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PUBLIC ACCESS EDITORIALS

Minority access editorials are now being offered by WNAC-TV, Channel 7, in an effort to fairly represent "disadvantaged and oppressed persons" in televised one-minute spots. ACCESS is meant to afford community groups and individuals the opportunity to express and advocate views and opinions that do not have ready access to the media and have not been heard in the community at large.

Pam Bush, Public Affairs Director for WNAC, said that homosexuals are definitely included in the list of minorities the station hopes will use the editorials. She said the station will show preference to "action oriented" editorials that advocate some specific action, rather than statements of existing problems faced by a particular group.

This is an excellent opportunity for the gay community to take to the public airwaves to express our point of view. The restrictions on ACCESS are minimal — no political candidates; no libel, slander, personal attack, reckless charges; must relate to timely and significant issues; person must be a responsible spokesperson and be

able to document claims upon request. Copy (the written editorial) must be 50 seconds or less in length and submitted to the station in advance of taping. WNAC will decide whether the editorial meets the criterion for ACCESS and, if so, when it will be taped and aired.

Gay organizations are urged to take advantage of this new feature. Among groups currently in a position to use air time are the Lavender Rhino people (Metro Transit and MBTA discrimination); the Legislative Committee (non-passage of bills proposing anti-discrimination legislation; FenGay (alleged discrimination by the Christian Science Church); and many others. If any group has information about action or discrimination that the general public should be aware of, they should seriously consider presenting an ACCESS editorial.

For further information on ACCESS, contact Pam Bush at WNAC-TV, Government Center, Boston 02114 (742-9000). If a gay group is working on an editorial and would like assistance, you can contact Gay Media Action at Box 5000, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108, or call GMA at 868-5729.

WORCESTER GAY ORDINANCE?

On Tuesday, June 5, the Worcester City Council formally accepted a request for a municipal ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing and employment on the basis of sexual preference or orientation.

Voting unanimously, the nine-person council referred the petition request to the city law department for amendment to the present human rights commission charter or the writing of a new specific ordinance. The request was also sent to the three-member human resources committee for public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 17, in City Council chambers.

At that time some 30 or so witnesses, including Elaine Noble, Allen Young, local psychiatrists, sociologists, clinical psychologists, clergymen of various denominations, civil libertarians, and gay men and women from the Worcester area will offer testimony. Following presentations it is expected that a verbal motion favorably endorsing the request will be adopted.

The specific ordinance will be returned to the full council at its weekly meeting on Tuesday, June 25. Then the nine councilors will vote to either publish the ordinance

or reject the favorable report from the human resources committee.

If accepted by the council the ordinance will be printed for a two week period at the conclusion of which there will be a final vote accepting it as a municipal statute.

The action was brought before the Council by the Worcester Gay Union. The petition was brought by Thomas Dotton, a black writer, who told the council, "As a homosexual I find myself as much a pariah, an outcast, as I was when I was black and there existed no laws to protect me."

Claiming the discrimination experienced by gay people is the same as that felt by blacks before passage of civil rights legislation, he said, "It seems to me contrary to every moral and religious principle we cherish that protection under the law should be withheld from a segment of society of which one doesn't approve or like. A Democracy that cannot tolerate differences of opinion on all matters, including sexuality, is less than a Democracy. If justice is to be just, it must be indivisible."



Photo by Ed Braverman

Rev. Larry Bernier, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, Boston

MINISTER FASTS FOR FUNDING

On June 9, newly ordained Rev. Larry Bernier, Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, made a dramatic and heartfelt statement to his congregation at the close of the Sunday night worship service. Unknown to anyone in the church, including his fellow ministers, Rev. Bernier announced he was placing a bowl on the altar which, it is prayed, will contain the sum of \$2000 by the end of two weeks. This sum, it is estimated, will defray past arrears and subsidize the amount needed to attend the all-important Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches General Conference to be held in San Francisco Aug. 8 to 11. At this time, there is not enough money in the church funds to undertake these ventures.

The Rev. Bernier intends to fast for these two weeks, consuming at the most, two pieces of bread and a bowl of broth each day. The majority of the pastor's days and nights will be spent in the church

keeping vigil and praying.

Rev. Bernier is truly "walking out on faith" in this endeavor — in other words, he is placing his faith in the Lord, his congregation, and in all Christians. All who feel so moved are asked to pray with Larry in this act of faith.

SPECIAL

Several members of Metropolitan Community Church, Boston, will sell articles at the Revere Flea Market next Sunday, June 16, in an effort to raise funds for the church.

Any persons who have items they wish to donate — paperback books, kitchen stuff, antiques, knickknacks, jewelry, you name it — are asked to bring it to Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, before 6 p.m. this Saturday, June 15.

"MAKE IT HAPPEN"

H.Q. OPENED

Campaign headquarters have been established in the Fenway area by the Committee to Elect Elaine Noble. The storefront office is located at 78 Queensbury Street, about three blocks off Boylston St. near the 1270.

Volunteers are needed to help with mailings, office work and campaign-related activities. Anyone interested in volunteering time or energy to the committee, please contact Volunteers Coordinator AliceAnne Williams at 868-5729. Or you can write to the committee at Box 488, Kenmore Station, Boston 02215.

DONATIONS		LOANS	
\$3,000	\$3,000	2,381	1,685

Coffeehouse Opening

A new opportunity is in store for Boston's lesbians. Denny, a buoyant, long blonde-haired 25 year old, came into GCN's offices last week with plans for a women's coffeehouse. "I don't want to take business away from the bars," she says, "but I think we really need a place for women to gather if they don't like bars." It will be non-profit, hopefully just enough to get a return on the investment. With several years of experience in the catering business, she hopes to be able to keep food prices down.

She estimates some \$2100 of savings will cover the cost of a permit to sell, insurance on the building and herself, a refrigerator, freezer, and coffee machine. "That's without tables and chairs. We can make them, donate them. Have all kinds of odd shapes and sizes," she laughs, throwing back her head. She hopes to have room for thirty to forty women, room to push back chairs and tables for a dance; serve pastry and cold sandwiches (perhaps bring in a grill for hotdogs and hamburgers) and have entertainment (poetry readings, individual instrumentalists who want to play, a band) and if practical, a separate room adjoining for a bookstore. "I went into a coffeehouse in 'Frisco and they had a separate room with a bookstore. I felt so comfortable, I said, 'Boston's got to have a place like this.'" She encourages artists to hang their pictures, bring their sculpture or other works. "They can sell it if they want. I don't want a commission. It'll help decorate the place!"

Denise is hoping for support from Boston area gay organizations and women's groups, but she plans to operate independently. She worries about separatism and about "straights" dropping in. It's illegal to exclude men and she doesn't want to arouse hostility either. At the same time she wants a place for women to be together. She's thinking of a cellar or an out-of-the-way place where people won't be likely to just drop in.

This brings up the question of where the coffeehouse should be located, and is

one of several topics on which she'd like feedback from the area women:

1) Where do you want it? (downtown Boston, the Fenway, Cambridge, Harvard Square?)

2) How often should it be open? (seven nights a week? two nights off?)

3) Hours? She is currently thinking of nights, opening around 7:00-8:00 p.m. and staying open indefinitely. ("Until dawn? A place for people to go after the bar?")

She'll start definite plans as soon as she gets feedback on interest and has a better idea of what people want. So get back to her with your opinions and suggestions and above all let her know if you want a coffeehouse and would come!!

Write: Box 8000, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

notices

The following things are needed to complete plans and actualities for Gay Pride Week. Persons who can fill these needs are urged to contact Bernie Toale at 783-1627 as soon as possible.

Things: Bedsheets, helium, convertible cars, and van to go down to New York City for the parade there on Sunday, 30 June. Garage space is needed in the Boston area to finish building the sections of the floats for the Boston parade.

People: Cognito types needed to march under the Rhino Train... those who are unable to march openly are urged to participate this way (just your legs will be showing). Volunteers are also needed to help sew and paint the lead banner for the Boston parade. For this one, you should call Sheri at 536-3285.

WARNING

During the last few weeks, there has been a marked increase in the amount of police activity in the area known as "The Block" bounded by Marlborough, Arlington, and Berkeley Streets and Commonwealth Avenue. Due to the police department's interrogation system, it is now possible for persons walking in the neighborhood to receive criminal records without being arrested. Therefore, all gay people are now advised to STAY OFF THE BLOCK!!!!

In addition, there also has been an

increase in the number of crimes perpetrated against gay people, supposedly by persons claiming to be policemen. If you are ever in a compromising situation with a person who claims to be a police officer, demand to see his identification, and ask for his name and badge number. If he is, in fact, a police officer, he must produce it, and if he is not, you are advised to get out of that situation as soon as possible. If you are threatened with arrest by a person who you think is lying, pretend to surrender yourself, and ask to be arrested.

HOUSING AND CHILD CARE FORM

Gay Pride Week, June 22-29, 1974:

Please complete the following questionnaire and return it immediately to: Jimi, 70 Charles St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

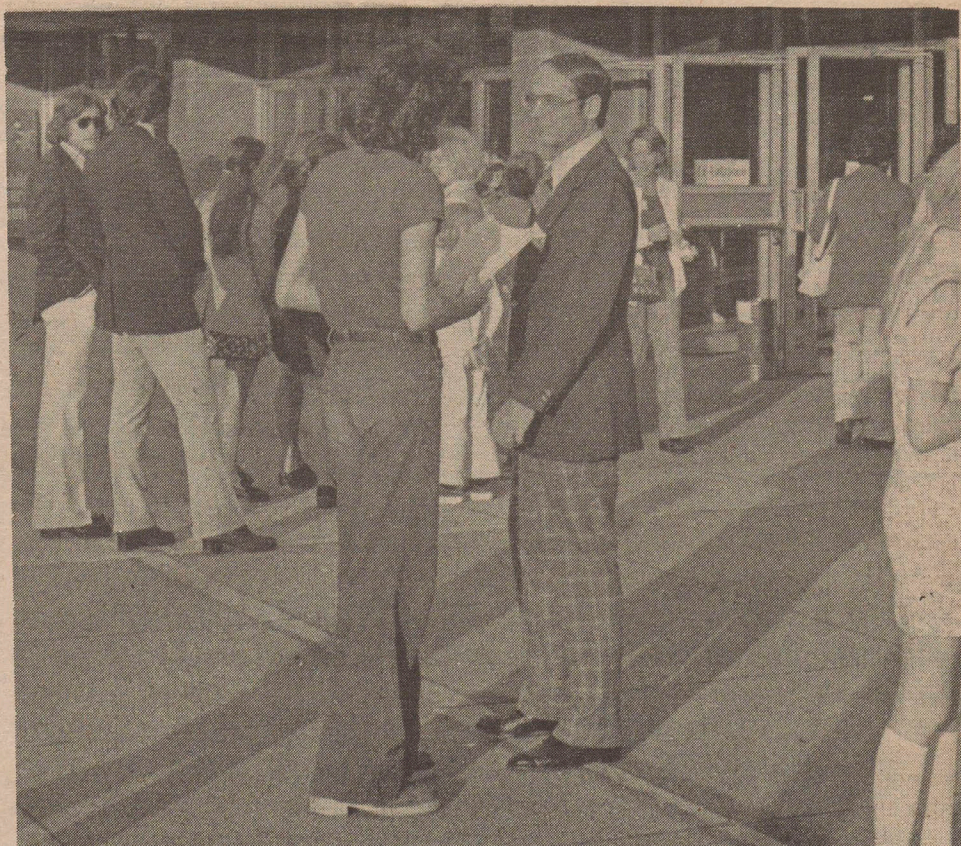
For those who wish housing: How many people?.....
How many women?.....
How many men?.....

Circle dates for which housing is needed

21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Name, address and telephone number of contact person:

For those who can provide housing: How many people?.....
How many women?.....
How many men?.....



Fengays Demonstration at annual meeting of Christian Scientists.

Photo by Bob Donner

Fengays Demonstrate "The Truth"

As an indirect result of an alleged attempt on the part of the Christian Science Church from keeping the newly formed Fenway area gay group, Fengay, from meeting in one of the buildings owned by the Church, the group organized a leafletting demonstration at the Annual Meeting of the Christian Science Church.

The following article is a personal account of the activity.

by Sheri Barden

It was a warm spring night as a group of Fengays strolled over to The Christian Science Complex to hand out leaflets to the thousands of Scientists gathered for their Annual Meeting. Nostalgia filled the air as they remembered demonstrations of the past, but in their hearts they knew that this one would be different.

Christian Scientists had come from all over the world, 10,000 strong. They all wore name tags, but that really wasn't necessary for they all looked pretty much alike. Nice pastel dresses with white shoes and neatly coiffured hair, nothing flashy. The nice thing about them is that they all have that wonderful look of euphoria about them, as though their thoughts were on a much higher plane than the rest of the world. Theirs is a world of unreality!

So the Fengays handed out their leaflets in the hopes that perhaps they could enter their thoughts. No way, baby, 'cause they "know the Truth" about us. "Christian Science cures this," said one nice woman. While another said, "That's nice."

The peaceful demonstration was planned by the newly formed Fengay Organization. One member, Bernie Danoff, was escorted from the property. Tom Nylund, heading the group, was told he must leave the premises. When Tom told them it was a public sidewalk and would they care to speak to the press that was standing by, they backed off.

There appears to be one tiny crack in The Mother Church facade; they cannot stand to be embarrassed. Any adverse criticism sends shivers up their spines.

Because they don't believe in sickness and they know there is no sin, they thought

they'd hit them with the truth. "We are neither sick nor sinners," was the plea. "Listen to us with your hearts," they asked, but their pleas fell on deaf ears.

Elaine Noble put on her pastel suit and white shoes and for awhile they thought she was one of them until the word got around.

"The church does not take a stand on any social, political or economic issues. The church does not take positions on anything, period," said Douglas Russell, the Christian Science Church's Communications Supervisor.

But what the Church doesn't know is that the media is watching the gay community as is witnessed by the excellent article in the Boston Globe the next morning.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, does not like publicity such as it got after the Fengay demonstration. Perhaps we should keep that in mind.

The reception given the Fengays last Tuesday evening was more like a sheet of ice rather than the blanket of love that you would hope to get from 10,000 supposed Christians. Somehow we must show them the "Truth." There is a great big world of

reality beyond that reflecting pool and homosexuals are a living, breathing part of it.

[Ed. Note: See GCN Vol. 1, No. 50, for details on the eviction of the Fengay Group.]



Newsweek and Time on Bisexuality

For a long while, *Newsweek* and *Time* have been stepping on each other's headlines as well as being about two years behind important social and political trends. Recently, they have both cautiously reported on their versions of the "chicness" of bisexuality. The May 13 issue of *Time* had an article entitled "The New Bisexuals," which tried to be fair by including "It's all right to be bisexual" along with "It's bad and immoral to be bisexual," which is just as ridiculous and patronizing as discussing whether being black is bad or good. The whole article smacked of the attitude that bisexuality is presently a fad, a vogue, another form of chic. What the national newsmagazines fail to realize is that *they themselves* promote bisexuality as chic by concentrating on the glittery aspects of crossdressing jetsetters and other external and superficial topics, rather than on the important elements of bisexuals' lives as a whole.

The *Time* article tries to balance their generally bourgeois-tolerant view of bisexuality by adding the opinion of Natalie Shainess, a Manhattan psychiatrist, that homosexuality is mistrust and/or fear of the opposite sex and that bisexuality is mistrust and/or fear of both sexes. As I pointed out in my letter to *Time*, which was printed in the June 3 issue, this oversimplified characterization of homosexuality and bisexuality is unfair and biased. It would be just as unfair and biased to slander all heterosexuality as mistrust and/or fear of one's own sex. This is not balanced reporting, but sheer self-contradiction and hypocrisy. At least *Time*

tried, until the last paragraph with Shainess, to present a view of the overall lives of bisexuals.

The article in the May 27 issue of *Newsweek* does not even attempt an overall view. The *Time* article at least appeared under the appropriate heading of THE SEXES, while the *Newsweek* article, entitled "Bisexual Chic: Anyone Goes," appeared under the heading LIFE/STYLE. The *Newsweek* article, unfortunately, is just that: a report on the latest chic, hip lifestyle, not on a person's sexuality. Bisexuality thus becomes a cheap fashion rather than a deep, importantly felt part of a person's psyche. From the *Newsweek* article, one could presume that bisexuality is something people put on with their clothes, not an integral element of their character. With the description of hip night-spots and discotheques for gays and bis, and the picture of three apparent teenyboppers dressed in the latest kitschy clothing and makeup, the *Newsweek* article seems more appropriate for an image of bisexuality which *Cosmopolitan* or *Harper's Bazaar* might hold. If this is all that bisexuality is, one might even agree with the infamous Dr. Charles Socarides that bisexuality is "a disaster for culture and society." But, of course, bisexuality is far more than that, as *Newsweek* and *Time* should know by now. As Dr. Judd Marmor, president of the American Psychiatric Association, says, "The new bisexual consciousness, besides being viewed as a rebellion against puritanism, may also be conveying a feeling of universality among men and women."

FBI Seeks SLA in Boston

Patty Hearst's alleged conversion to lesbianism has sent FBI agents scurrying to seek information in gay communities and gay bars across the country. A more intense investigation is under way in the San Francisco area in an effort to locate friends or acquaintances of Camilla Hall and Mizmoon (Patricia Soltysik), lesbian members of the Symbionese Liberation Army. The two women were murdered in a raid by federal agents and local authorities in San Francisco early last month.

Last Saturday night rumors circulated through the Saints (a women's bar located in downtown Boston) that the FBI was in the bar checking IDs of many of the patrons. Joey Finkelstein, manager of the bar, told GCN,

"The men were plainclothes detectives from the district and were in here on one of their routine visits."

An unidentified man called GCN last week and reported that FBI agents had gone to the apartment of some of his friends early one morning and questioned them for over an hour.

According to a recent three part series in the *Boston Globe*, "It is believed that Patty Hearst has been sexually brainwashed as opposed to politically brainwashed. She was 'lesbianized' as a result of her learning to love all people." Experts (psychiatric and criminal) came to this conclusion after Patty called her boyfriend, Steven Weed, a sexist pig in a tape communique.

declared unconstitutional.

The fund has now filed with the Internal Revenue Service for tax-exempt status, which will help attract both public and private donations and help provide legal protection for all gays, regardless of their ability to pay. Thom considers it a victory that the IRS is weighing their request for tax exempt status and has asked for more information in support of the request—rather than simply rejecting it as, no doubt would have been the case several years ago.

If you need legal aid or any gay-related problem or if you would like to make a financial contribution, large or small, get in touch with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund at 212-758-1905.



Legal Aid

NEW YORK — There is a new legal agency in town which has been formulated to aid gays in trouble. The group is called the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., with offices at 30 Grove St., New York 10014, and is headed by lawyer Bill Thom, a former member of the Gay Activists Alliance. This is the same agency to which the G.A.A. went for advice in filing suit against the State of New York to have the state's sodomy laws

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Sapphic Passion & the Ruling Class

by David A. DeNeef

Book Review: Portrait of A Marriage, by Nigel Nicolson

This is a five part biography of Vita Sackville-West by her younger son, Nigel Nicolson; whose works include *Great Houses of Britain* and *People and Parliament*.

Parts 1 and 3 are a manuscript written by Vita Sackville-West herself in 1920 about her feelings about her affair with author Violet Trefusis.

With evident anxiety, Vita tells of her rebellious childhood, her perceptions of her mother and father, her friends and lovers during adolescence. Revealed are such wonderful episodes as her dressing as a man and escorting Violet through Paris; being introduced to previous acquaintances as a complete stranger.

The rest of the book is a narrative which includes diary entries by Vita's mother, Lady Sackville, letters between Vita and her husband, author Harold Nicolson; and letters between Vita and Violet.

One feels that Vita is determined to live her life to the fullest and richest extent possible. She writes to Harold:

Women ought to have freedom the same as men when they are young. It is a rotten and ridiculous system at present; it's simply cheating one of one's youth. It was alright for the Victorians; But this generation is discarding, and the next will have discarded the chrysalis. Wo-

men, like men, ought to have their youth so gutted with freedom that they hate the very idea of freedom.

Vita's writings constantly reflect a great foresight. Her confession of her love for Violet is filled with guilt but is written with seeming intent, as a time capsule for future generations to judge. (It had been locked away in 1920 and was discovered on her death in 1962).

As for Nigel Nicolson; he is a product of upper class England as much or more so than he is a product of Harold and Vita. One has to wrestle with a great many personal and social prejudices on his part all through the book. He states his purpose early and carries it on through the whole book, to convince us that Vita's passions helped make his parents marriage strong and a far better one than most. We are left feeling however that the marriage was no more valid (if we dare discuss the validity of love) than any of the other relationships explored in the book and that it only succeeded because without it Vita and Harold would have been crushed by a hostile society. The obvious Friendship, love and sensitivity do not for us prove anything or leave us in awe of the relationship as they do Mr. Nicolson.

The book also explores various loves and scandals of Vita's mother, Lady Sackville, which are gossipy delightful. Toward the end of the book the entrance of Virginia Woolf relieves an advancing boredom but she quickly passes out of the picture. The book ends, and I am on my way to the library to get a copy of Mrs. Woolf's *Orlando*, her novel written largely about Vita Sackville-West.

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REACT!! raise people

We hesitate taking up editorial space by writing about ourselves, but we feel that it is necessary at this time. GCN finds itself in a position where we must turn to our friends and supporters in the community who have aided us so much in the past.

Our present problem stems from the lack of cash to proceed with our "Make It Happen" campaign. We have raised the first half of the necessary \$6,000 almost completely from our readers' generous response to the coupon in GCN. This is above our original expectations of the amount available without serious fund-raising efforts.

We have put this money to use by securing necessary office space, improving the quality of content, increasing size and circulation, and providing a sustenance wage for the minimum number of people needed on a major commitment basis to staff the paper.

Our problem now is that to raise the re-

mainder of the money needed to support the paper until we break even, serious fund-raising is necessary. The nature of a weekly newspaper complicates this, for while most organizations would re-channel their energies temporarily into fund-raising, GCN cannot. The weekly process leaves so little excess time that this would mean impairing the quality or not publishing weekly. We find neither of these alternatives feasible. Our only alternative is to add new staff who can deal only with this problem. Since most of our readers have already generously contributed money, what we now ask for is some of their time and energy. \$2000 must be raised in the next few months, and they would be asked to develop ways to raise this money. Experience or contacts, while helpful, is not necessary, and our present staff will give as much support, direction, and aid as possible.

Fortunately, the long-term financial state of GCN looks good — revenues are increasing steadily, and our projection of breaking even in September still looks reasonable. (Watch for our Annual Report soon.) You can help us through this difficult period — call Ian at 426-4469 or leave a message.

REACTIONS: bishop

May 30, 1974

Most Reverend Terence J. Cooke, D.D.
Archbishop of New York
452 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Bishop,

I enclose a copy of the "React" column, printed in *The Gay Community News* of June 1, 1974 in Boston.

As the president of DIGNITY, I point to the Church as a way to Christ's love and salvation. Therefore I am deeply saddened and find words hard to come by. Father, are you aware that this is what the Gay Community in general thinks of Christ's Church?

Discrimination in itself is an evil. Your determination, and that of publications sponsored by your diocese, to kill Intro 2-A has greatly increased the load of pain on Christ's Gay people. It would certainly be within our Catholic tradition, and the law of Jesus, to support anti-discrimination legislation!

I am ashamed that my Church, that DIGNITY's Church, has done so much to set back the cause of human freedom in America. For the sake of our Church, for the furtherance of Christ's mission in the world, I implore you to reconsider the position you've taken. Please be a leader, a shepherd, speak out, and un-do what has been done.

I await your speedy reply.

Yours in the Lord whom
we both serve,
Paul Diederich
National President
DIGNITY



Due to space limitations, the Gay Community News cannot print all Letters to the Editor. The GCN reserves the right to edit all letters received. Because of the volume of letters, we ask that writers be as brief as possible, and we will try to print a wide variety of letters, covering all issues.

All letters must be signed and include the signer's address and telephone number before they can be considered for publication. This information is for verification purposes and will remain confidential, names being withheld at the writer's request.

cheques

Editor,

I have seldom been aroused enough to contemplate penning a "letter to the editor" . . . Well now I am aroused (angry). I will undoubtedly provoke the wrath of some, the admiration of others, and the unfortunate indifference of "the many." This indifference is the curse of the Gay community . . . We have, and continue to, consume our time in dialogue designed to illustrate our differences . . . rather than to project front based on common denominators . . .

The philosophers say "we are what we believe." If that holds true then we individually possess fragmented personalities, replete with insecurity, instability, and irresponsibility. I challenge each of us to join ranks with our brothers and sisters and to be what we can.

There are, conservatively, 30,000 gays in the greater Boston area; together we can achieve our goals and conquer our personal fears . . . Examples of things that WE can accomplish in the simple (and anonymous if need be), act of giving a dollar or two: 1) Financial aid for GCN. 2) Likewise for the Charles St. Meetinghouse Coffee-House. 3) The backing of political figures such as Barney Frank and Elaine Noble . . .

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LETTERS CONT.

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Please accept our sincerest thanks for all your support during the recent session of the Massachusetts Legislature. The amount of support we received in the form of publicity and the number of letters sent to the State House this year was very gratifying.

With one-third of both the Senate and House now behind us, we are half-way home, and it's all with a great deal of thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,
David P. Brill
Director of Pub. Rel.
Homophile Union of
Boston

[Ed.]: Thank you David Brill and all of HUB for your strong wills and your continuing efforts.

Salome Reviewed

by Craig Thiersch

SALOME, by Oscar Wilde. Performance by Celebration.

The production had a striking beginning: in Tufts' gothic Goddard Chapel, high above Boston on a cloudy, windy night, the lights suddenly went out; there arose an ungodly howling and shrieking with flames leaping up — but alas, it was not planned thus: someone's dog, terrified by the chanting, hooded figures carrying tapers towards him in the darkness had attacked and had to be dragged yelping from the chapel. The procession continued, winding its way to the stage; shed its black cowls for gaudy costumes, and the play began: "The moon is like the hand of a dead woman . . ."

The story is powerful enough in itself to be treated simply; Wilde's rendition is positively baroque. Not all of this comes through in the translation from Wilde's original anglicized French, but one is confused as to how to regard it. There are a few flashes of the Wilde wit from his drawing-room comedies, many Biblicalisms, and lots of florid prose: "... I have sapphires big like eggs, and as blue as blue

flowers. The sea wanders within them and the moon comes never to trouble the blue of their waves. I have chrysolites and beryls . . ." Although the effect should be exotic, it hovers perilously on being silly.

One thing, however, the play should be: frightening. My real disappointment was that Cathy Wilson's Salome was simply not slinky and slithery enough to be blood-curdling. Her repeated reply, "Give me the head of Jokannan," to Herod's gem-studded list of alternatives was too shrill, like a petulant child stomping her foot. And the concluding scene with Salome and the head ought to have been played to a slow climax, coaxing a gasp from the audience when she finally picks up the severed head and kisses its mouth, rather than tossing it around like a stuffed teddy-bear during the whole scene. The contrast was especially apparent as Herodias was so delightfully *mechant*.

Kudos to the two musicians, who managed to extract a wide range of eerie sound effects and exotic music from just percussion and flutes. *Salome* and *The Tempest* will be performed by Celebration this summer at the Publick Theatre, Soldiers Field Road in Allston.



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forum BISEXUALITY

THE QUESTION: What are your opinions on bisexuality?

Thoughts on Bisexuality

by Linda Ray

"You shall not oppress the alien, for you know how it feels to be an alien; you were aliens yourselves in Egypt... But now I send an angel before you to guard you on your way and to bring you to the place I have prepared."

Exodus 23:9, 20

Not too long ago, at a gay party, three people put on a very funny "Turnabout" skit, where a straight couple was a minority group and was harassed by a gay person. They brought down the house with hysterical laughter when the person playing the part of the "gay person" asked the "hetero" couple, "Tell me, what do you people do in bed?" I joined the laughter... for a very short while. My relaxed mood was soon shattered by several people asking me, "How come you're dancing with men instead of with women?" One woman asked me "Who was that woman I saw you dancing with?" When I replied, "That was no woman, that was..." she looked at me as though I had become a monster. Apparently, certain people at this party were determined to try and make me feel uncomfortable or inadequate instead of assuming that my actions were of my own free will or an unimportant accident of fate.

Most people consider bisexuals as being neither here nor there, but suspended in limbo between two worlds. Most gay people consider us "confused," "sick," "unstable," "promiscuous," "unaccepting of our 'true' homosexual nature, or straight people trying to be 'cool' or 'fashionable.'" Like any other group, I suppose our group includes a few in each of these categories, but the large majority of bisexuals do not fall into any of these categories quite that easily. Straight society considers us "freaks," hermaphrodites, "queers," or really "right on" and "Hip" people who know everything there is to know about sex. The truth is that we are ordinary people like everybody else, looking for love and frequently making human errors and sometimes winding up hurting people through carelessness or ignorance.

A man at the New England Gay Conference stated in front of a crowd that he did not feel harassed by the gay community. At least five other bisexual men have told me that they *do* feel harassed. While I do not mean to put down or invalidate the speaker's feelings, I believe that it is important to note the context in which the man spoke. In the same breath that he called himself "bisexual," he also called himself "predominantly homosexual," a

safe thing to do in a gay crowd, guaranteed to bring him cheers and applause, especially when he finally stated that he did not feel harassed by the gay community. That is fine for him, but many of us cannot honestly make a similar statement.

Gay women seem to me to be often suspicious, sometimes fearful, and occasionally jealous of bisexual women. I have just finished an exchange of about six letters with an ex-lover who had expressed all of these sentiments. My reply to her first expression of distrust was, "There is no argument you can use, no name you can call us (bisexuals) that straights have not already used to label gays." She replied something like, "Bisexuals cannot stay with one person, by definition." I replied, "You say that you are going through a period of chastity right now. Should you decide to remain chaste for the rest of your life, you would still be a lesbian. If I were to decide to remain chaste, or to cut out either my homosexual or heterosexual relationships, I would still be bisexual. Sexuality is more a mental orientation than a series of acts. You know that." Finally, she expressed her basic fear that if she got involved with a bisexual woman, the woman would leave her for a man. I replied that that idea was coming from possibly a personal feeling of inadequacy (that ultimately she would have to deal with) or a more general form of sexism. Taking for granted that a woman will leave another woman for a man is definitely a sexist statement that is definitely both anti-woman and anti-lesbianism. And I'm certainly going to be one of the first people to defend lesbianism as a valid lifestyle.

As bisexuals, there is no clearly visible role model for us to follow. Sometimes that can get rather lonely. But in other ways, maybe it's better. It makes it easier to liberate oneself from oppressive conflicting roles and models. And as time progresses, we discover that we are not alone. A recent issue of *Ramparts* had an article about Androgeny (which I have not addressed, basically because I am not sure I understand it). It quoted a segment of a poem: "If they ask me my identity, what can I say? ... I am the living mind you fail to describe in your dead language."

To help us discover that we are not alone, Paul Shanley is starting a new bisexual rap group. We are striving for a group with an equal number of men and women. If anyone wants to find out more about the group, they should contact either Paul Shanley or the Homophile Union of Boston and leave a message for me there.

by Paul Cahan

It's a continuously painful and anger provoking experience to live in a world where so many limits and laws are attempted to be set, walls built around and lies made out of the elements of life that are infinite, non-analyzable, holy, such as freedom, change, beauty, equality, truth, and love. The hari-krisna freaks fill our ears with chants to memorize, the Jesus freaks tell us that their way is the only way, ghettos and mansions have still not been peacefully torn down, and sexism will always remain until men and women, everyone, loves one another equally. Ought we not treat with equal tenderness and respect all of Nature and each other? To me, everything and everyone is potentially as beautiful and as worthy of touching, loving and understanding as everyone and everything else. What's the big deal with having sex, eh? A preoccupation with sex, and most fears I would say by now, stem from taboos no longer socially, economically, or religiously relevant. If they were a constructive part of a people at one point in history, fine; are they any longer though? I am not in any way encouraging 'free' and irresponsible human contact but an openness to experiencing love's full human potential with one's sisters and brothers. When there is love, let there be no conditioned reflexes, just tenderness, thoughtfulness, being together. I like to think that we're at a turning point in history, for the better, for humanity this time.

I'm teaching kindergarten now, and I experience everyday with my kids the intenseness of life, the sadness of rejections, the joys of love. Because I do not impose any rules of conduct that are detrimental to their self-actualizing their freedom, (I don't let them kill each other while imitating superman), I have seen very positive growth this year in terms of the children relating more lovingly. In the non-sexist environment that I provide, five year old orgies of love are common, and I see individuals make loving, kissing, hugging friends with whomever they feel most comfortable with and attracted to regardless of sex. That's not just a 'five year old's' response to life but an open, honest, beautiful, natural way of relating, not being oppressed and repressed the way we all were. As adults, if we feel either gay or straight, that's our historic choice to make, but as for kids, and the new world, let's keep things as free as possible, and learn from them as much as we can, providing they haven't been too brainwashed with sexism themselves.

When we were children, we all grew up and for that matter still have to live in a world full of violence, misunderstandings, and neurosis. When I was young, there were no models of sanity anywhere to be found, in my opinion. I was quite lost and very much afraid. I feel that by now I have created something close to reality, and I'm becoming less afraid. I believe that each of us humans possess a spirit of some sorts whose goals are to bring to peace the many imposed contradictions which have traditionally fought one another, either for physical economic, or selfish ego-tripping, exploitive reasons in the past. At present, I see now no necessity for war, anxiety, and exploitation between nations, races, classes, people, or between the sexes. I believe strongly that we all should be struggling for the unification of the working classes of the world in gaining the power to direct themselves towards a cooperative, non-elitist, non-hungry, universalist socialistic loving, free equal order.

You may think my position as being naively simple, but for me, the sanest and most honest goal for people in my opinion is to be revolutionary socialistic bisexuals, where personal and political relationships are based on nondiscriminatory, gentle, honest, caring, sensitive, liberating styles. To me that provides a far greater fulfilling thought to center in on than any type of capitalistic, genital, competitive, alienating orientation offers, which we've all been pretty much preoccupied with, let alone brainwashed into no matter who we are.

In my experience of 23 years of life my psyche has been downgraded for my inability to discriminate between the sexes properly, for my inability to adequately control my love, to play macho games, to love violence and lies. Now, I love people when we both feel that we are open to discovering each other's minds, bodies, and souls equally, when neither of us feel threatened, when we both trust and care about each other equally, or at least want to. I hug trees and kiss the earth, too. I make love to women and men of all colors, and I'm very active politically.

We grew up in a neurotic power-hungry culture, preoccupied with sexual performance. Let's try to transcend that, and be People again. When I want to go to bed with a person, it's not 'sex' that I want (I hate that word by now so much) but rather I want to understand and be understood by another human being. Let's be close, tender, together, and end exploitation on all fronts!

NEW ENGLAND GAY PRIDE WEEK

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The theme of this year's Gay Pride Week is "Action," rather than discussion. Meeting and rapping is an important part of gay liberation, but it was felt that it can get oppressive if it is overdone. What was planned was a week of activities oriented around "doing something." The Parade was a natural start, and many more activities with this in mind have been planned. A complete calendar of the entire week appears on the center fold, and more complete descriptions of particular events follows. A few of the events have not been completely finalized upon deadline for this schedule, so please watch GCN for any last minute additions or changes.

The Gay Pride Week Committee has made every effort to plan events and activities for the entire community, and sincerely hopes that everyone will find a part of the week that they can participate in. It offers many incredible experiences on many different levels, and hope our joy is contagious.

Parade

Beginning in Copley Square, Boston, at noon on Saturday, June 22nd, the parade will follow last year's route. Highlights of the parade will include contingents from all over New England (even a bus-load from Maine), a marching band, balloons, and floats.

The planners of this year's parade have stressed two things in the planning: "uniting New England gays in a show of solidarity and strength, and celebrating our happiness in being gay and proud." They urge participants to "make a banner to identify your group or locality, organize a float or moving theatre or band. Create a costume or come as you are. Color, creativity, and joy are the keys to this year's parade."

"Gay mothers and fathers come and march with your children, or if you want to protest the discriminatory laws that prevent your children from being with you, march with your empty baby carriages. If you have parents who would like to support us, or know of any who would, encourage them to march with us. Even if you feel you can't march out

in the open, there will be a place for you. We will be creating a multi-unit, 100 foot-long Lavender Rhino, something like a Chinese Dragon. We'll need lots of people to march under it showing only their legs. Call Bernie at 783-1627 for reservations!

Ending in the Boston Common, a festival will take place during the afternoon at the bandstand, near the Tremont and Boylston Sts. side. Tentatively scheduled are live bands, puppet theatre, crafts, games, buttons and books, posters, and even a kissing booth.

The day is hoped to be the largest, most festive and joyous in our history. Your presence will make this hope a reality.

(Rain date, Saturday, June 29th at noon, but only if it *really* rains.)

Outreach

On Tuesday, June 25 and Thursday, June 27, in the Meetinghouse Gallery



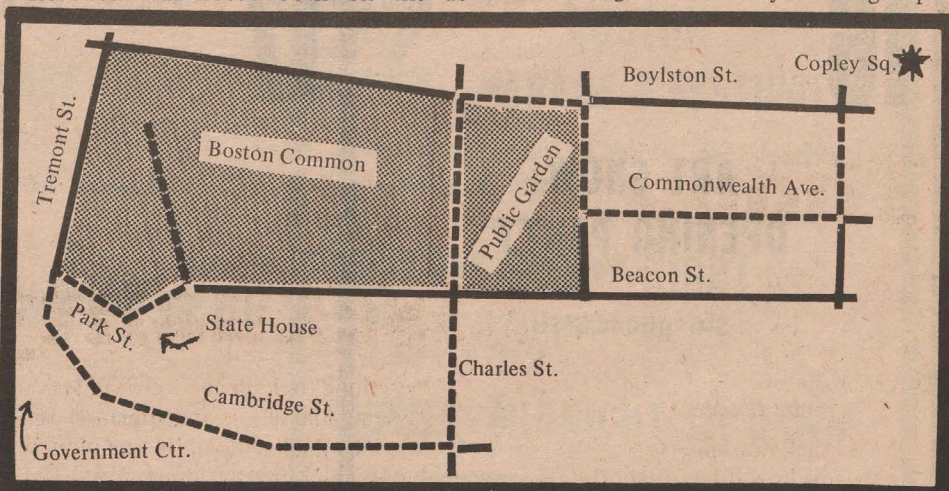
The crowd begins to gather in Copley Square for last year's march.

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two sessions have been arranged for people who are just coming out or who want to talk about gay life with others who are living it. Tuesday's discussion is on the theme "Am I Gay?" and will

deal with problems of identity, sexuality, and self-acceptance as a gay person.

Thursday's meeting will pose the question "Out of the Closet and Into the What?" Discussion will focus both on the ac-



tivities of organized gay groups and on the development of private gay lifestyles.

Resource persons at one or both sessions will include Heather Anderson, Bob Dow, A. Nolder Gay, Vin Hoskinson, Paul

problems. What is needed are people who have ideas, time and dedication to solve one of these problems. Especially needed are new people, people who are not already burdened with too much responsibility. GCN started from such a meeting, and the key was a group of

new people who didn't know why they couldn't and ended up doing something.

Scheduled are meetings to establish: 1. a Gay United Fund, 2. a Crisis/Information phone, 3. a Gay Community Center and 4. a Legal Aid Program.

Each problem is complex and will require long-term planning. The problem is there and the solution can take any course, depending on the people's ideas.

So come Monday night, June 24th, at 8:00 pm to the Meetinghouse, and bring along those ideas, enthusiasm, energy, and new faces.

Communities

On the evening of Wednesday, June 26th, meetings will be held in communities throughout the area. The purpose of these will be to let people get to know other gay people in their own area, and possibly form some type of lasting means of communication between them. The purpose could be to serve any social, political, or economical needs or desires of the individuals involved.

The hosting person had agreed to provide space for the meeting—what happens is up to you. The following list of locations has already been arranged, and there are more being set-up. To find the exact location, call GCN and leave your name, address and phone number. The host-person will return your call with all details. If your area is not listed, you can go to the nearest one, or better yet, host one in your own area. Again call GCN at 426-4469. The present list is:

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Somerville, Mass.
South End (Boston)
Watertown, Mass.

To do it

Some of the more pressing and obvious problems in the community are lack of finances, lack of a central gay facility, the need for gay oriented crisis and informational services, and legal resources.

In keeping with this year's "action orientation," four meetings have been scheduled to "do something" about these

Lesbian Science Fiction Liberation Theatre + Witch + Mary Beth + Sandy + Deadly Nightshade + Wendy + Lilith + Penny + Janet + Women's Center + Starr + Donna + Daughters of Bilitis + Joey + Pat + Louisa + Little Donna + S.W.I.T. (Saints, Women in Training) + Lou + Robin + Radical Lesbians + Dorchester Dykes + Harriet + Cambridge & Brookline Playgroups + Helena + The Turtle + Ann + Jan + Linda + and all our sisters

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
16 ART SHOW OPENING PARTY 3-6 pm, CSMH	17	18	19
23 PICNIC and/or barbecue details to be announced	24 CSMH FIX-UP noon-8 pm, CSMH FOUR MEETINGS TO DO IT to organize a gay united fund, crisis phone, legal group, and community center. All at CSMH, 8 pm	25 STREET HAWKING consciousness raising by selling Focus, FagRag, and GCN on the streets of Boston. 1 pm, GCN office FORUM Dr. Sperber, "Guilt and shame" 8:30 pm, CSMH, downstairs OUTREACH "Am I Gay?" 6:30 p.m. CSMH— downstairs	26 MEDIA ZAP details to be announced-meet at c Park and Tremont Sts. at 1 pm. COMMUNITY NIGHT meetings in your local area—see el where for info.
30 NY GAY PRIDE MARCH buses leave CSMH for NY at 5:30 am sharp. buy tickets at \$10 well in ad- vance at CSMH, returns late in evening.	NOTES: CSMH=the Charles St. Meetinghouse, corner Charles & Mt. Vernon Sts. There will be a Gay Pride Week "Catch 44" show, June 12th at 8:30 p.m. on T.V. ch. 44.		

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19	20	21 GAY DANCE 9-1 am, CSMH-\$2 donation MOVIES-MIDNIGHT TIL DAWN Art Cinema-\$2.50 donation	22 BOSTON PARADE & FESTIVAL meet at noon, Copley Sq.-festival follows in common ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT program to be announced-8 pm, CSMH MOVIES-MIDNIGHT TIL DAWN Art Cinema-\$2.50 donation
6 MEDIA ZAP details to be announced-meet at cr. k and Tremont Sts. at 1 pm. COMMUNITY NIGHT meetings in your local area-see elsewhere for info.	27 MBTA ZAP discuss with MBTA patrons the rhino campaign-meet at CSMH at 10 am. FORUM Topic to be announced-8:30 pm-CSMH-upstairs OUTREACH "Out of the Closet and Into the What?" CSMN-downstairs at 6:30 p.m. LAVENDER HOUR special gay pride week show. 9 pm, WBCN 104.1 FM	28 GAY DANCE 9-1 am, CSMH-\$2 donation	29 RHINO WALL MURAL UNVEILING 1 pm, Hayes Park, cr Warren Ave. and W. Canton, South End FENGAY PICNIC gay fest on the fens. bring a picnic lunch, toys, music, lovers, and strangers-noon till?

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Pride week continues: Another parade, zaps, forums, rhino walls & art

Art

In celebration of Gay Pride Week, the Charles Street Meetinghouse and the many participating artists cordially invite you to attend the opening of an exhibition of works in various mediums at the Meetinghouse Gallery on Sunday, June 16th, from 3 till 6 pm. The show will continue thru July 7th.

New York

Chartered buses will leave from the Meetinghouse at 5:30 am on Sunday, June 30th so that you won't miss a minute of the immense celebration of many, many thousands of our gay sisters and brothers from all across the East Coast. Free coffee will be served in the Coffee house before leaving. Disembarking in Washington Square in the Village, we will get to march all the way to Central Park. Buses will leave N.Y. at 7:00 pm, and arrive back at the Meetinghouse at approx. midnite. (This is actually part of the Twenty-one Countries in Fourteen Days Tour, the next event being a late August two day tour by bus of Iceland, also leaving from the Meetinghouse).

Seriously, the cost of a ticket is only



New York march

photo courtesy of HUB

\$10 (the N.Y. tour), but tickets *must* be purchased by June 26th, and are available at the Meetinghouse. Last year everyone waited to the last minute when no more buses could be ordered, and many were unable to go. Each reservation will be definitely confirmed when that bus is full, so buy early!

Forums

Two forums with distinguished guest speakers have been planned for the week. The dates are Tuesday and Thursday

evenings at 8:30 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. Admission is free. Although the speaker for the second Forum is not finalized as of this date the first will deal with psychology. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Michael Sperber, faculty member of the Harvard Medical School. The topic will be "Guilt and Shame in Relation to One's Personal Life" and promises to be an informative evening. The second topic may deal with psychology also, particularly shock therapy. Details when this program is finalized.

Media zap

The media zap is going to be a graphic expression of the gay community's dissatisfaction with some mass media outlets. From the many radio, TV stations, newspapers and magazines in Boston, which have ignored, slandered, or otherwise misrepresented homosexuals—one is going to be confronted by an angry "Lavender Wave."

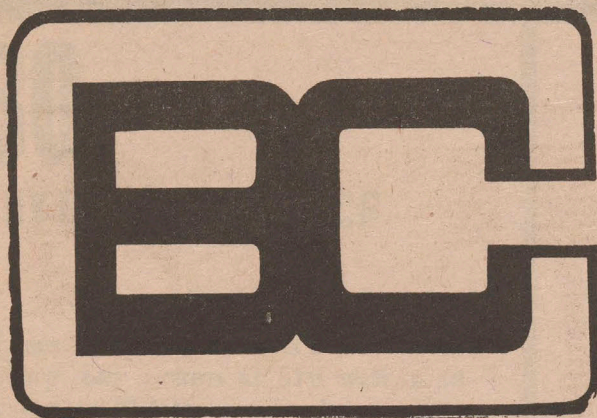
Gay people are invited to meet on Wednesday, June 26th at 1:00 pm, on the Boston Common at the corner of Park and Tremont Sts. From there, everyone will proceed by bus? Subway? Foot? Or cars? To the chosen cite. Literature explaining the Zap and any necessary props will be provided by Gay Media Action.

Rhino

The world's first gay wall mural will be unveiled in Hayes Park—on the corner of W. Canton and Warren Ave. in Boston's South End. Our very own Lavender Rhino will be painted on a large residential wall bordering a neighborhood park. Planned is a formal unveiling, complete with local politicians, bands, champaign, and joy. That's Sunday, June 23rd, at 1:00 pm.

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THE WORLD OF THE TRANSVESTITE

METAMORPHOSIS

A transvestite is a person who, in some manner, for a period of relatively short duration, but with frequent recurrence, thinks and feels their gender identity (masculine/feminine) as the opposite of their genetic sex. The intensity, duration, and nature of cross-gender feelings and drives serve to delineate whether the person is 'normal' or experiences frustration, anxiety, and guilt in the expression of these feelings. The expression of cross-gender identity includes the wearing of clothing apparel defined by society as being proper only for a person of the opposite genetic sex. The transvestite may be heterosexual, bisexual, or homosexual as regards sex object choice.

To the casual observer, a transvestite is seen primarily, and usually solely, from the perspective of one who has 'put on' a particular facade through clothing. Dressing, in the reality of the transvestite, takes on the nature of a ritual — a metamorphosis occurs. The metamorphosis consists of the stripping off of everyday feminine or masculine identity and the putting on of the gender identity of a projected ideal. This ideal for the male transvestite may be a sexy femme fatale, a suburban housewife, or perhaps a tender mother; for the female transvestite the ideal may be super macho, an executive, or perhaps joe college. This ideal is expressed, in part, through clothing. Also contained in the metamorphosis is the 'trying on' of behaviors and feelings which are societally forbidden in the primary role in which the person lives and functions. This behavior may be view-

ed as an attempt at self-actualization which society does not, or which she/he feels society will not, allow as an open choice.

Virginia Prince, editor of a magazine for the male transvestite, states in one of 'her' articles:

"... each of us man and woman is only half human being. Half because at birth and shortly thereafter each of us had half of himself or herself designated as a no-no area and in effect told that we couldn't live that part of ourselves ... Yet two kinds of people rise up to challenge it: 1) the femmiphiles (male transvestites) and 2) those women who understand and support women's liberation." — *Transvestia*, Vol. 13, No. 74, p. 83.

The act of 'putting on' may be conceptualized as an experimental process wherein the individual is testing whether or not it is 'alright' to behave and feel in particular and different ways. First, the individual must experience the behavior or feeling in some manner in order to form a reality based opinion as to whether or not it is pleasing and meaningful. Second, given the personal and private acceptance, the individual must determine if such expressions are socially acceptable, and if not, whether the behavior or feeling can be maintained in the face of social ostracism.

The identity chosen, and the clothing which reflects this identity, contains the 'gestalt' — what is personally perceived by each transvestite as most characteristic in the societal

role imposed on, or chosen by, a person of the opposite sex. This can be observed in the behaviors of various transvestites to which the broader community is exposed and may experience as either degrading mimicry or sincere emulation.

The transvestite is presenting an unsettled identity to the world. This, in turn, puts others who might attempt to relate and understand the transvestite in a most awkward position. It is quite natural to question who or what is this person really. How can I be expected to relate to someone who is presenting only some amorphous self to me? Such reactions, while understandable, not only isolate the transvestite and prevent growth of a more integrated identity, but also seriously divide the 'non-straight' community.

The transvestite too experiences a 'coming out' process which is parallel to that of the gay person. In that transvesticism may be solely private (invisible) a sense of being the 'only one' is typical in the experience of all. In that the practice is not socially acceptable or 'normal,' strong guilt feelings accompany the needs being felt. This involves the process, well-known to the gay community, of self-destruction through putting yourself 'down' because society tells you that you should. One major difference from the homosexual does exist — being gay and acting upon these feelings requires another person as contrasted to the transvestite who can act on these feelings in isolation. As

the isolated transvestite comes in contact with others, shares feelings and experiences, finds acceptance from others as a person and as a transvestite, the person then can enter a period of personal growth and stable identity formation. It might be noted that transvestites too have been subjected to the therapeutic community in the same manner and with the same results as the homosexual. Every device from talk to shock therapies have been employed with a 'cure' rate near zero. Like the experience of the gay community, the most successful therapy is acceptance of self and anger at society for its insistence that you call yourself 'sick.' A favorite joke among transvestites goes: "Are you a cross-dresser?" — "No, I'm a happy dresser."

It is necessary, when discussing sex and gender role conflict, to keep in mind that gender definitions were initially formed in a society which dictated very narrow and non-overlapping definitions of 'proper' masculine and feminine behaviors and feelings. As is amply evident if one reflects on the process of 'coming out,' society inflicts doubt, guilt, inferiority feelings, and ultimately some form of rejection on those who insist on violating its norms. The violation of a taboo by the wearing of the clothing of the opposite sex, the affirmation of the self in juxtaposition to society, is in itself a personal political act. Affirmation is given to being a 'whole' human being and thus this 'defiance' is, in essence, part of the 'liberation movement.'



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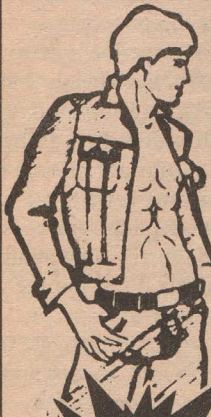
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by A. Nolder Gay
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With these lines from W.H. Auden's "Whitsunday in Kirchstetten," Harvery Cox opens his "theological essay on festivity and fantasy," *The Feast of Fools*. Festivity, says Cox, is "the capacity for genuine revelry and joyous celebration," and fantasy "the faculty for envisioning radically alternative life situations." As the concept of Gay Pride expands to suggest political activism, it is appropriate to explore this notion of festivity in order to expand our consciousness of who we are as a people shortly to come together in celebration of Gay Pride Week.

"Only man celebrates," Cox reminds us. Festivity, distinctively marking our humanness, has three corollaries. One is excess: we intentionally "live it up;" we alter our normal pattern of sleep, diet, spending, dress, private taboos; we drink damnation to dull care and do things just for the ever-lovin' hell of it. A second is "juxtaposition," or contrast. A holiday is exceptional, a realized alternative to routine, and as such it makes us more critical of our daily round. And third, festivity is an act of affirmation. Celebration involves joy, it always says "yes" to life—to a past event, to a future hope, or even despite present pain and oppression.

"If it be granted that we say Yea to a single moment," wrote Frederick Nietzsche, "then in so doing we have said Yea not only to ourselves, but to all existence." By the same token, the petty bickering, attitudes which have made this year's gay pride parade controversy resemble a tempest in a chamber-pot are

effective ways of saying Nay to ourselves and to all existence. Can we pretend to be liberated and still deny the freedom to celebrate in her or his own way to any gay whose life-style is not exactly the same as our own? Let each one of us search her or his own consciousness for the answer.

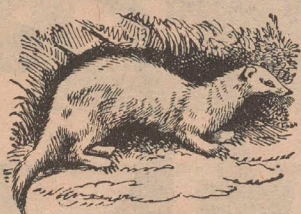
To set up an inherent conflict between a "joyous parade" and a "political statement" is absurd. As festivity, a parade (like play, contemplation, and making love—Cox) is an end in itself. Yet this parade is also a political statement in that it demonstrates that gays need not always be invisible, need not conform to the expectations of the straight world

unless they so choose. The notion that "things need not always be as they are" always has revolutionary implications, now matter how understated. In celebration we make affirmation of who we are at our most joyful, and thereby outline the possibility of a fuller, richer, life to come.

As for myself, I choose to dance with the children of grace with those who say Yea to themselves and to all existence. And I summon my brothers and sisters to this week of celebration with Whitmanesque rhetorical excess:

Light! light! faggots!
 Burst! dykes! burst!
 Out of your cages, lavender rhinos!
 Out of your grottoes, seers and soothsayers!
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The Pleasure of Her Company

by Gary Jane Hoisington

The Mask of State: Watergate Portraits, by Mary McCarthy. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 165 pp., \$6.95.

During another period of national derangement, the most incisive American observer of some of the least palatable episodes in contemporary American history said of a different McCarthy and his ilk: "Every era has a keyhole to which its eye is pasted." Ours, as Mary McCarthy astutely points out, is gazing presently at the mysterious internal workings of the White House through a rather myopic lens. The popularity of Watergate as focus for national guilt, or as an elucidating civics lesson, is an absorptive mechanism for keeping at bay the much less digestible guilt for Vietnam.

The public's ability to absorb more shocks than it was originally prepared for can be explained by the residue of guilt left over from Vietnam, guilt unadmitted by the majority and therefore all the more in need of relief. . . . identification of the guilty in Watergate and associated crimes will not "make up" for Vietnam or wash it away, but I do not blame anybody for the wish and even think it a good thing. You cannot undo Vietnam, but that is true of most offenses, certainly all those involving murder, where no restitution is possible. You can't bring back the dead, and with many other wrongs, when contrition arrives, it is generally too late.

Of the eight reports that comprise this book, six originally appeared in the *London Observer*. I was living in London while the Ervin Committee hearings were being broadcast in America; they were not carried on European television and, unsurprisingly, very little space was devoted to Watergate in European newspapers and periodicals. I recall *L'Express* and some German and Italian weeklies reported Watergate and its attendant "White House horrors" (to borrow a quaint phrase from our former Attorney General) rather less avidly than the Jeremy Cartland Murder Case. (My favorite *Evening Standard* headline of last May read: BERNIE CORNFIELD CAUGHT IN LOVE NEST WITH GIRL WHO SAID NO). But all one really wanted to know about the collapse of the Executive Branch of the American government was fully covered by McCarthy's weekly articles. She reported the facts. But the *Observer* pieces, and the two added articles in this collection, went beyond reportage. With her keen novelist's eye, McCarthy recorded the atmosphere of the hearings, elaborated their humorous and deadly implications, noted the shortcomings of certain lines of questioning, and, in an uncanny bit of prophecy, predicted what would be the most stupid (and most likely) maneuver Nixon would employ when the White House tapes entered the consciousness of the committee: doctor the tapes.

The pleasures of this book are multifold. Sophistication without snobbery, the finest prose being written by an American author, a summary of the hearings that covers the main points (those who have time to read the verbatim transcripts may find themselves, as I did, falling asleep); wit, humanity, and grace without the usual gravity. I especially enjoy McCarthy when, in a manner infinitely more efficacious than a Veg-O-Matic, she switches from slice to dice:

"Mr. Porter," declared Senator Ervin, "you give the appearance of a man who was brought up in a good home." "Yes, Senator, I was." The thought, certainly, would not occur to anybody about John Mitchell, who looks as if he were brought up in a reformatory.

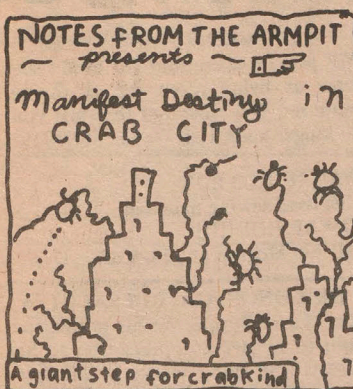
If he (Haldemann) and Erlichman had not shared a single "mouth-piece," John L. Wilson, the dean of reactionary lawyers in Washington, a querulous dropsical old party with a mean City Hall mouth and a shrill ungoverned temper recalling Rumpelstiltskin, one could not have dreamed that they had anything in common except the fact of having served together in the White House.

The true target of *The Mask of State*, and the only possible villain of Watergate, is, of course, the man behind the mask:

To my mind, there can be no doubt that Nixon himself ordered Watergate and was kept informed of the cover-up, which of course he did not need to order — as the testimony repeatedly brought out, the necessity of a cover-up was taken for granted as soon as news of the arrests reached the Nixon organization.

With Colson's plea of guilty today (June 3) to obstruction of justice in the Ellsberg trial, McCarthy's final speculation that Nixon's days "appear to be numbered" is probably correct. Whether or not this is cause for ecstasy is another question, which most people are leaving open. An impeached Nixon, according to Constitutional law, may only be succeeded in office by Gerald Ford, who never wavered as apologist for the crimes of the Administration, genocidal or political, until now, when he stands an excellent chance of becoming President by default. And what comes after Ford? It could well be something far more unhinged, but much more tightly organized — it is not the hour for those of us with everything to lose by a fascist conquest of America to "wait and see." Nor should our evident paranoia about the extent of police surveillance paralyze us (see Andrew Kopkind's article in the latest *New York Review of Books*).

Homosexuals, obviously, are riding high on the government shit list. Let's not forget that the Nixon organization enlisted obvious transvestites and other "identifiable homosexuals" to join the McGovern organization, presuming that the middle class would be alienated by gay support of McGovern. In some of the literature sent before the election to registered Republicans, the very possibility that McGovern would advocate equal rights for gay people was presented as sufficiently damning, a *self-evident* demonstration of the Democratic Party's threat to the American Way. The conservative line on homosexuals is, and has always been, that since we can't be overtly exterminated, we should be allowed to do those dirty things we do in private. But a political alliance of the Gay Liberation Movement with the ideologies of other oppressed groups could be a real threat to the fascists — hence, in my view, the most sensible direction for us to turn in. That we have not authentically aligned ourselves with the struggle of poor blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans and others whose spokespersons have been casually murdered by the government demonstrates, to my mind, a failure of character, a lack of courage. True, the standard straight Leftists continue to fag-bait for reasons of their own (those bumperstickers that say, "Impeach the Cox-Sacker" are everywhere in Cambridge, obviously connecting fellatio with high crimes and misdemeanors); but the people who are really hurting need our support as much as we need theirs.



did you see?

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

VARIETY, June 5; front page article. Headline: "6 Year Sentence for Paradzhanov." This story in *Variety* is taken from a Moscow paper of June 4. Seggei Paradzhanov, Armenian film director, 50, was sentenced by a Kiev (Ukraine) court for six years of forced labor in Siberia for "homosexuality and an attempt to commit suicide." Paradzhanov is the creator of "Shadows of our Forgotten Ancestors," a movie which has won 16 international prizes. Paradzhanov was arrested last September, and has suffered many indignities from that time until his recent sentencing.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, May 13: In this issue, there's an enjoyable article by Angela Taylor: "Eyeshadow and Lipstick — For Men . . ."

"Make-up for men? Hold on to your shoulder-length hair, it's here. Not just facial bronzers that make a man look as though he commutes to the Bahamas. Or a discreet touch of blusher when he's green from a hangover, but the works: eyeshadow, mascara, and maybe some lipstick.

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Male make-up is a "tendy" thing among the young and not necessarily a homosexual fad, says Jack Winters, president of the Gala Cosmetics Group Inc., which distributes Mary Quant here. Mr. Winters added, "enlightened young people have less hangups today. You're putting your head in the sand if you ignore the trend."

(It appears one would have to disagree with Mr. Winters. He should be enlightened!!! Male make-up may be a "tendy" thing among the young, but for years, homosexuals (men especially) have been the pioneers and perceptionists in regard to cosmetics, and fashions for men! Maybe that's why "enlightened young people have less hangups today.")

TIME, June 3, pg. 46: Under *Education*, among a research firm's major findings and conclusions about college youth: "In 1969, 42% felt that homosexuality was morally wrong. Now that figure is 25% . . ."

TIME, June 3, pg. 14: Under *The Nation/Personality*, Jeb Stuart Magruder (former Nixonite) states in his memoirs, *An American Life: One Man's Road to Watergate*, that at one time he "tried to talk Charles Colson out of sending a phony supporter of Sen. George McGovern to a homosexual rally because 'it was likely the trick would be found out.' . . ."

THE NEW YORK TIMES, May 24, front page: *The Times* reports on the City Council's defeat (22-19) on the bill for homosexual rights, "Trailed by television crews, supporters of the bill spilled down the center steps of the City Hall rotunda after the vote, angrily denouncing the result. There was a demonstration in front of the residence of Cardinal Cooke, with shaking fists and shouts of "Shame on Cardinal Cooke" and "Cooke the bigot."



THE NEW YORK TIMES, June 5, again on the front page!!!! Reports on how homosexuals are gaining recognition and support on campuses throughout the U.S. It cites the case of Christi and Heather, "two University of Florida coeds who were expelled from a small college when the authorities learned they were lovers."

At Florida, where the two coeds "came to get lost," a court suit over the dismissal of a homosexual professor for moral turpitude is still underway, and Heather, sitting in a psychology class during a discussion of homosexuality, feels she has to be careful not to betray herself.

"That's the most terrible situation," she said. "You're sitting there, being explained away as a disease and you can't defend yourself . . ."

BOSTON GLOBE, June 5: Kay Longcope (*Globe* staffer) reports on Fen-Gay's leaflet distributing at the recent Christian Scientist annual international meeting at the Hynes Auditorium. [Fen-Gay is the two-months-old organization said to have 25 members who live or work in the Boston Fenway area.]



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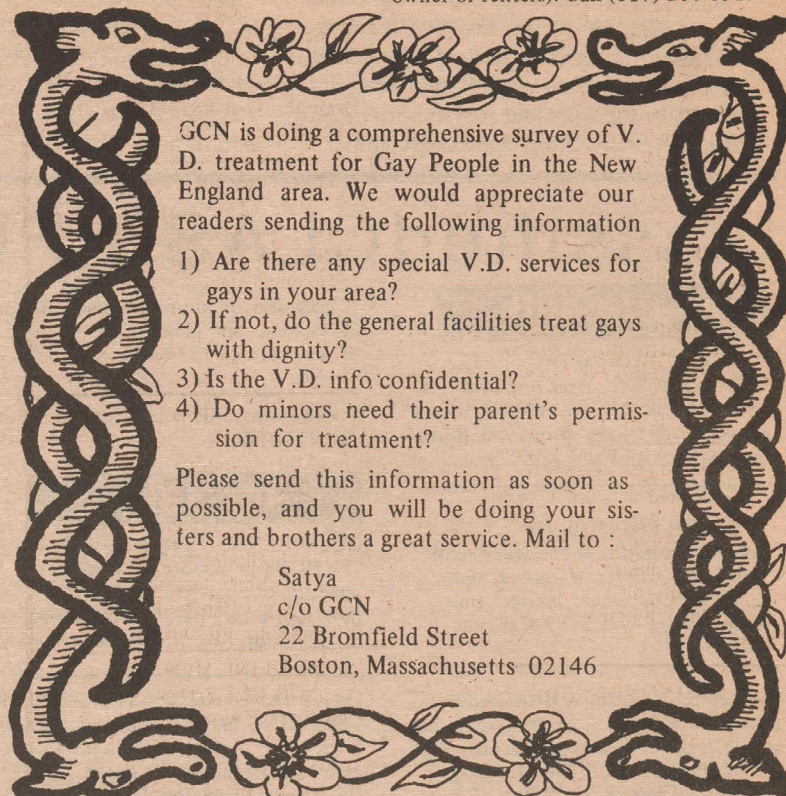
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- 1) Are there any special V.D. services for gays in your area?
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Organizing women's wrestling group. If interested &/or could supervise/instruct, call Debby at 617-628-3870

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Catch-44 this week will feature a preview of Gay Pride Week, with members of the Gay Pride Week committee, and a cast of thousands. Happens at 8:30 pm on UHF channel 44.

15 sat

Gay dance this evening at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Brunswick, Maine. The dance is sponsored by Lambda and the Brunswick Gay Women's Group. People are encouraged to bring their own refreshments (no drugs though). Dance will be from 8 pm to 1 am, donation of \$1 is requested at the door.

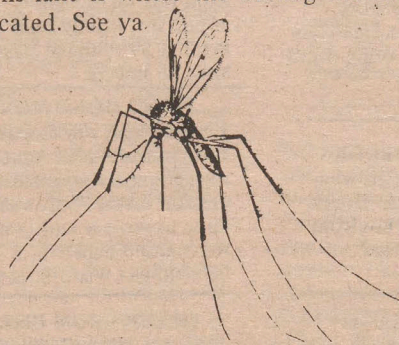


Please submit Calendar items to "Calendar Editor," c/o GCN, by 1:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the issue date.



16 sun

DOB Picnic today starting at 10 at Cochituate State Park, Natick. Bring food and sports equipment. Those persons without transportation can assemble out front of DOB at 419 Boylston St. at 10 am. There will be swimming in the lake. To get there by car, take the Mass. Pike West to exit 13, then Rt. 30 East for a mile and a halfthe park should appear on your right. This lake is where the Carling Brewery is located. See ya.



Mountain climb up Little Chick Mountain. Gay Support and Action Group of Bangor, Maine, will sponsor the climb: those who will climb should gather at the I.G.A. shopping center in Brewer, Maine, at 10 a.m. Bring your own edibles.

17 mon

DOB Topic Rap tonight will be on Transsexuality; transsexuals will participate in the discussion. Rap starts at 8 pm at the DOB office, room 323 at 419 Boylston St., Boston

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.

20 thurs



GCN First Birthday program on Gay Way radio tonight at 9 pm on WBUR-FM, 90.9 Mc. Stars of tonight's show will be Barbara Piccirilli, David DeNeef, and Nancy Burnette. This should be rich; don't miss it.

Men's Groups will be forming tonight at 7:30 pm at Project Place, 32 Rutland St., Boston, near Northampton MBTA on the Orange line. These will be supportive groups for men who want to relate in a less sexist way to women and to be closer to other men. Gay and straight alike are welcome.

Focus staff meeting tonight at 7:30 pm at the DOB office.



22 sat

Gay In Vermont will hold another dance tonight at 9 pm at 73 Church St., Burlington.

23 sun

Gay In Vermont will hold an open house this afternoon from 2 to 5 pm at 73 Church St., Burlington.

Climb scenic Mount Monadnock with the Homophile Union of Montachusett. Postponed from the 26th of May, the weather should be better than it was then. Picnic lunch at the top at 1 pm. Bring food and children. Directions to the mountain from Boston: Rte. 2 West, Rte. 119 North, then Rte. 124 past Jaffrey (N.H.) Center. Contact HUM, P.O. Box F-5, Leominster, Mass. 01453.

Dignity Boston plans a Mass and Picnic today. People should gather at 12:30 at St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. The picnic will be held at the Fenway after the Mass. Bring food.

Several members of Metropolitan Community Church of Boston will sell articles at the Revere Flea Market Sunday, in an effort to raise funds for the church.

Any persons who have items they wish to donate - paperback books, kitchen stuff, antiques, knicknacks, jewelry, you name it - are asked to drop it off at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, before 6 p.m. this Sunday.

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WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine
7:10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
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)

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 Mid-week Encounter, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., 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; 861-5495
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
6:30 pm—MCC Boston, hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3733
7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
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
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence

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, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows at 8 p.m.

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 02215 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

Gender Identity Service 864-8181
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 523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League 494-8227
Project Place 267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Homophile Union of Montachusett, P.O. Box F5, Leominster
MCC Study Group of Worcester, P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828
Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359 Federal Sta., Worcester
Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31, Worcester

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

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, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912
Dignity/Providence, P.O. Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861 861-5495
Gay Women of Providence 88 Benevolent St., Providence
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
Metropolitan Community Church and Coffee House (Providence) 831-3773
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

VERMONT

Gay in Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496
Vermont Gay Women 425-2782
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

CONNECTICUT

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alliance at Hale, 2031 Yale Station, New Haven 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
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261
Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group

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, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473