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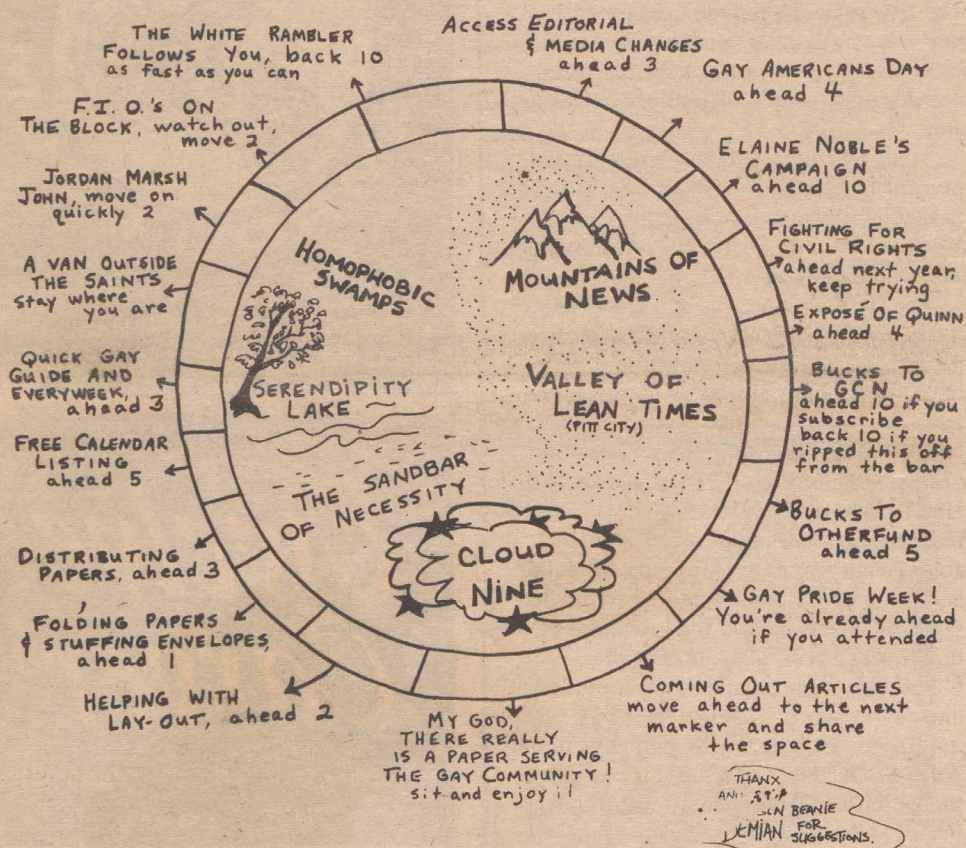
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## what's it to you?

Right now the Gay Community News is in serious difficulty and we, the human beings who make up this paper, need your assistance. Yes, we need you. Do you need us?

The history of the Gay Community News has been filled with the normal ups and downs of any fledgling organization. It includes triumphant growth and glaring mistakes. That is because the history involves human beings who are capable of such victories and such errors. It has grown as the people in it have understood its needs and the needs of the community it attempts to serve.

In the past year and a half, we have tried to fill the gaps in the lines of communications that cross the gay community. We have covered news stories that the GLOBE and the HERALD AMERICAN refused to touch, or from angles they wouldn't dare to show. Organizations have come to us with their news and problems and we have let you know who and what they are. We have tried to share the common feelings of the gay person in "coming out" so that others out there might know they were not alone. We have attempted to provide a forum for the philoso-

phies and views of all facets of this community. And we have given free space to organizations' listings and events so that people would know where to go to meet each other. We feel the services that the newspaper can provide are valuable. Would you miss it, if such services were not available?

If you check the classified ads this week under Jobs Offered, you'll notice 3 or 4 positions on the staff of the paper are open. We want you to know why. Since we have not said otherwise before, we know that many people in the community think that "paid" staff members are making a comfortable, or, at least, acceptable salary on which to live. It depends, of course, on the definition of "acceptable," but we feel that most of you eat more than a bag of potato chips, or a bowl of soup each day; that most people have not had their phones or their gas turned off because of inability to pay their bills.

In effect, by giving up most of their \$60/week salaries in order to be able to pay the bills of the newspaper, the staff has loaned this paper more than \$1,000.00 a month for several consecutive months in

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## Legislation Plans Ready

By STAFF

The Massachusetts Gay Legislation '75 Committee held its first meeting on last Saturday, November 16. Chairpeople for the afternoon were Edward L. May and Laura McMurtry, of the Homophile Union of Boston and the Daughters of Bilitis, respectively. Also in attendance were Paul Hayes, Kevin Sullivan, Joseph Martin, Ian Johnson, David Brill, Rep. Barney Frank, and a representative of the National Organization for Women.

The group was informed by Rep. Frank that December 4 is the deadline for filing all legislation. It was agreed that the gay community would center its 1975 legislative efforts upon three different bills: 1) A bill to repeal four sections of the state's criminal code, 2) A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in state civil service employment, and 3) A bill to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in general, in housing, employment, public accommodations, and credit.

The first (repeal) bill would have the support of the Massachusetts Bar Association, it was announced, and would be given additional impetus this year as a result of a recent Supreme Judicial Court ruling suggesting the need for such legislation. The second (civil service) one, which got considerable support in the legislature, would have as a basis numerous federal court rulings requiring a nexus to be drawn between unsatisfactory job performance and sexual orientation to justify dismissal. The third bill, regarding general discrimination, was considered to be the most important one, and the most effort would be put into this bill, and the public hearing for it.

Rep. Frank suggested that the Committee obtain as many sponsors for each bill as possible, from both parties, and from all across the state, to establish a broad-based support. He stated also that unlike 1974, the 1975 session of the legislature may greet the gay rights bills with some organized opposition, the reason being that no

one had thought that the House vote on the bill (79-139) would be as close as it was. Rep. Frank also indicated that the House Chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee (which hears testimony on the major discrimination bill) may be Rep. William F. Hogan (D-Everett), an outspoken opponent of gay rights legislation who currently chairs the Veterans Affairs Committee. And while this may present some problems, it was revealed also that Rep. David J. Mofenson (D-Newton) was under active consideration for the Chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee, which oversees the sex-laws repeal bill; Mofenson has a very pro-gay voting record.

In addition to the filing and sponsors of the legislation, the finances and structure of the Committee itself was discussed. It was agreed that neither HUB nor DOB should have to overcontribute to the finances of the Committee, which will need a budget of well over \$1000 this year. Plans were discussed to have various groups from all over the state organize benefits to fund the Committee, which accumulates large expenses in the areas of printing, postage, publicity, and telephones.

Many persons present were enthusiastic about having a "Gay Americans Day" similar to the one held in 1973. Rep. Frank stated that he was "scared" about the 1973 one before it was held, but was so very pleased with the results of it that he encouraged the organizing of a second one during 1975.

One reason why the major discrimination bill's hearing during 1974 was so impressive was that the Committee had gathered a great deal of factual evidence concerning discrimination against gay people. This is an area which the Committee felt that the gay community would have to respond equally well to this year in order for the hearings to be successful. If anyone could report any type of anti-gay discrimination (such as denial of employment, being fired from a job, denial of a mortgage, loss of apartment, etc.) it was agreed that they should contact HUB or DOB as soon as possible. Although no names or other identifying information is necessary to include as testimony, actual case histories are urgently needed, and would be treated as confidential at all times.

In addition to HUB and DOB, other or-

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## MAINE LINE

By STURGIS HASKINS

AUGUSTA — Pollsters were not the only ones surprised in last week's election. Maine voters demonstrated their independence once again, by electing the only independent Governor in the nation. Winner James Longely was dismissed by even the most experience pundits as a candidate who stood no chance of victory. Though the state's largest newspaper, the conservative *Bangor Daily News*, endorsed him late in the campaign, prevailing sentiment had relegated him to a poor third behind Democrat George Mitchell and Republican James Erwin. The former, long a ranking aide to Senator Edmund Muskie, had been expected to win over two-time loser Erwin.

The campaign had been a relatively mild one. Both "major" candidates shied away from the Gay issue as much as possible. Gay-rights advocates, who during the spring primaries had button-holed all party contenders for their position on the issue, had failed to confront Longely. Erwin was well known in the Gay community as a homophobe. Mitchell's views progressed from relative disinterest to modest support. The election upset sent Rights supporters to their files to see what support, if any, might be forthcoming from the new governor. Doctoral candidate Susan Henderson, a University of Maine history major, reported to GCN that Longely had been quoted in the *Maine Times* as saying that he supported the idea of Gay-rights and that he considered homosexuality a valid alternative life-style. Longely was also reported to have told Jonathan Sayward, Maine summer resident and Denver, Colo., Gay Activist, that he felt victimless crimes should be taken off the books.

William Cohen, perhaps Maine's most popular office holder, handily won reelection over Mark Gartley, a notorious heterosexual apologist and former Vietnam POW. Congressman Cohen has been supportive of Gay concerns. His Bangor office has on several occasions cooperated with movement requests. Cohen is a member of the Bangor Unitarian Church whose congregation includes a UU Gay caucus.

Just how sympathetic the Maine legislature will be this next term to Gay-rights legislation remains to be seen. Several candidates known for their support lost in the election bid. Among them was Democrat Bob Talbot, a black, who had until recently been Executive Director of the Maine Human Rights Commission. Talbot's brother, Gerold, is a state representative from Portland. Both brothers addressed the University of Maine's Wilde-Stein Club last spring.

Precisely what course of action will be taken by those who desire changes in the law is uncertain. Peter Prizer, a Coordinator with the Maine Gay Task Force, told GCN that the matter would be on the agenda of the Nov. 24 meeting in Brunswick. Prizer had earlier said Gay activists had decided after the June primaries not to make Gay-rights a campaign issue, fearing a backlash similar to that generated earlier in the year by the Democratic Gay-rights plank and the Gay Symposium at the University of Maine. Prizer said also that he hoped to schedule an appointment with

the Governor-elect next week.

BANGOR—The new Mayor of this city has met with members of Gay Support and Action. The meeting was arranged by Chairperson Danny Estes. GSA is anxious to have a positive liaison with Bangor police particularly since the opening of their Gay Community Center on Franklin Street, in the heart of the downtown business district.

In a report of other activities Estes, who was an openly gay delegate at this year's state Democratic convention, said that Gay Support and Action had retained attorney Paul Zinzian to oversee legal incorporation of the organization.

AUGUSTA—Tom Maxwell, who was jailed last month after writing a threatening letter to Gov. Kenneth Curtis when his request for a pardon was rejected, continues to be confined to the Kennebec County Jail. Stan Fortuna, of LAMBDA, Brunswick, has reported that Maxwell wrote a letter of apology to the governor recently. In response to the letter it is believed that the governor telephoned the judge informing him that he did not believe Maxwell was serious in his threat. Those familiar with the case are quoted as saying that it is not unlikely that Maxwell will be released on probation.

ORONO—Community Board status has been awarded to the Wilde-Stein Club by the Student Senate at the University of Maine. Walter Peter John, a spokesperson for the club, said that Community Board status legitimizes off-campus activities and means that additional funding might be sought from both the Community Board and Student Senate.

BANGOR—Susan Henderson has been elected new Vice-Chairperson of the Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus. Henderson, who will shortly earn a doctor's degree in history, has been active in the Maine Gay-rights movement. The Chairperson of the local Caucus is Dan Estes, also a doctoral student at the University of Maine. Beth Henderson and Estes have been active in church affairs. Last month Henderson co-conducted the Sunday service. The Unitarian Church in Maine is to date the only religious organization in the state to openly support the Gay community. The first public Gay dances in Maine were held at the Bangor parish house. Subsequently Unitarian churches in Brunswick and Augusta have opened their facilities to Gay people. The Revs DJ and Irving Stevens, ministers of the Bangor church, have been criticized by conservative elements within the local church for their outspoken social activism. On Nov. 24 a meeting will be held following the Sunday service to discuss whether or not the Stevens will be retained. The threat to the Stevens' ministry is not believed a serious one. In the two years of their tenure membership has grown markedly and the church has re-established itself as one of the most potent in Eastern and Central Maine. Both the city's mayor and the district Congressman are numbered among its members.

BRUNSWICK — LAMBDA and Gay Women of Brunswick have announced that they will jointly sponsor training sessions for gay counsellors. A \$5 fee will be charged to cover expenses. Further information is available via Counseling, PO Box 4542, Portland 03112.

BANGOR—Pickets were again out in force this past week here to protest the showing of an anti-gay telecast of the Policewoman. The demonstration, the second of its kind within a month's time, was organized by Maine Gay Task Force Co-

## news notes

### POLICE STOP GCN AD MANAGER

Boston, GCN—The advertising manager of the Gay Community News was stopped by policemen on Cambridge St. on November 13 at 1:45 a.m. as he left a pizza restaurant. The policemen did not give a reason for stopping him, but simply detained him, asking him where he was coming from and where he was headed. When they asked who he was and where he was employed and he responded with the information that he was advertising manager of this paper, one of the policemen reacted with an, "Oh, Christ, good night," rolled up his window, and they drove away.

### HUB TO CHALLENGE

The Homophile Union of Boston announced this week that it has been meeting with its attorneys to formulate plans for a legal challenge to the Field Interrogation and/or Observation (FIO) report system that is currently being used by the Boston Police Department to keep records upon persons found in suspicious areas. The FIO system has been used extensively in the Bay Village area of the city, and came to light as a result of the increased activity on Boston's "The Block" cruising area.

The FIO form contains a great deal of information about the person who is questioned, although it is not in any way an arrest record. Police officials refuse to say what the data is used for.

The HUB action came as a result of a statement from Police Commissioner Robert J. diGrazia last week that the subject of the FIO is not allowed to see his own

file. HUB officials contend that this is a blatantly unfair tactic, in view of the fact that there is currently nothing to prevent an unlimited number of completely false FIO's from being written about a person.

What is needed now is the support of the gay community. If any gay person knows that he has been the subject of one of these FIO reports, they have been asked to immediately contact HUB at (617) 536-6197, or write them at 419 Boylston Street, Room 509, Boston 02116. Although all names are treated confidentially it was noted that HUB's law firm, Rook, Roth, and Rubino, should be aware of the nature and incidence of FIO reports.



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## ADVOCATE SOLD

LOS ANGELES—The ADVOCATE, largest of the homosexual newspapers in the U.S., has been sold. Dick Michaels and Bill Rand, majority stockholders of Advocate Publications, Inc., announced Nov. 8 that they have reached agreement to sell the ADVOCATE to Liberation Publications, Inc. The actual sale and transfer date is December 30, 1974, according to the agreement signed in Beverly Hills on Nov. 7.

Liberation Publications, Inc., is a newly formed California corporation headed by David Goodstein of Atherton, Calif., best known as president of San Francisco's Whitman-Radcliffe Foundation. Mr. Goodstein is well-known in gay circles in San Francisco, having been active in the Society for Individual Rights (SIR) and the Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club. Formerly president of CompuFund Management Corp. of New York and San Francisco, he was best known on Wall Street for bringing statistical analyses and computer technology to investment selection.



## Harrassment

### At Wilbar's

By STAFF

Two Boston gay men have made a complaint against the management of Wilbar's Shoe Store at the Prudential Center shopping plaza in Boston. The two men, Maurice Perkins and Daniel Stanwood, made the complaint in the form of a report to the Homophile Union of Boston.

According to their report, the two men entered the Prudential Center establishment at approximately 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 9. After browsing through some shoes, they state that they then seated themselves in the fitting area, and Perkins asked the salesman, whom they described to be a tall, moustached blond man in his early 20's, for a particular style of shoe.

The salesman, they allege, started to yell at the two men, who readily acknowledge their gayness. He said, "Get out of here, you fags, or we'll arrest you for trespassing!" He would not listen to the pair, who were seriously interested in the shoes, and proceeded to summon two uniformed security guards into the store.

According to the report, the guards pulled the pair out of the store, saying, "Don't you fags ever come in this store again!" and chased the two all the way through the shopping plaza, down the escalator, and onto Boylston Street.

HUB has initiated an investigation into the matter with the management of Wilbar's, and a report is expected within two weeks. The two men have suggested that local gays boycott all Wilbar stores to reciprocate for this harassment.

## NBC MEETS WITH GAYS

Nationally recognized leaders of the gay community met with the top executives of the NBC Television Network last Friday, Nov. 15, in an attempt to establish working relations between the two groups.

The meeting was sparked by the massive protest of a recent NBC network program on "Policewoman" called "Flowers of Evil," in which three lesbians drugged, starved and killed little old ladies in a nursing home. The program had been the object of protest by gay people and organizations around the country.

Representing the gay community were Sidney Abbott, coordinator, Task Force on Sexuality and Lesbianism, National Organization for Women; Dr. Howard Brown,

National Gay Task Force; Barbara Gittings, coordinator, Task Force on Gay Liberation, American Library Association Philadelphia; Dr. Franklin Kameny, president, Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C.; Rev. Troy Perry, moderator, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches; and Ginny Vida, spokeswoman, Lesbian Feminist Liberation. Principal negotiators for the group were Loretta Lotman, Gay Media Action and Ronald Gold, communications director, National Gay Task Force.

NBC representatives were led by Robert Howard, president of the NBC television network. This meeting marked the first time Howard had agreed to meet with members

of the gay community. Other NBC representatives included Larry White, VP in charge of programming; Marvin Antonowski, VP in charge of program administration; John J. McMahon, VP in charge of program operations; Ms. Lin Bolen, VP in charge of daytime programming; and Robert Kasmire, VP in charge of corporate relations. Absent from the meeting was Herminio Traviesas, VP in charge of standards and practices for the network and the man accused of lying to NGTF and LFL in connection with the "Policewoman" show.

In the course of the 2½ hour meeting, major proposals were made by the gay representatives for future network policy on gay programming. Early in the discussion, Howard said that NBC was not ready for ultimatums from the gay community, but that he was willing to discuss our grievances and consider our suggestions.

Bolen, who is in charge of the daytime soap operas, agreed to hold meetings between gay representatives and her head writers on both coasts. She promised these meetings would be held within a few weeks. McMahon, who works with production houses and producers who provide series to the network, said he would let the programming sources know that NBC was willing to accept gay-oriented material. He agreed to work in Los Angeles with Perry and possibly set up a meeting between producers and gay representatives.

Howard said he would discuss the possibility of adding an anti-discrimination statement based on "sexual preference" to the NBC hiring practices guidelines. While he did not agree to take the "Flowers of Evil" episode off the air during the rerun season, he did promise to screen the program with Brown and a lesbian before making a decision about the rerun. He also arranged to hold another meeting with the same participants in mid-January to check on the network's progress.

Reaction to the meeting by the gay participants was mixed. Gold thought the protest had been "co-opted" by vague promises from NBC. However, the general reaction was cautiously optimistic. Most of the gay participants agreed to assume the network will operate in good faith and follow through on its promises, pending a report on progress at the January meeting. If NBC does not fulfill its promises and develop working relations with and programming for the gay community, direct action against the network is planned.

## Gay Academic Union Holds Second Conference

This fall the Gay Academic Union will sponsor its second annual conference. The theme is "Toward Community." It will be held at the Loeb Student Center of New York University, Thanksgiving Weekend, November 29th & 30th, 1974. Last year's conference drew some 325 participants; pre-registration figures this year indicate an attendance of 600 or more persons. They will be a cross-section of academic worker: university faculty and graduate students, some undergraduates, administrators and librarians. Joining the academics will be physicians, lawyers, journalists and independent scholars from across the country.

"Toward Community" will be a forum for the presentation of research on gay life, literature and history. The conference will offer over thirty specialized scientific and scholarly papers in simultaneous ses-

sions, several major lectures and workshops. In many cases this is the only forum for a new kind of research-investigation founded on egalitarian assumptions about formerly taboo areas of human behavior. The conference will also provide an opportunity for sharing experiences and ideas about the teaching of courses relating to sexuality in general and lesbianism and homosexuality in particular. In the last three years, courses in American universities within the general area of gay studies, despite their isolation from each other, have increased from just a few to several dozen.

A fundamental objective of the GAU (and of this conference in particular) is to foster the development of leadership for the civil rights campaign against discrimination based on sexual orientation. By bringing together large numbers of gay academics the GAU expects to facilitate the growth of skills needed in advancing the cause of gay rights and working with such established groups as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S., the American Association of University Professors and the United Federation of Teachers.

Among the panels and workshops scheduled are "Lesbian Invisibility in the Professions," "Experience of Gay Male Consciousness Raising," "The German Gay Movement," and "Figures in Gay Male Literature."

## UUA To Renege on OGC?

By JOHN KYPER

In mid-October the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian-Universalist Association voted to establish a denominational Office of Gay Concerns (OGC). The decision was the result of four years of lobbying by the U-U Gay Caucus, but the 12-11 vote reflected the controversy within the Association over the OGC. Robert Nelson West, UUA President, had recommended that the Trustees not set up the Office. Members of the Gay Caucus were suspicious that West might try to sabotage the OGC before it was operational.

These fears were seemingly borne out last week with the publication of a letter from West on the front page of the denomination's newspaper, the U-U World: "My clear recommendation . . . was that the Office not be established as part of UUA headquarters. I believe that the establishment of such a UUA office is a distortion of our priorities. We have a wide range of social concerns and denominational needs. To establish such an office with a full-time professional staff person, full-time secretary, travel expenses, and program money for one particular cause constitutes a dis-

tortion of priorities and a disproportionate utilization of resources."

West's letter concluded: "As President I am subject to the direction and control of the UUA Board and, just as I developed a model for the Office, I am proceeding to establish it as voted by the Board. I urge the next General Assembly [in June, 1975], to consider priorities in the whole range of Unitarian-Universalist concerns."

Members of the Gay Caucus have been quick to react. Frank Robertson, Assistant Minister of All Souls Church in Washington, D.C., and a prominent Caucus member, blasted West's letter as "highly unethical in terms of putting down a program that both the General Assembly and the UUA Board have established. It will make it next to impossible for a professional to do an effective program under these circumstances."

Robertson suggests that members and friends of the Gay Caucus write letters of support to the UUA administration. The address: Dr. Robert Nelson West, President, Unitarian-Universalist Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. 02108.

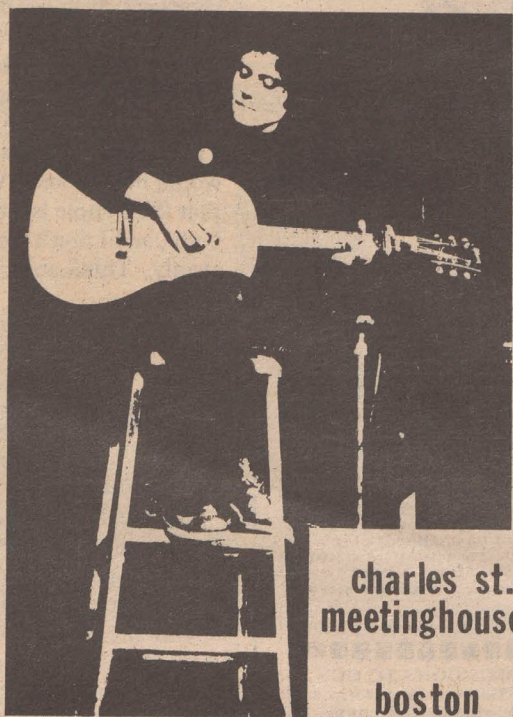
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## Millie and Ellen in Their World REVOLUTIONARY LESBIAN SHOW



Millie and Ellen playing in the park.

By ROSE FLOWER

Channel 7's *Bostonia* this week was revolutionary in presenting a totally positive view of lesbianism. The show called "Their World" was an interview of two women lovers, Ellen B. Davis and Millie Posselt. It was a homey, chatty show. A voice-over discussion presented Millie and Ellen talking about their relationship, their gayness, parents, coming out. Film clips showed them at home relaxing or walking hand in hand through the park. It showed the women as happy and much in love.

Of course there were legal problems in airing the show. And the FCC regulations meant that disclaimers preceded and followed the show. However, producer Marc

Hamilton said that in handling these problems *Bostonia* set precedents that would make future efforts easier to put on the air. He wants *Bostonia* to do more gay-related shows.

"I wanted to do the show to give the straight community insight and to destroy their stereotypical views of gay people," Hamilton said. "The reaction has been heavy and very mixed. A quick review of letters and phone calls shows that many straight people thought it good."

Hamilton enjoyed doing the show. He felt that he and the women were "on the same wavelength" and that he learned from them.

Ellen and Millie both had good things to say about the Channel 7 people. Ellen felt that they truly wanted to learn and Millie felt that there was a mutual bond of trust between crew and subjects. Although they may have had different reasons for taking on the project, all were fairly satisfied with the result.

The producer wanted the show to help tear down the straight world's stereotypes. Millie hoped that the show would teach that lesbians aren't "filth, dirt and slime, but just people. On the other hand, Ellen was mainly concerned with getting a message to other gay people.

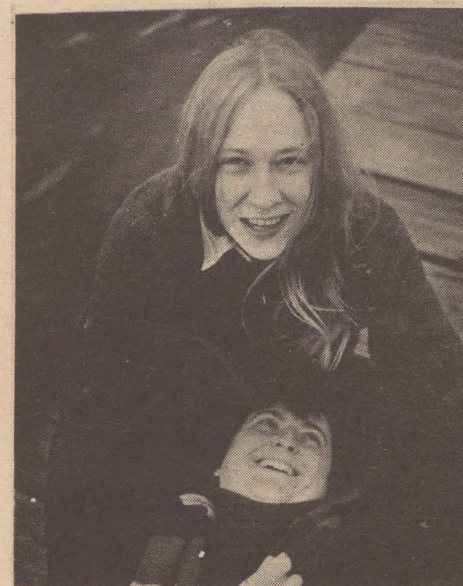
"I wanted the show to be a positive portrait of lesbians to tell the younger, confused gays and the older, scared ones not to be afraid of being gay. I wanted them to see that lesbians could be on television being happy and loving," she said.

Millie said that she would have wanted the show to "focus more on Millie and Ellen as representatives of the gay community, rather than as individuals. We came across as the neighbors next door which was what they wanted to do. I

wanted to say more of the gay community at large."

"Because we're products of a heterosexual world we did come across as just like a heterosexual couple," Ellen said. "But actually, I believe that gay couples are different; they are more aware and sensitive because they have had to overcome the oppression of the straight world and of other gays."

"Personally," she said, "I thought I looked too serious. I would have liked for more of my energy to show through. And, too, people are saying we were awfully corny. We weren't corny. That's just us."



Millie and Ellen just playing.

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# Just Another Chronic Conflict

By ANONYMOUS

So Gay is O.K. with the A.P.A. (American Psychiatric Association), huh? No way! At least, don't bank on it—unless the shrink is under thirty and obviously liberal. Some might brightly volunteer, "Hey that's cool," or some other such encouragement; but the vast majority of shrinks are older conservative uptights.

Learn the hard way: go to a hospital for tests. Let on that you are gay—by statement, visiting friends, and by asides to nurses. Your credibility is shot; your symptoms become psychosomatic before your eyes; and tests to diagnose your medical problems are suddenly, "not required at this time."

Is this a gross exaggeration? At this point, I think not.

I went to a diagnostic hospital with eye hemorrhages and other observable symptoms. I faced the shrinks, and after the damndest assortment of tests, was proclaimed to have a valid medical problem for which there is no known solution.

A year-and-a-half later, with even *more* MD-observable symptoms (including a lab-certified, screwed-up endocrine system), I went to another hospital to see of the *state of the art* had advanced so much that something might help.

BUT . . . At my request, I went into this one "cold," with no previous records in hand. I wanted to see if they would come up with the same diagnosis, especially since the eye hemorrhages had not recurred.

In hospital number 1, Personality Inventory Tests and/or friendly chats with resident shrinks were par for the course. It requires little intelligence to know the set of "proper responses": YOU—love your mother—are not overly fascinated by fire—are not married but have a secret affair with a *member of the opposite sex* and are going to be married, *very soon of course*—have a satisfactory sex-life—are not depressed—and most assuredly you are *not* attracted to *members of the same sex* (a question concerning attraction to the same sex appears on the various tests).

Hospital number 2 had the same test (for openers). This time in a fit of "what-the-hell, why not," I changed *one* answer: "I am attracted to members of my own sex."

Yes, true, damn right—I still love mother, have a satisfactory sex life and am not depressed.

RESULT: "Abnormal MMPI (Personality Inventory)—request psychiatric interview."

## Enter shrink

(There is of course a certain amount of preliminary bobbing and weaving. Shrinks, like native New-Englanders, indulge in polite persiflage as a matter of course before getting to the point. This is called "establishing rapport with the patient" in order that the *patient* might be more open (or open and shut).



## Finally

(I ask straight out)

"Why are you really here?"

Shrink: Oh, standard interview in this hospital. And, there were a few conflicts on your MMPI I was asked to check into.

Me: Ok. Like what?

Shrink: You are single?

Me: Yes.

Shrink: Do you date much?

Me: No.

Shrink: Un HUH!

Me: Whatthehell! What do you really want to know?

Shrink: (slight sneer) Anything you want to tell me about yourself.

Me: Un HUH! You mean like the fact that I am gay?

(Pregnant pause . . . eyeball to eyeball . . . unflinching, unabashed)

Shrink: Are you disturbed by that?

Me: By what? By you trying to stare me down?

Shrink: This tendency to homosexuality.

Me: Hell no. I am what I am. Besides, the APA says A-ok.

Shrink: Well, no; not exactly. The feeling is that homosexuality may not be in and of itself an indication of maladjustment; but of course, if it begins to affect . . .

Me: Uh HUH!

(Another pregnant pause, eyeball to eyeball. *Finally, he speaks*.)

Shrink: How would you feel about the possibility that your symptoms are psychosomatic?

Me: Some, maybe. All things are possible.

But, how did I manage to self-generate flame hemorrhages in both eyes? How did I manage to come up with a "markedly low" thyroxin level, or an elevated VMA, or a certified hypertensive crisis when I am markedly hypotensive? Hey, man, explain how all those things just happened to happen; and I might buy that some of it is really all in my mind. Shrink: Now, calm down. You're very aggressive, you know. I really can't give you answers to those questions; they're out of my field. Well, thank you.

(And out he went)

This gave me pause for thought and cause for not a little annoyance. *I was aggressive*, just because I pointed out in a fairly level tone that there were proven and documented medical symptoms. This, frankly, made me feel *very* aggressive, to the point of uttering the profound expletive, "Bullshit!" As luck would have it, a nurse was passing by and paused to record this on my chart. (Have you ever read those charts? — "Patient is joking with another patient not in her room;" Patient is asleep, seems restless;" "Patient ate well." And now, recorded for posterity, "Patient said Bullshit.")

I had learned in Hospital No. 1 that it is standard procedure for patients to be considered categorical idiots and told nothing about the state of their condition except in "doctorese." This is calculated so that it will be incomprehensible as, "Hmm, your T-4 is low," or "Midline vermis in normal." Ask what that means,

and you may or may not get a kindergarten-version answer based on *What They Want You to Know*.

The only solution, therefore, is to "rip off" your own chart in the middle of the night, hide in the bathroom and muddle through it. By this time-honored and proven method, I read "Shrink's" report:

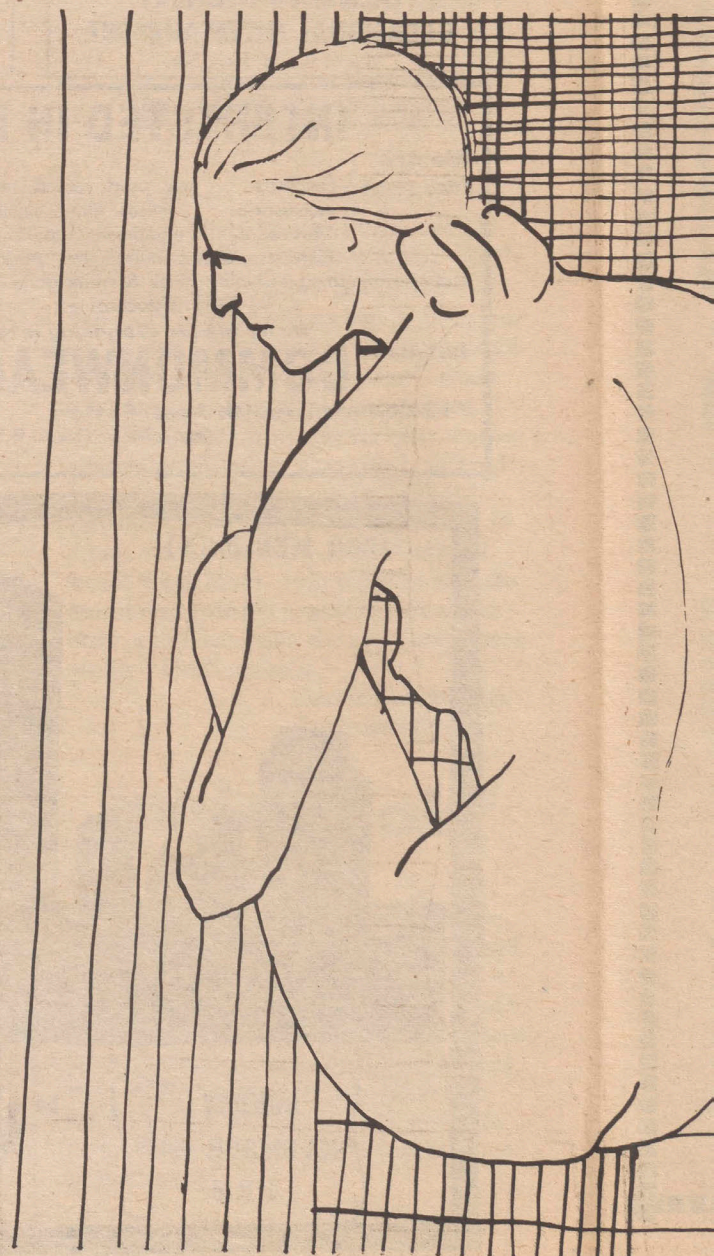
"Patient was cited as, 'aggressive, controlling, assertive, masculine, with chronic conflicts. A personality of this type is prone to psychosomatize. I would recommend Open Ward therapy, which she would probably not accept, or Haldol'."

Sure enough, the resident arrives with the magic word, "Haldol." And what is Haldol? Oh, just a muscle relaxant. Uh HUH! Found out when I got home from an unsolicited copy of *Consumer Report's "Medicine Show"* that, "Haldol . . . is an anti-psychotic . . . that works."

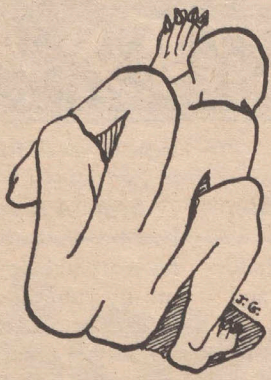
Marvy, friends and neighbors. So it works fine . . .

There's only one catch; I turned out to be NOT psychosomatic. Fortunately, the confirming tests were *before* shrink, for I can guarantee that all medical tests were stopped/deferred/deemed unnecessary *after* shrink.

After the magic word "Haldol" was pronounced, I was advised that I should







# Community Health Care / Self-help

by Judi Stein

expect to go home next day. And, so I did, with the remarkable words, "There turn out to be a few things that should be checked, but much of this can be done as an outpatient. We do not see that such tests are merited *at this time*, but strongly recommend that you go to a hospital for them within the next few months."

Me: How come you didn't check out all the things now, while I'm here?

Resident: Well, umm, there didn't seem to be any indication until we got these results today from certain tests we ran last week. And besides, give yourself a few months under thyroxin; you'll feel more up to more tests. Just go home and try to enjoy life.

Me: Which means this room is already booked for another patient today.

Resident: Probably, yes.

Me: No Haldol?

Resident: Well, no . . . It turns out that we don't think it would help as much as thyroxin. (Any reader who knows anything about medicine should howl at that line: Thyroxin, a muscle relaxant???)

Me: Nurse, do me a favor.

Nurse: Of course, dear.

Me: Just mark on my chart that for the second time this week, patient said, "BULLSHIT."

A woman I know has not been to a gynecologist for six years. Her previous exams were so painful and humiliating that she has chosen to ignore a crucial aspect of her own health care. She is by no means an unusual case. Many of us have, for good reasons, put off or completely neglected getting a yearly gynecological exam.

Too often gynecologists give discourteous or perfunctory treatment to patients. Too often those patients are made to feel stupid for asking questions; especially the poor and/or non-whites are victims of a doctor's or drug company's experiments. Without serious disorders, they are told that they need expensive, major surgery. Often, in tremendous pain, they are told to go home and lie down for there is nothing *really* wrong. Obviously, not all doctors are quacks or inconsiderate pigs. But, most doctors have a stake (emotional and/or financial) in preserving the medical *status quo*. Most doctors are threatened by a consumer-oriented health care movement when the traditionally least-questioning patients begin to organize and question their medical care.

Up to this time, health care has really been sick-care, a response to an existing complaint rather than preventative medicine. But there are alternatives. There exist a few clinics in Greater Boston that are oriented toward the patients rather than the profits. There are important differences between patient-oriented health centers and private doctors. The first is that they look at the patient as a "human being," deserving of dignified and quality health care. There is also often a desire to de-mystify medicine, to make knowledge available to us so that we may be participants rather than observers in the maintenance of our bodies. Most clinics cost less than private doctors, or have a sliding scale for fees, and view quality care as a right, not a privilege.

## The Self-Help Concept

Self-Help is a term coined by Carol Downer of the Feminist Women's Health Center in Los Angeles. The term expresses the concept that we can best know our own bodies and often what might be wrong with them. Self-Help as applied to women's gynecological care refers to the concept and the practice of doing cervical self-examination, keeping track of the menstrual cycle, and doing breast self-examinations. The reasons for doing any of the above-mentioned procedures are two-fold: to keep in touch with our bodies, especially our genital areas which we have been taught are unclean and enable us to participate knowledgeably with our doctors in our own health care.

## The Women's Community Health Center

There is now a place in the Greater Boston area where women can go for gynecological care that is relaxed, open and clearly feminist in orientation. The women at the Women's Community Health Center are all feminists who see the return of women's health care to women-owned-and-

run centers as a very political statement. Clearly this non-profit collective is a threat to the medical establishment (doctors making money from their patients' ignorance and fear). When the concept of self-help, of knowledge-sharing, is the basis for each patient's care there is at least a small crack being made in the walls of the corporate medical structure of this country.

The women at the Health Center are aware of the implications of what they are doing. The fact that decisions are made collectively, patients and health workers work *with* the doctors, medical care is not viewed as a class privilege, and they have collectively stated their political beliefs on just these issues shows that awareness.

From their statement, "We feel that sexism, the patriarchy, capitalism, and racism are inextricably intertwined . . . we, as feminists, feel that working for a woman-controlled health center based on self-help and self-knowledge is a realistic focus for us in the struggle for a more human society. Control over our lives and bodies is a basic issue."

Hopefully, the Women's Community Health Center will be able to become a vital and useful part of the Cambridge community in which it is located. There is an awareness of the necessity for an increased involvement from the community, and they are aware of the dangers of becoming yet another health agency that is in, but not part of, its community.

Their gynecological exam includes a full and complete explanation of what happens during the exam. Women are given the chance to begin self-help by inserting the speculum during their own examination. A health worker from the center accompanies each patient from start to finish, answering questions, and offering the personal contact that is often missing from clinical care. If a woman is interested, she is encouraged to join a self-help group. Fees at the center are variable. Each woman is handed an envelope and shown an explanation of costs of the Health Center. There are suggested fees, but what each person puts in the envelope is entirely her decision. There is no record, and no one is penalized for poverty. The suggested fee for a full GYN exam is a very reasonable \$15; with other services the suggested fee varies.

## Health Night at DOB

One of their outreach programs is a presentation of self-help programs and self-examinations around the Greater Boston area. Recently two women from the Health Center went to the Boston Daughters of Bilitis (DOB). What follows is a description of what happened and its importance.

There were only about ten women from DOB present at the rap, but the two women from the Center seemed unconcerned with numbers. Their presentation was a relaxed sharing of information rather than a lecture, and their concern was that women should feel comfortable with the proceedings. Part of the concept of self-help is that we all know a great deal or are able to know a great deal about our own bodies, and that our experiences and perceptions

are important and valid.

The Health Center women introduced themselves, and spoke briefly about the Center. There was a presentation of a series of slides, beginning with one of a smiling woman. That slide was titled, "Happiness is knowing your own cervix." Others demonstrated the technique for cervical self-examination, symptoms of syphilis, methods of birth control, the technique for breast self-examination, etc. There were also various slides of women's self-help groups. There was a constant interchange between the women showing the slides, and the women watching them; and the feeling was one of warmth.

Afterwards, each of the women from the Health Center did a cervical self-examination. An exam is done by inserting a plastic speculum (two advantages over metal: it's not cold and you can see the vaginal walls) and looking with a flashlight and a mirror. A DOB woman then did a cervical self-exam and everyone commented on the variety and shapes and colors of each other's cervix. The whole feeling was relaxed and unpressured; everyone was invited to participate, but no one was rushed.

There was a constant exchange of information and stories. Some facts that doctors often neglect were talked about: that douching is usually unnecessary, and can in fact upset the chemical balance of the vagina; cotton underwear (much better than nylon as it is more absorbent); and using corn starch instead of talcum powder (it's cheaper, and there is some question about a connection between cancer from the talc mined for talcum or baby powder).

There is a belief behind the women's health care movement which is shared by the women from the Women's Community Health Center, "that knowledge is power." Too long women have been denied knowledge of and power over their own bodies. The self-help concept, and self-help night at DOB spread a little more knowledge, and will perhaps enable those of us there to take more control over the care of their bodies.

The Women's Community Health Center is located at 137 Hampshire St. in Cambridge. This is about four blocks east of Inman Square (take MBTA buses 83 or 91 from Central Square to the corner of Prospect and Hampshire streets, walk two blocks east). Their phone number is (617) 547-2302, and there is someone there during the day to make appointments and talk. Their doctors' office hours (the two doctors are both women and feminists!) are Monday and Thursday evenings. Call

during the day to set up an appointment.

Right now they are offering complete gynecological exam. In the future they would like to offer pregnancy testing and screening for lead paint poisoning and sickle-cell anemia. They are working on an up-to-date referral system for women who need/want different medical care than they offer.



## Speaking for Myself

By ALLAN STEWART

I'm sick of "Gay Lib" and gay activists on political ego trips. I'm tired of the hypocrisy, deceit, bitchiness, and outright exploitation of the gay community in the name of gay liberation. I've had it with self-appointed "spokespersons" who dare to speak for me and the gay community without knowing for whom and for what they are speaking, or what the gay community needs and wants.

Over the past year or so, I've had the misfortune to become closely acquainted with too many gay activists. Several were very close friends for varying lengths of time. Some were casual acquaintances, friends of friends. Several, I'm sorry to say, were casual tricks, bedmates for the night; they went back to their lovers or wherever. Of course we had to talk about Gay Lib. That's about all they knew.

They all, without exception, had three things in common. Each was obviously intelligent, well read, and well educated. Each believed, probably sincerely, in some activist form of gay liberation or gay rights. Their approaches were different, naturally, as were the organizations to which they were devoting time and energy. As a group, they were probably representative of the spectrum of gay liberation movement organizations.

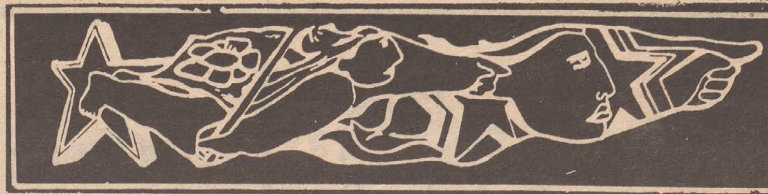
These activists all saw the goals of gay liberation in much the same ways. You can guess easily what these goals were: a

clear reflection of the outraged rhetoric with which we are bombarded constantly in speeches, newspapers, and magazines for [to?] the gay community. Gay Liberation says the party line, should be an openness and sharing among gay people; a building of a community on love, trust, and mutual respect; a forging together to change the attitudes and actions of others towards us. Sounds great, doesn't it? And it's certainly hard to argue against.

So, these activist friends and acquaintances were bright and articulate, and they were committed sincerely to a particular group ostensibly fighting for gay rights and gay liberation. That's two of the three things they had in common. The third thing, learned from sad personal experience and the reports of reliable friends, was a completely incongruous, incredible ineptness in sexual encounters. Briefly, they were lousy in bed!

You may say there is no correlation between a person's activism and his sexual performance. Someone is sure to say it is not important; that placing so much emphasis on the sexual act is sexist and sick. Someone, surely, will say it was the individuals involved, or the circumstances weren't right, or something. And I won't buy any of these weak excuses.

There should be a decided, positive correlation between a person's gay activism and his response to sex, like it or not! When you plow through all the rhetorical gar-



bage, the main point [perhaps the only point, but certainly the basic one] of gay liberation and gay rights is sexual: the freedom to have sexual relationships with a person of the same sex. And without that, there is nothing, zero, zilch. Let's quit and go home.

These people's ineptness wasn't a matter of inexperience, nor was it a question of a lack of mutual attraction. There wasn't any obvious dysfunction of motor skills, and they were certainly physically mature enough. These people were on such an ego trip that they felt they did not have to practice the very openness, warmth, lovingness, etc., etc., they preached. They could not [or would not, which is much worse] relax and enjoy the very acts for which they professed to be fighting. Yet these are the very people who presume, who DARE, to speak for the gay community!

### ACTIVIST S SPEAK

Item: An activist bewails the necessity of gay people meeting in the bars and the bushes. He refuses to have sex with someone he claims to love [and who certainly loves him], because it would "fuck up" his head. But when his need got the best of him, he headed furtively to the bars/bushes he professes to hate for the most impersonal kind of one-sided sex; a pure ego trip for him to find release. He preaches love, but he cannot practice it. He has no

right to speak for me about gay liberation or gay rights.

Item: A counselor for a homophile health organization talks incessantly about his work in helping to bring gay people, mostly youngsters, out: how rewarding it is, how helpful to others, how much good it does the cause of gay liberation and gay rights. He readily admits, however, that he finds the sexual act totally repugnant, and only permits his lover to have him once a week. But it angers him that his lovers wander, and that he cannot keep them. Yet he dares to speak for me and the gay community. I feel sorry for him, but sorrier for the people he counsels.

Item: A militant member of a gay church organization preaches cooperation and sharing and reaching out, then attacks viciously the very people, especially straights, who respond. He claims they are giving of themselves only because they have guilty consciences, not because they really care. That doesn't stop him from taking what they have to offer, though. He cannot speak for me: I will not tolerate such hypocrisy, deceit, and bitchiness.

Item: An extremely vocal gay libber admitted to me recently that he knew nothing about the leather sub-culture, about transvestism or transsexualism, about les-

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bianism. In fact, he confided, life would be so much easier for gay people if they could somehow disassociate themselves from these "lunatic fringe" groups, because straights wouldn't feel so uncomfortable about being around them. Who speaks for whom, and why? I'm not sure, but he does

not speak for me.

I could go on and on, but I think the point is made. Sex is not the be-all and end-all of the gay experience, but when gay activists try to disassociate themselves from it, they lose their effectiveness. Gay people are not as stupid as many activists would have us seem, and we judge not by what a person says but by what he does. Gay activists everywhere complain bitterly of lack of support from the gay communi-

ty, but they don't deserve the support they get. It is only because many of us are willing to overlook, for a time, their serious faults that they get any support at all! Or we believe in the end result, and are willing to support that, and let the loud-mouths take what credit they wish.

It's not a happy situation. Gay rights and gay liberation have come a long way since that fateful day at the Stonewall bar, but all too often it has been in spite of, and not because of, gay activists. We have come as far as we have because people who were committed were willing to work quietly in their own ways to achieve the things that have been achieved.

The question is, Who speaks for whom, and why? My answer is, I'll speak for me, thanks very much, without any more help from gay activists. I'd rather spend time working for gay liberation than in defending gays from the activists. That's self-defeating. I'll appoint myself as the spokesperson for me, and I don't want any interference. But when activists can stop being hypocrites, liars, bitches, exploiters, then I will gladly join the cause, publicly, with-

out shame. When activists become aware of, comfortable with, and self-confident about their sexuality, I'll gladly support them. Until then, no way.

The main goal of gay rights and gay liberation is sexual freedom! When our self-appointed "leaders" acknowledge [and can practice it lovingly and joyfully] this, then, and only then, can gay liberation and gay rights be wholly successful. I hope the day comes soon, though I haven't much hope, that I will know who speaks for whom, and why.

### LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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ganizations that will be sponsoring the bills will be Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX), National Organization for Women, the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, and possibly the National Women's Political Caucus.

Since the elections are all over, the Committee has urged each member of the gay community to meet and/or write her or his legislator NOW, to discuss the bills and gather early support for the issue. Legislators can often be convinced of the merits of an issue if the communication is done prior to the enormous publicity and debates which the issue of gay rights generates.

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## GAY HEALTH NIGHT

Wednesday evenings (6:30-9:30) at FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER 16 Haviland Street, Boston 267-7573 General medical (including VD) for Gay women and men. Co-sponsored by HOMOPHILE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE.

## GAY DATES

Choose your own date from our lists. Info includes city, physical description, social interests, and sexual preferences. \$5 fee entitles you to a revised list of 2 months. Rush the above info with \$5 to Gay Dates, Box 337, Kenmore Station, Boston 02215.

## WANTED

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## MECHANICS GARAGES ETC.

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## BOOK DRIVE

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## miscellaneous

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Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807  
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368  
Charlestown Gay Neighbors' Assn. 241-8357  
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469  
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450  
Daughters of Bilitis 262-1592  
Dignity/Boston  
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Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts  
Rm. 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108  
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Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573  
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516  
Gay Academic Union 266-2069  
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285  
Gay Community News 426-4469  
Gay Media Action 868-5729  
Gay Media Action Advertising 783-1627  
Gay Hotline (1-9 Tu, Th; 1-5 W) 266-5477  
Gay Nurses Alliance 232-6323  
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x2396  
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451  
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790  
Gender Identity Service 864-8181  
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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 Center) 354-8807  
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807  
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807  
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group 498-4244

## QUICK GAY GUIDE

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MIT Student Homophile League 253-5440  
National Organization for Women 267-6160  
OtherFund Inc. (Gay United Fund) c/o GCN, Box 3000  
Project Place 267-9150  
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764  
Unitarian Gay Caucus 282-4977  
Waltham-Watertown Gays, Box 7100 c/o GCN  
Women's Community Health Center Cambridge 547-2302  
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 536-6197  
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 617)  
Dignity/Merrimack Valley P.O. Box 348, Lowell 01853  
Homophile Union of Massachusetts P.O. Box F5, Leominster  
MCC / Worcester 756-0730  
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-in Center 487-0387  
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657  
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070  
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747  
Worcester Gay Union 752-8330  
WESTERN MASS. (area code 413)  
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154  
Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883  
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM, 91.9) 545-2876  
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889  
Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Amherst 253-2591  
Gay Women's Caucus (Amherst) 545-3438

Springfield Gay Alliance 583-3904  
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Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912  
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861  
Gay Women of Providence 942-2094  
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737  
MCC Providence & Coffee House 831-3773  
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817  
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Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield 05667  
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Women's Switchboard 862-5504  
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Gay Male Counseling 658-3830, 862-2397  
CONNECTICUT (area code 203)  
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Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520  
Gay Alliance, c/o UConn Women's Center 486-4738  
Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford 568-2656  
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281

MCC Hartford 522-5575  
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575  
Women's Liberation Center, Hartford 523-8949

## NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Univ. N.H. Gay Students 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)  
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801

## MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 1046, Bangor 04401  
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011  
Gay Rights Organization (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04114  
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401  
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605  
Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011  
Maine Gay Task Force Box 4542, Portland 04144  
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901  
Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473  
Maine Freewoman's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011  
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667  
Gay Liberation Front, c/o Charlie Hamor, General Delivery, Calais 04619  
Lewiston Gay Rights Organization, 147 Park St., Lewiston 04240



# COMING... Nov 20 thru Dec 7



## 20 wed

"Free our sisters—Free ourselves" will be the theme of a poetry reading tonight sponsored by the Boston Movement Bail Fund. Reading from their works will be Marge Piercy, Miriam (Palmer) Dyak, and Brenda Walcott. The reading will begin at 8 pm in Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., near Harvard Square in Cambridge, Mass. A donation of \$2.00 will be requested at the door, with all proceeds going to the Women's Bail Fund. If you can't afford \$2.00, whatever you can afford will be O.K. For more information call (617) 491-1575, 354-6597, or 825-9476. An event by women for everybody.

DOB/Boston business meeting tonight at 8 pm at 419 Boylston St., Boston, room 323.

The First Parish Universalist-Unitarian Church of Ashby, Mass. will feature a discussion on the subject "The Politics of Feminism and the Rights of Sexual Minorities". Guest speaker will be Elaine Noble. The event is sponsored by the Social Responsibility Committee of the U.U. First Parish at Ashby, and is free of charge. Ashby is about 5 miles north of Fitchburg near the New Hampshire border.

Another special GCN Governing Board meeting will take place tonight at 7:30 pm expressly for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the long-vacant key position of News Editor, and hopefully the hiring of same. If there are a substantial number of applicants for the position of Office Manager by that date, and if there is time, the filling of that position will also be dealt with. Meet at the office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston.

Club LaGrange will hold another in a series of free VD clinics for its members today from 5 pm to 7 pm at Club LaGrange.

Another free clinic will also be held on 2 December. Remember, being sick is no fun at all.

## 22 fri

GCN will hold a benefit concert for itself tonight at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Lou Crimmins will be the featured performer, and the concert will begin at 8 pm. A donation of \$2.00 at the door seems appropriate. The paper you support may be your own.

## 23 sat

A conference on Women Imprisoned will be sponsored today by the Boston Movement Bail Fund from 10 am to 4 pm at the Auditorium at 100 Arlington St., Boston, part of the U. of Mass. Park Sq. Campus. A feature length film called *Women in Prison* will be shown. Workshops during the day will be on 'Bail and Jail', 'Prostitution', 'Prison Health', 'Framingham Institution', and so forth. Donation is \$2.00 or whatever you can afford. All proceeds go to the Women's Bail Fund. For more information call (617) 491-1575, or 354-3073.



## 1 sun

Dignity/Boston will hold its monthly meeting today at 1:30 pm in St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St. This is Dignity's 2nd anniversary celebration, and also a celebration of the Mass by Bob Boufier, who will be the first Dignity member to be ordained to the priesthood. The newly elected officers of the Boston chapter will also be announced. A potluck supper will follow the Mass. Hot dishes will get cold by the time the services are over, so plan to bring something cold unless you have some way of reheating.



Land-crab (*Gecarcinus ruricola*).

## 2 mon

Club LaGrange will hold another in the series of free VD clinics for its members today at the Club LaGrange. Confidential testing, get it while you last.

The Wilde-Stein Club will hold a "Fruits and Fruitcakes Sale" today and tomorrow, Dec. 3, in the Memorial Union of the University of Maine at Orono. All manner of edibles with fruit in them will be for sale. If you would like to donate something, please contact Susan Henderson, Wilde-Stein, Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono, Maine 04473.

## 3 tues

Community Meeting with GCN to rally the support we so badly need. If you have ever thought of giving your energies to help this part of the gay community and have not got 'round to doing so, or if you want to do more than you already have, this is the time when we need you to be with us as never before. If GCN has been of value, if you think there is still a place for it in our life, it is now that we must all put the pieces together. Please make a showing at 7:30 at the office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. The paper you save will be your own!

## 4 wed

The Charlestown (Mass.) Gay Neighbors Association will hold its monthly meeting today. For time and location call (617) 241-8357.

## 6 fri

MCC/Boston will sponsor a Couples' Pot-Luck Supper tonight at 7 pm at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. "Vir Amat", a film about a gay male couple made by the Glide Memorial Church of San Francisco, will be shown. All gay couples of whatever sex are welcome, and ought to bring a hot dish, salad, or desert to share.

## 7 thurs

Bill Homans Jr., singer-musician-songwriter, and Esso Kugush, poet, will perform their respective specialties today at 8 pm at the Stone Soup Gallery, 313 Cambridge St., Boston. This will be an open party in honor of Esso's one full year of poetic editorial broadsides, published and dispensed on alternate Saturdays on the Boston Common. Bring a donation, eats, drinkables, and good vibes.

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12 noon-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.

2:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance gay/straight rap, group one, Rm. 108

7:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance Men's Rap, 2nd floor, campus center

7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence

7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.

7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and supp. Box 7100 c/o GCN (2nd and 4th Weds.)

7:30 pm—Worcester Singles Rap, (617) 756-0730 for details

7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323

10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

### THURSDAYS

6:15 pm—WBCN's "Rhinoceous" radio show, 104.1, Boston

7:30 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine

7:30 pm—Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Lord Jeffrey's Hair Salon, Amherst Inn, Amherst

7:30 pm—MCC Ecumenical Choir practice, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston

7:30 pm—Gay Women's Caucus and Rap, UMass/Amherst, Campus Center

8:00 pm—Otherfund Inc. meet at GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston

8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323

8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge

8:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge

9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM

12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland Maine

### FRIDAYS

11:00 am—SMU Gay Alliance lesbian rap, Gay Alliance office

12:30 pm—UMass/Boston Gay Group, Columbia Point, College II, room 620

7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union

8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston

8:30 pm—UConn Gay Alliance, Inner College Trailer, 'R' lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Conn.

1 am-5 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

### SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197

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

3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM

8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine

1 am-5 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

### SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM

1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge

2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 942-2094

2:30 pm—"Gay A's" Alcoholics rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston

4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)

4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester

5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston

6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St.,

Bangor, Maine

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

12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

### MONDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM

5:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Mass.

7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347

7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence

### TUESDAYS

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—Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)

7:30 pm—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows

## Quick Gay Guide...see page 11