aged couple sitting
across from them.

The words were not all that choice. Some
contained four letters. And my mind is not a
computer. Not a computer like the kind which
was written about a few weeks ago. That gov-
ernment computer which had all that info about
those thousands of Americans considered "un-
desirable."

But the conversation between these two
warring factions at the Waldorf cafeteria that
night can be summed up like this: Youth trying
like hell to light a fire under Middle America to
"wake up before it's too late"; and Middle Amer-
ica telling-it-like-it-is with, "Hippy, you've been

seeing too many movies."

Ah, but the movies. Really, at moments like
this I enjoy talking about the movies. Movie-
view like The Conversation. 'Cause a film like this
visually shows us what we've come to. Teases
our intellects. Can there be change? Does the
Boot — Big Brother — have to be on our
backs? Enrages the spirit to cause change.

In an ironic way, America is better for Water-
gate. Better for Nixon being exposed as a tax
evader. Better for all the indictments against
Nixon's top lieutenants ... Through these, and
other incidents, America has come face to face
with itself. We see what we've become.

We can now better appreciate those Long
Hairs pointing at that big Z lettered on that brick
wall in Harvard Square. Better comprehend the
consequences of a majority of a citizenry who
are blatantly complacent.

Tragically so. The Conversation is breath-
ing, living, day to day reality. Big Brother is
snooping. Spying. Computerizing. Putting its
fat, federal nose where it doesn't belong. The
way to get rid of Big Brother is by laws. The
way to instigate laws is an aroused citizenry
clamoring their elected political leaders for
change.

America's main enemy today isn't from with-
out, but from within. Corruption allowed to
spread through the American fiber like a can-
cer, will destroy America as we once lived it.
The winds of change are in the air. Unless I'm
mistaken, the sleeping colossus termed the Si-
lent Majority is aroused. Unless I'm mistaken,
the Silent Majority now appreciate the signifi-
cance of a 1984.

1984? God help us ...

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did you see?

A survey of coverage by the "Straight" press
by Ginny Collins

Boston Phoenix, May 28, pg. 6: David O'Brian says that "Redistricting of the House has given Boston two new districts and right now it looks as if those seats will be filled this fall by a black and a woman. One of the districts is made up, basically, of Ward 8 and the only announced candidate, Stephen Wise and Leon Rock, are both black.

The other new district covers Kenmore Square, B.U. and part of the Fenway and the announced candidates, Elaine Noble and Helene Johnson are (obviously) both women."

MS., June, pg. 76: *The Pain of Public Scrutiny* by Kate Millet.

"Four years ago, a Scholar, Artist and Feminist named Kate Millet published a book called *Sexual Politics*. Soon the Author, a very private person, was the center of a hurricane of publicity and controversy. From a cover story in *Time* magazine to the closed discussion of feminist groups, her scholarship and her lifestyle became subjects for public questioning.

Few women experience the price of celebrity as Kate Millet has experienced it. In her second book *Flying* (excerpted here),

she has painfully and honestly detailed that price."

The Pain of Public Scrutiny by Ms. Millet will give you a good idea of what *Flying* is about. Kate Millet is a sculptor, a filmmaker, and the author of *Sexual Politics* (Doubleday), a basic feminist book.

The Harvard Independent, May 16, pg. 6: "HOMOSEXUALS AT HARVARD/On Being Gay at Harvard: Is It Anyone's Business?" By Jill Abramson. "Gay life at Harvard University has remained largely an "Underground" affair. Yet in the past two years gay activists movements have sprung up at colleges all over the East. At Columbia University in New York the Gay Activists Alliance has more members than any other student organization. Gay bars, gay dances, and gay life style in general have come into a certain vogue.

But at Harvard homosexuality is still very much inside the closet. The Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association attracts a meager twenty steady members to its Friday meetings at Phillips Brooks House. Many gay students at Harvard feel like "outsiders" her, reluctant to lead their lives openly, forced to don a heterosexual mask in front of their Harvard friends.

Still, on Friday, April 19, 400 gay students men and women (10 to 30 percent were estimated to be affiliated with Harvard), filled Harkness Commons to capacity for a dance sponsored by the H-R Gay Students Association. Although there were gay dances staged last year at Harvard, the wild success of

the Harkness dance surprised even its sponsors, and brought Harvard's gay liberation movement to a new level of enthusiasm..."

New York Times, May 19, pg. 49: "HOMOSEXUALS URGED TO BE OVERT;" by Peter Kihss.

"A new study of homosexual men in the United States, the Netherlands, and Denmark has found their 'psychological well being' as good as other men's and urges that homosexuals 'end their tradition of silence' to fight discrimination.

The study by Dr. Martin S. Weinberg, a professor of sociology at Indiana University at Bloomington, and Dr. Colin J. Williams, associate professor at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, is being published May 30 as a 316-page book *Male Homosexuals: Their Problems and Adaptations*, by the Oxford University Press..."

[The authors reported financial support from the National Institute of Mental Health, the Hugh M. Hefner Foundation (of *Playboy* fame) and an anonymous Los Angeles source. Their book is priced at \$10.95.]

The whole article is very positive and includes some new dynamic statistics. Read it. It should make you feel very good.

The New York Times also printed the following articles for last week; they were all lengthy, widely reported topics:

May 20: "Homosexuals Declare Right

to Teach; Assert Sexual Orientation is Irrelevant."

May 22: "The Homosexual as Teacher: Parents Express their Views."

May 23, front page article: "Furor Clouds Vote Today on Homosexuals' Rights."

May 24: again the front page!: Council, by 22-19, Defeats Bill on Homosexual Rights."

May 25: "Backers of Homosexual Rights Plan to Resubmit Defeated Bill." [For the the past weeks the *Times* has been doing this sort of thing!]

The New York Times is considered the catechism of the media. And one wonders why the Boston newspapers don't follow this example.

New York Times, May 6; "PROSTITUTES ATTRACTED TO ALASKA BY OIL PIPE-LINE/Influx of Construction Men Draws Camp Followers-Police Prepare to Act."

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Box 071 Have been sick. Let me know hou you can come see me.

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Holders of GCN Boxes 033, 035, 040, 054, please pick up your mail.

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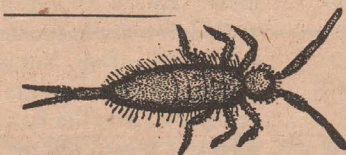
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Gay folk dancers interested in setting up a Boston area gay folk dance night talk to Laura McMurphy or write GCN Box 077.

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Daughters of Bilitis, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
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ROOMMATE NEEDED
Prof./business woman in middle 20's-30's to share 2-bed. apt. on upper Marlboro St. Newly renovated-rustic & modern-unique features. Private, quiet. \$200 inc. heat, park space & enclosed patio, call Marilyn 267-6410 ext. 263

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GWM-34 has completely furn'd 6 rm. Brookline House. 2 baths, own bedrm. Nice garden. Conv. to MTA, Harvard Med. Sch. B.U. Northeastern. Avail. 6-1. Rent \$140.00 GCN Box 100

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If you sincerely want a college degree & are genuinely involved with your life but cannot fit in trad. structure, join us. Univ. w/o Walls, 266-2612.

FOR HELP IN PROVINCETOWN,
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miscellaneous

SOUTHERN MAINE GAYS
Gay rights organization forming in Portland and seeking members who wish to help gay community in Maine. Write G.R.O., Box 4542, Portland, Me.

MAINE WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER
A journal of the feminist movement in Me. and around the country. Send 35c for the April-May issue or \$2.00 for 8 issues. Box 488, Bath, Me. 04530.

GAY FILMS!!!
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SOUTH END GAYS
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Let's organize for summer cruising-racing fun. HCG, Box 275, Ellsworth, Maine 04605.

a suprise awaits drinkers Sat. & Sun. between 12 noon and 6 pm at the Last Call Upstairs Lounge, 22 Avery Street, Boston

JUNE 2ND IS SUNDAY MUST
The day to go and hear Rev. Troy Perry speak. He will be present through the pomp and ceremony of ordination of Rev. Larry Bernier. Witness it.

IF YOU'RE GAY, DON'T STAGNATE
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JUNE SPECIAL
Carol and the Burgundies

FRI., JUNE 14—
SUN., JUNE 16

COMING...

29 wed

The fifth Gay Pride week planning meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at Charles Street Meetinghouse, corner of Charles and Mt. Vernon Streets. All persons with anything to contribute should plan to attend.

30 thurs

Two members of B'nai Haskalah, a gay Jewish group, will be tonight's guests on Gay Way Radio, WBUR-FM 90.9 mc, at 9 pm.

1 sat

"Carrots and Tomatoes," a lesbian play composed of skits comparing Gay life now to what it was like to be Gay in the 50's. Free! 8:30 pm at Northeastern University 346 Ell Student Center (new section). Script by Cathy Baker. Open to women and men.

Back Bay Street Fair, sponsored by the Neighborhood Association of Back Bay, today from 10 am to 4 pm...games, puppets, mimi, music, dance, food, flowers, plants, antiques and white elephants...1939 fire engine...what have you. Proceeds go to the Neighborhood Association for the benefit of the area. Come! Fair will be held on Marlborough Street between Berkely and Clarendon Streets.

Active Gays will hold their monthly brunch at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse

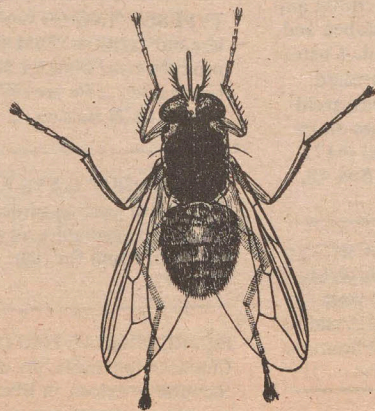
2 sun

Dignity Boston will hold their monthly meeting in St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston Street, Boston at 1:30 pm, preceded by a mass in the upper church.

Monthly Lavender Hour Radio...this month, "Gays in Literature" a presentation of selected readings of Gay prose and poetry with musical pieces interspersed...10 pm WBCN-FM 104.1 mc.

Sunday services for the Reverend Larry Bernier, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, at 7 pm, in the Old West Church, at 131 Cambridge Street. The Reverend Troy Perry will be the presiding elder. Reception and a celebration will follow the service.

HUB will hold a picnic today on Lynn Beach. Person can gather at the beach at 1 pm, or call HUB at 536-6197 for more information before 9 pm, on Friday, May 31. Bring your own hamburgers and hot-dogs. Chips and rolls will be provided.



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3 mon

The Lesbian Science Fiction Liberation Theater group will perform tonight, 9:30 pm sharp, at the Saints, 112 Broad Street Boston. This particular performance open to women only.

DOB "Topic Rap" series begins tonight, and continues every Monday, at 8 pm in Rm. 323 at 419 Boylston Street Boston. Tonight's topic is "Women in Prison". These raps will be in addition to their regularly scheduled raps, and will be an opportunity to socialize as well as to discuss things.

6 thurs

Gay Way Radio, 9 pm on WBUR-FM, 90.9 mc, will feature members of the women's band Lavender Jane as tonight's guests.

7 fri

Dignity Boston will offer a "Pad Mass" home liturgy at the home of Rene and Brian, 1056 Beacon Street, Boston, Apt. 1 at 8 pm. The service will be followed by a "potluck dessert"...bring goodies to share.

A dance will be held at Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles Street, Boston, by the Women's Center of Cambridge. The all women's dance will feature the all women's band Lillith and will begin at 8 pm. The \$2.00 donation will benefit the Women's Center.

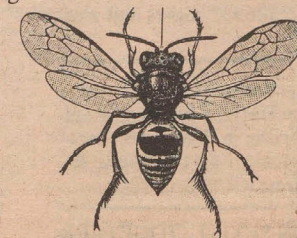
Pot Luck Supper and Dance, tonight at 7:30 pm in the Unitarian Parish House, 183 Main Street, Bangor, Maine, is sponsored by the Gay Support and Action Group, admission is one pot luck dish. BYOB.

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Gay In Vermont sponsors a dance tonight at 9 pm at 73 Church Street in Burlington.

9 sun

Gay In Vermont sponsors an open house today from 2 to 5 pm at 73 Church Street in Burlington.



Please submit Calendar items to "Calendar Editor," c/o GCN, by 1:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the issue date.

everyweek

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers' Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415
8:00 pm—Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)
8:00 pm—BU Homophile League, Sherman Union, Boston University

THURSDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
7:00 pm—H.U.B. Women's Open Rap & Phone (536-6197), 419 Boylston St., Rm. 500
7:30 pm—MCC choir rehearsal, Old West Church, Boston
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge

8:00 pm—DOB Older Womens' Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
7:30 pm—MCC Worcester Study Group, 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31, Worcester, Mass.
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, referrals & info, 536-6197
1:00-3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31, Worcester

2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509

3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union radio program on WCUW-FM, 91.3 Mc.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—"Closet Space," WCAS, 740 AM, 492-6450
1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc., 88 Benevolent St., Providence
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
7:30 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773

8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31

MONDAYS

7:30 pm—HUB Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
8:00 pm—Daughters of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323

TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm—Boston Gay Youth, phone referrals & info: 536-6197
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm—Providence MCC prayer group, 410 Waterman Ave., East Providence
8:00 pm—Brown Gay Liberation, 88 Benevolent St., Providence
8:00 pm—MCC Boston-Bible study; info 536-7664

QUICK GAY GUIDE

(Please submit additions and changes to "QGG Editor")

BOSTON AREA (area code 617)
Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181
Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
B'nai Haskalah 265-6409
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
Fenway Community Health Center
16 Haviland St., Boston 02115 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516
Gay Academic Union 547-4549
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Media Action 868-5729
Gay Nurses' Alliance 266-5473
Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston 287-1900x3236
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790

Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.) 738-0486
Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 266-1111
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
Metropolitan Community Church/Boston 523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League 494-8227
Project Place 267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area 617)

Homophile Union of Montachusett,
P.O. Box F5, Leominster
MCC Study Group of Worcester,
P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828
Wellesley Mytilene Society, Wellesley College
Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359 Federal
Sta., Worcester 01606
Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St.,
Rm. 31, Worcester

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area 413)
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154
Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA 91.9 FM) 253-5171
Hampshire College Gay Friends 452-4600x4882
(Amherst)
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
UMass-Amherst Student Homophile League 545-0154

Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation,
88 Benevolent St., Providence
Dignity/Providence, c/o Frank Murphy,
199 Garden St., Pawtucket 02860
Gay Women of Providence,
88 Benevolent St., Providence
Homophile Community Health Service 274-4737
(Providence)
Metropolitan Community Church 831-3773
(Providence)
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

Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Station,
New Haven, Conn. 06620
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

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus,
P.O. Box 1046, Bangor
Brunswick Gay Women's Group,
136 Maine St., Brunswick
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
Lambda, 30 Cumberland St., Brunswick,
Maine 04011, c/o Fortuna & Leo
The Bridge, Box 901, Hobeats Union,
Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union,
University of Maine, Orono 04473