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New Bookstore Emerges As HCHS Moves

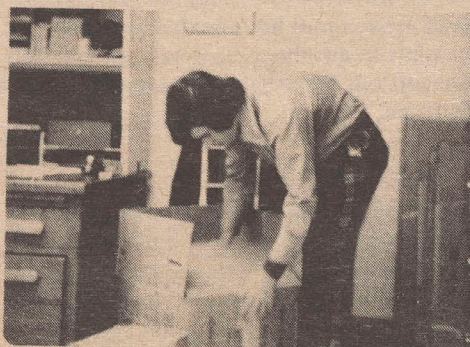
Move Catalyzed by State Clinic License

By STAFF

The Homophile Community Health Service of Boston moved last Friday, December 6, to a new location at 80 Boylston St. in Boston. Rev. Don McGaw, Executive Director of the Health Service, explained that the move had been planned for some time but that it had not been expected to be quite so immediate. He apologized to the community for the inconvenience and hoped people would be patient during the process of reorganizing and orienting to a new location.

The Health Service will be located in a temporary suite—839—across the hall from its permanent residence—855—until the new suite is redesigned and rebuilt to the specifications the Health Service requires. A telephone will be installed early this week and if the new number is available before press time it will be included at the end of this article. However, Rev. McGaw added that the new number will be easily accessible to the community after installation simply by dialing the old number—266-5477—whereupon a recording will give the new number.

The Health Service move was catalyzed by the need to get a Clinic License from the State. The old location did not meet the requirements by the Public Safety Department and so the move was necessary. A



Photos by Linda Lachman
Chris Guerin, administrative assistant for HCHS, begins unpacking the necessities.

be admitted. A name may be required, but pseudonyms can certainly be arranged for those who wish them.

The new building also provides for maintenance and supplies which the old location did not include. Although the total size of the suite is not quite as large as the old one, Rev. McGaw says that the useable space being paid for is the same, since some of the old suite, including all of the hallway footage, mimeograph room, and bathroom facilities which were charged for, were not actually useable space. The comparison between the two suites, otherwise, is a vast plus for the new building, which includes new vinyl flooring and air conditioning. It is, also, more convenient to the subway and more accessible to downtown shopping and a greater variety of restaurants as well as to the Common garage for parking.

Gay Bills Filed

By STAFF

The Massachusetts Gay Legislation Committee for 1975 has announced the filing of three gay rights bills for the 1975 session of the Massachusetts legislature. The bills, which were filed on December 4, have a total of seven organizations, four Senators, and 17 Representatives as co-sponsors.

The first bill would repeal four sections of the state's criminal code which deal with private sexual conduct between consenting adults. This bill is endorsed by the Massachusetts Bar Association.

Another bill would add two sections to the state laws dealing with civil service employees to prohibit discrimination in applications, examinations, or appointments in employment on the basis of sexual orientation.

The third bill written would amend the state's anti-discrimination statutes to

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Bookstore Moves to Separate Location

By STAFF

The gay community of Boston will have a full-time bookstore of its own beginning January 6, 1975. Donna Medley, Director of the Education Department of the Homophile Community Health Service, which runs the bookstore, announced that the bookstore would be moving to a separate and larger location at 30 Bromfield St. in Boston during the move of the HCHS (see article opposite).

The HCHS Bookstore, which opened last March in a small room of the HCHS suite of offices, was open only in the evenings during which time entrance to the building was difficult and required ringing the doorbell and waiting for someone to come down and open the door. The new bookstore hours will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday (subject to change if other hours appear to be more convenient or more workable after the opening) and the door will be open all during those hours. The store will be located on the third floor front of the 30 Bromfield building.

The store has undergone many other changes as well. The former manager had to leave to devote full time to studies, so a new manager, Claire Shanahan, has taken over. The name of the bookstore, formerly "Everybody's Autobiography," has been changed by the new manager to "Other Voices."

The location at 30 Bromfield St. is hoped by the HCHS to be more convenient for the community since it is downtown near the Park St. subway as well as close to Filene's and the Washington St. shopping district. The store, also, is four or five times larger than the old location.

"We hope to greatly expand the quantity and variety of the stock in the store," Ms. Shanahan stated, "as well as open the store to artists and craftspeople from the community. We want to sell photographs, artwork, jewelry, leathers goods, and any other crafts by people of the gay community." Ms. Shanahan expressed the hope that artists and craftspeople would contact her as soon as possible at the new address, or call Ms. Medley at HCHS and leave a message.

Another plan hoped for by the new manager of Other Voices is to include a small coffee shop/reading room area.

"I don't want to compete with the Charles Street Meetinghouse, which certainly provides a great place for people to go, but simply to offer an alternative," said Ms. Shanahan. "Although the Meetinghouse is open equally to both men and women, I think it is common knowledge that many

women do not feel totally comfortable there since, for some reason, the male attendance is usually far larger than that of the women. I hope my coffee shop will provide a comfortable alternative for those people."

Other Voices is closed now during the moving and alterations process, but mail orders are being accepted. Anyone wishing to help with the carpentry or painting, or who could donate a half gallon of paint or other materials or furniture, is asked to please contact Donna Medley at the Health Service's new location. The grand opening of Other Voices after relocation at 30 Bromfield St. will be January 6, 1975.

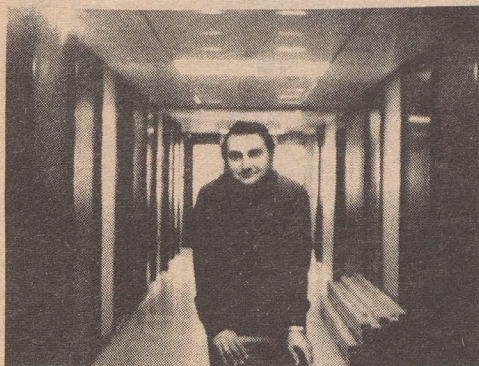


Donna Medley (l.) and Claire Shanahan plan for bookstore.

OOPS!

By STAFF

Esquire Theatres and GCN want to apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced by the failure of the film "Passing Strangers" to show up at the North Station Cinema last Wednesday, December 4th. George Mansour, spokesperson for Esquire Theatres, told GCN that he had received repeated assurances from the distributors of the film, who are located in San Francisco, that the film would be here on Wednesday for the benefit. The film finally arrived late Wednesday night, but will not be shown in Boston at the present time because it is considered hard-core pornography, and the North Station Cinemas, both gay and straight, have been having problems with the Boston vice squad. According to theatre management, on Friday, November 29th, the three North Station cinemas were busted by the police and the theatres have since been playing softer pornographic pictures.



HCHS Executive Director Rev. Don McGaw pauses during moving to dream of being in permanent residence in three weeks.

clinic license, if finally attained by HCHS after much bureaucratic tape, could help the financial resources of the health service and be well worth the inconvenience of the move.

In addition, a high positive point of the new building is the fact that there will no longer be the aggravating need to ring the doorbell four times and wait for someone from the health service to come down and open the door. There is a security guard at the new building and people will simply have to state that they are going to the Health Service on the 8th floor in order to

UNH Gays Attend Sex Symposium

By KAREN GOLD

The Gay Students Organization of the University of New Hampshire participated in a symposium on human sexuality held December 4th at UNH. The symposium, organized by the UNH Counseling and Testing Center, held workshops on sex-role stereotypes, sexual values, sexual decision-making and homosexuality. The GSO led the workshops on homosexuality, and GSO members also attended as many of the other workshops as possible to ensure that the gay viewpoint on the other issues would be heard.

There were approximately forty people at the first GSO workshop held at noon and entitled "What being gay is all about." GSO members tried to get the audience involved in the discussion by asking them why they came to that particular workshop and how they felt about homosexuality. Discussion included the question of whether or not two women can fall in love, and men's liberation from masculine roles. Most people at the workshop were sympathetic to GSO's right to organize, even if they were personally uncomfortable about homosexuality. The GSO is currently awaiting a decision from the Federal District court in Boston on whether it and gay people in New Hampshire have the right to organize as part of a state institution, such as UNH.

The second GSO workshop was the last of the day, at 9:30 p.m. The workshop, entitled "A college campus is not a gay place to be" was held in a dormitory lounge, and many of the people attending were dorm residents who wandered into the meeting by accident. The crowd was far less sympathetic than the one at noon had been. At the beginning of the discussion one man asked that all the gay people raise their hands so that he could see what a homosexual looked like, and a woman commented that "If God had wanted there to be gay people he would have created them." However, by 1 a.m., when the meeting finally broke up, many individuals had changed their hostile attitudes and were talking more openly.

The GSO members generally considered that their participation in the symposium had been constructive in helping to change the attitudes of the UNH community toward gay people.

FLEAMARKET SUCCESSFUL

The Back Bar of Bob White's 1270 was crowded with tables and merchandise on Sunday for the second fleamarket organized by Entre-Nous. Proceeds from the rent of booths is going to the Entre-Nous 'Toys for Tots' campaign which officially begins December 14th. The toys will be distributed to children in the South End. Entre-Nous President Joe K. considered that, although the club has not had much experience in this kind of fund raising, the event was both a financial and social success. Another fleamarket is planned for January 19.

PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR PEOPLE

A new Chicago based group called People Organized for People (POP) is trying to organize a national political movement around gay issues. The group defines its aims as building better communications between gay groups around the country, building stronger state organizations, and uniting with straight allies to prepare candidates for office in 1976. Their first undertaking is a national gay convention called "Project 75" to be held in Chicago, Easter Weekend March 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th 1975. Gay groups and individuals with suggestions for five issues that should be discussed at the convention and a list of three speakers who should appear please contact: People Organized for People, c/o UFOG, P.O. Box 872, Chicago, Ill. 60690.

HUB Resumes

The Homophile Union of Boston has announced the resumption of weekly rap group sessions in its new Rap Lounge, Room 500-A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.

Monday and Friday evenings have been scheduled for general rap discussions, while Tuesdays are reserved specifically for coming-out raps. Wednesday is the night for the transvestite group, which has been meeting regularly for some time. The raps begin at 7:30 p.m.

The entire gay community has been extended a welcome to attend these rap groups, which have proven so popular in the past. Anyone interested in serving as a leader for a particular group should feel free to contact Kevin Sullivan, HUB president.

GAY HOTLINE

The Homophile Community Health Service is looking for people to work on a new gay hotline. Volunteers will be trained for eight weeks, beginning December 11th or December 18th. Anyone may apply. For more details contact Chris Goerin at 266-1950.

news notes

WISCONSIN AG SUPPORTS GAYS

(GPU News, Lacrosse, Wis.)—The recently elected Democratic Attorney General, Bronson LaFollette, publicly stated recently that he favored repeal of all Wisconsin laws limiting sexual conduct. He feels that the state has no business setting moral standards. The state's governor, Patrick Lucey, speaking in response to LaFollette's statement, does not believe that all the sexual conduct laws should be abolished but did not elaborate which laws he is in favor of retaining.

GAY ETIQUETTE

In 1974, it seems, the individual concerned with proper social etiquette, should know how to deal tactfully with gay people. At last, the venerable Amy Vanderbilt has given advice to the concerned host or hostess as is shown in the following reprint from her column:

"If two girls, presumed to be homosexuals, are living together, must a hostess ask both to a party or may she invite only one? What about homosexual men? Is it possible to ask them separately, or will the one left out feel offended?—Mrs. E.V., Oakland, Ca.

Dear E.V.,

These things are often not presumptions any more, but quite open arrangements. If the hostess knows she is dealing with a homosexual couple, it would be kinder to invite both rather than to invite only one. On the other hand, if she is not sure, she may invite only one, and the one invited is always free to say, "May I bring my friend (or roommate)?" Or she or he may certainly refuse the invitation." (Boston Sunday Globe, Dec. 1, 1974, p. A-17.)

WILBARS DENIES CHARGES

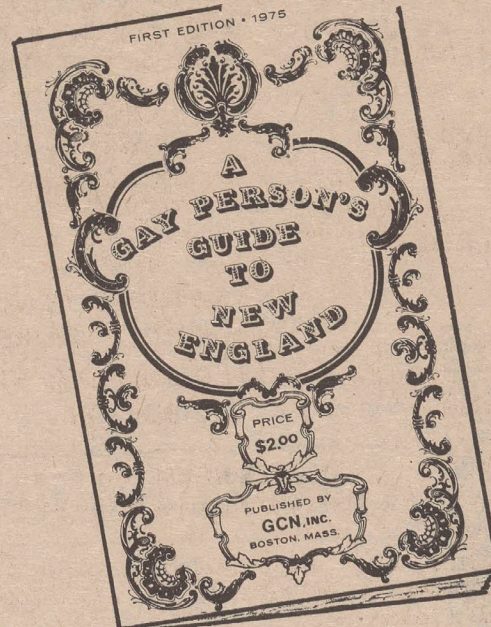
The management of Wilbar's Shoe Store has denied charges of harassment of two gay men made last month by the Homophile Union of Boston (see story GCN, November 23). HUB initiated a protest to the management of Wilbar's after the two men, Maurice Perkins and Daniel Stanwood, complained that two security guards pulled them out of Wilbar's Prudential store on November 9, calling them "faggots", and chased them out of the shopping plaza onto Boylston Street.

Robert A. Ricci, General Controller of Wilbar's Inc., in a replay to HUB, stated that the two men were not abused in any way. According to Ricci, the two men were told "You'll have to wait your turn" by the salesman, and after that, they proceeded to leave the store, uttering some words at the two guards. He stated that it was apparently something which the two men said to the guards as they were leaving which caused them to go after the two.

He said that since it was a Saturday, it is not unusual to have security guards in the store for the large crowds. Ricci claims he did not even know about the incident until it was brought to his attention by HUB, even though the store has a policy of reporting all disturbances to the home offices.

"The manager in our Prudential store has been in our employ for fourteen years, and, in fact, thought so little of the incident that he failed to make a report," Ricci said.

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Boston DOB Celebrates

By STAFF

The Daughters of Bilitis and friends, about 150 women, celebrated DOB's fifth year of existence in Boston with a large anniversary bash on Sunday night, December 8. The celebration, held at the Saints, seemed to be a happy combination of nostalgia, serious evaluation of future directions, and just plain fun. The latter is what there was most of, and the evening was highlighted by the cutting of a large anniversary cake and the presentation of a slide show depicting DOB faces and events over the past five years. The show, with commentary by Geri Bidwell, portrayed many recognizable personalities from past and present DOB rosters, gay pride marches, rap sessions, softball games—each function an important part of DOB as a total organization.

Laura McMurry and Ginger McFarland, two women (perhaps the only two still around) who have been active in Boston DOB since its founding in 1969, were asked what changes they had observed in the organization over the five year period. Ms. McFarland commented that the women are more open now, less afraid to become openly involved, to openly participate. This she sees largely as the result of the gay movement in general.

Ms. McMurry has witnessed a gradual shifting of energies within the organization. The public action arm of DOB (the speaking group, for example, and the women involved with the media) have developed into the larger movement organizations such as Gay Speakers Bureau and Gay Media Action. DOB has shifted its focus more towards the social and personal needs of individual women, needs such as rap groups and dances. GCN notes that the December issue of *Focus: A Journal for Gay Women* (published by Boston DOB) contains a comprehensive overview of the growth of the Boston group written by Ms. McMurry (who was also presented with her own cake, in honor of her years with DOB).

Lois Johnson, current president of the organization, spoke mainly of DOB's future. She sees the group continuing to serve as a very positive support group for women in all stages of coming to terms with themselves as gay women. She admits that there have been changes within the group, but says that "we tend to forget that everyone is still not out." She feels that DOB remains and will remain one of the few places a woman can come to question, to learn about herself, in an atmosphere that is friendly and non-oppressive.

GAY BILLS (Continued from page 1)

include the term "sexual orientation" among the list of conditions (race, religion, etc.) under which discrimination is currently prohibited in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit. This general discrimination bill is considered the most important.

Organizations sponsoring the legislation include the Daughters of Bilitis, the Homo-

phile Union of Boston, Americans for Democratic Action, Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX), the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, the National Organization for Women, and the Women's Lobby.

Legislators who have agreed to co-sponsor one or more of the bills include Reps. Barney Frank (D-Back Bay), Laurence R. Buxbaum (D-Sharon), Barbara E. Gray (R-Framingham), John A. Businger (D-Brook-



Vermont Covered Bridge

By BJORN

BURLINGTON — There is a gay radio show on WRUV-fm, the University of Vermont's local station. The show, called *Burlington After Dark*, is on the air every other Sunday at 7:00 p.m. The next show will be on December 15 to celebrate a gay Christmas. Past topics covered on the show have included: Psychotherapy and the homosexual; What It Means to be a Lesbian; and Gay Singers and Their Music. The one-hour show usually includes a selection of gay songs not usually heard on commercial stations.

The University of Vermont has a gay student union. The recently formed group is still working to set office hours, start a gay library, and set up a weekly gay telephone line. The group was formed to serve the students at UVM as well as the gay community abroad. The address and temporary phone line for the new student group

are: Gay Student Union, Billings Student Center, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont 05666. Phone 658-3830.

PLAINFIELD — There is a Monday night class on homosexuality at Goddard College. The class meets informally to discuss varied topics from literature and non-fiction to problems with the gay community in the Plainfield area. For more information about the class, contact the gay student organization at Goddard listed in the Quick Gay Guide in this newspaper.

Persons in the Plainfield area who want to form a more cohesive gay community are invited to write or call the Gay Students Organization. Don't be put off by the "Student" title, the group is for everyone. Preliminary plans are for a gay men's discussion group to meet one evening per week to discuss the trials and tribulations of living in this corner of the globe.

line), Doris Bunte (D-Roxbury), Lois G. Pines (D-Newton), Max Volterra (D-Attleboro), Peter F. Harrington (D-Newton), James B. Segel (D-Brookline), Nils L. Nordberg (R-Reading), Anne C. Gannett (R-Wayland), Robert I. Owens (D-Framingham), James G. Collins (D-Amherst), Royal L. Bolling Jr. (D-Roxbury), and Melvin H. King (D-South End). Two first-year legislators sponsoring the bills are Reps. Elaine Noble (D-Back Bay), and

Philip W. Johnston (D-Marshfield).

A duplicate version of the general anti-discrimination bill was filed in the Senate by Senator Robert A. Hall (R-Lunenburg), along with Senators Edward L. Burke (D-Framingham), Jack H. Backman (D-Brookline), and Allan R. McKinnon (D-Weymouth). Senator McKinnon is Chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee, which oversees the progress of the general discrimination bill.

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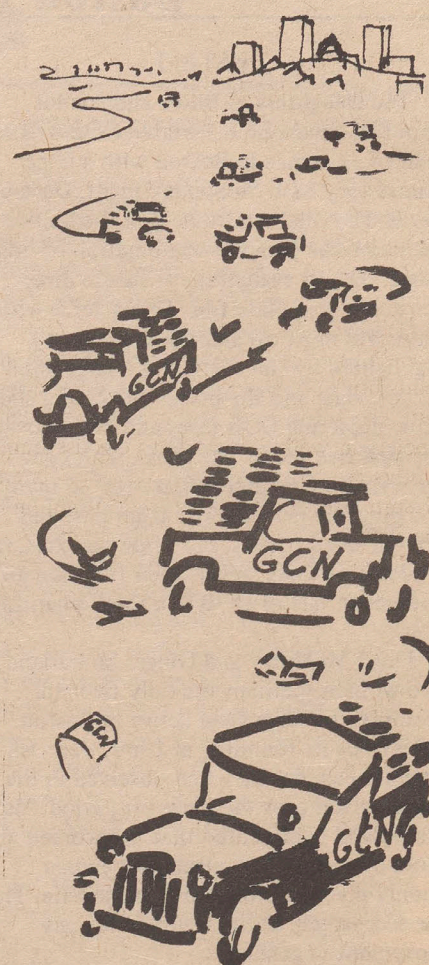
It means a lot to us to mean a lot to you. We hope we're not here working trying to serve ourselves and I guess we just needed to know that you wanted us to "keep on truckin'." We're grateful to all who wrote to us and to those eighty of you who came to the meeting last Tuesday night. We hope that you received as much information and spirit as we did, and that you will take back what you learned to your friends in the community as we will, also, try to pass on what we learned to the community in attempting to improve the newspaper.

I think we learned that the gay community is made up of vast numbers of caring people who hold an equally vast number of opinions and points of view. But they all seem to agree upon the need and the right to express those points of view and to keep the lines of communication open to all facets of this broad and beautiful community. That's where we fit in.

For those of you who signed up to volunteer to help, you can be assured that

we'll be calling you soon, if we haven't already! For those who had other commitments and couldn't make it to the meeting, but still want to pitch in, the offer still stands. There's always room for more. We hope to have a subscription drive underway soon, but we'll need all your help to do it and in as many different ways as there are "you's" out there.

We'll be changing a good many of our staff members in the next few weeks, with new ideas, new energy, and new mistakes to be included in the weeks ahead, but we feel sure you'll only notice the change for the better. They will need your continued support and love to the degree and intensity you proved possible last Tuesday night. So we ask you to keep up the good work, and we will all continue to try our best on this particular side of the struggle. Like the old saying goes: "Nothing good ever comes easily"; we feel that a good newspaper for the New England gay community is worth the effort.



LETTERS

c. falls fails

Dear Editor,

Recently I was fired from Notre Dame Hospital in Central Falls, R.I. for the high crime of talking in favor of Gay human rights, and supporting Elaine Noble as Rep.

I had never even said I was gay, my behavior was always professional, and I had a congenial relationship with my fellow-workers. But, the Director of Nurses, who...is very anti-gay fired me because I am *not* anti-gay.

I am honored to stand up for gay people everywhere even if I must get fired for doing so.

Peace to all.

Christopher Gilbert, L.P.N.
Central Falls, R.I.



Garnerin's Parachute, descending.

hail from yale

Dear G.C.N.

As one of your avid readers from Yale University, New Haven, I'm responding to your "What's It to You?" editorial by mail in place of coming to your meeting.

Of what value is the Gay Community News to me? Well, to state it simply, since leaving my home town of Newton, Mass., GCN has been my sole communication with the gay liberation movement. GCN alone enabled me to join the nationwide protest of the T.V. show "The Outrage", and later that of "Flowers of Evil", by letting me know when and whom to write nasty letters to. GCN enabled me to vote by absentee ballot informedly in the last Massachusetts State Election. And GCN has let me feel *a lot* less isolated while I am busy with school down in jolly old New Haven.

But more personally, it was through GCN that I got involved with the radio show "Closet Space" last summer. Had I not seen a classified ad last May in GCN, asking for gays interested in radio, I would have missed the most educational and enjoyable work I have done all year.

From my own limited experiences in journalism, I know putting together any newspaper can be agonizing and frustrating, let alone one that is relatively new and running on a shoestring—or less. The general economic recession, plus the fact that you are essentially without precedent, doesn't help matters either.

But the important thing to remember is that you're not just putting ink and newsprint into cavernous mailboxes and glutted newsstands. You *are* reaching the minds and hearts of many, many gay and straight men and women; and you will always underestimate the actual impact you have had, simply because you'll never know of all the indirect effects your mere presence has created...

noble oversite?

Dear Editor,

In a recent interview (NEW YORK TIMES, Nov. 13), Elaine Noble is quoted as saying (in an otherwise excellent article) that "both the Democratic primary and the election was made up of old friends and community activists, gay and straight, so inexperienced that the first thing they did was get every book they could from the library on how to run a campaign."

I find this statement somewhat (partly) inaccurate. In view of such longtime political activists such as Ann Lewis (Director of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus and campaign strategist for numerous other (past) campaigns, Ginny Collins and Steve Patt. Not to mention the numerous, numerous, other people who worked with Ms. Noble and helped assure her victory by their political expertise and experience.

M.P. Sellers
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But words of praise don't help much when the world is at your door, thus, in this season of Thanksgiving, I enclose a small contribution to help keep alive the services you provide for me and others. There isn't much else I can do to help from this distance. Go out and buy yourself a second helping of soup and potato chips.

It is hard to build an alternative life-style on one's own, especially if you're at odds not only with heterosexual society but also with the traditional homosexual society as well. Know that your assistance in this arduous task is greatly appreciated, despite how little such appreciation might be evidenced.

Keep plugging.

Sincerely Yours,
Tony Krebs

[Ed. Note—We wish to thank you and all the people who wrote in with their criticisms, suggestions and appreciation and bothered to let us know. We greatly appreciated hearing from you and will try to employ as many of the suggestions as we can.]

old saw speaks

Letter to the Editor,

When I first heard about the March on Dec. 14 I knew I'd be there, not merely as a gay woman, but as a person with a humanistic concern for those children whether they be black or white. I thought I'd be alone for it's not a gay issue per se but I feel strongly that each person's oppression is ours also. My "old saw" is as always, it's too bad we have to march as gay people. In our lifetime let's hope we will someday march as human beings without the labels.

The eyes of the world are on Boston right now and the only visible beings have been bigots. Let's show the world that the bigots are outnumbered 10 to 1 by concerned people. Because most of us do not have children does not mean that we are not involved in the total community but that we have a keen awareness that the future of thousands of children is at stake here.

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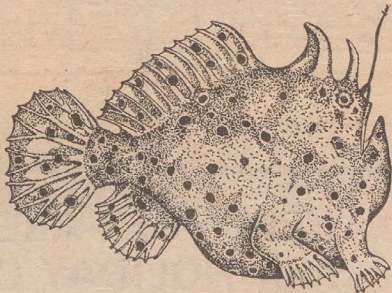
As I left the Saints a few nights ago a group of women turned to my friend and said, "You're too cute to be here." I think that remark and the thoughts that are behind it are distressing on several levels, the most important being that of wondering what those women think of themselves. Do they really think that one has to be ugly to be gay? What does that mean they think of themselves? Would they not then hate themselves for not being "cute" and hate anyone else like them for reflecting their own negative self image?

I obviously find all that negativism to be very sad and mis-directed. I tired years ago of negativism and find it to be a waste of time. WE have a long way to go and cannot afford the oppression that self hate inflicts on oneself and all like oneself.

I also wonder how the women mentioned here would define the word "cute"? Do they not see that a positive belief in oneself and the desire to be healthy (i.e. not fat and in good shape) can lead to a projected self image that goes beyond cute to being beautiful in the good self valuing way.

I like loving people who believe in themselves. To do that I have to value myself, and believe in myself enough to be able to give them the best "self" that I can. My life style comes from positive choice and not out of a reflected rejection.

In Sisterhood,
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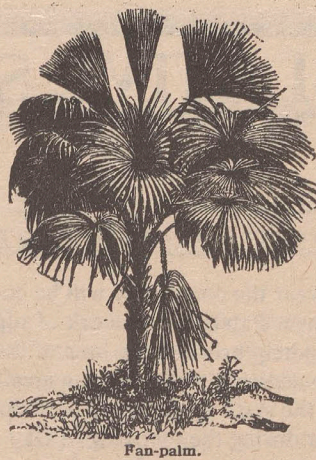
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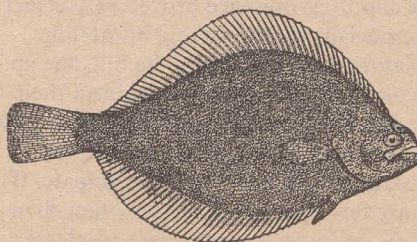
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LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY SESSION

By JIM FISHMAN

On Saturday, December 7, twenty or so women and men met to plan the upcoming strategy to get three bills passed through legislation this year—bills which would mean an end to the present legal discrimination against gay people in Massachusetts. Last Wednesday, three bills were filed. The first is a repeal of the sodomy laws which presently define as criminal behavior such as sodomy and fellatio ('unnatural and lascivious acts'), fornication between unmarrieds of the opposite sex, and 'lascivious habitation'. The second bill is an amendment to the Fair Employment acts. This bill covers a wide variety of areas in which a person may not be discriminated against on the basis of color, sex, religion, in jobs, housing, credit. The amendment adds "sexual orientation" to those areas. The third bill is the State Civil Service bill; while more limited than the second—covering only employment—this bill would still mean a partial victory in case the second bill were not passed. The meeting discussed the different areas of work that need to be covered, and help from any member of the gay community who would like to offer his or her time is welcome.

Specific cases of discrimination against gay people in the areas of housing, employment, credit, insurance are needed as evidence of discrimination among the community. Anyone who would like to offer information to help Gay Legislation '75, please write to: P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston, Mass. 02114.

If you have been a victim of discrimination on the basis of homosexuality, or know of someone who has been, please write and let the committee know. Any statistics will

be helpful, and anonymity is assured. This will help enormously when lobbying time comes.

This year the committee will be coordinating a state-wide network of support groups to help broaden the base of the campaign. In addition to the Boston area, other areas of the state are urged to participate. Last year during the lobbying of Gay Americans Day, people came from all over the state and their presence proved very effective, especially in influencing borderline legislators uncertain about the bill; the appearance of openly gay people from their own districts often tipped the balance. Also, straight groups who are in favor of Gay Legislation '75 are urged to participate. If you are from parts of the state other than Boston, or know someone who is, please contact the committee at P.O. Box 8841

in JFK Station, Boston 02114. The campaign is trying to reduce spending costs from last year, but a fund-raising campaign will be under way, and donations are more than welcome. Checks can be sent to the above address, and may be payable to "Gay Legislation '75" or simply: "Legislation '75" (for those who wish to omit the word "gay"). Gay Americans Day will also take place this year, and the exact date will be announced soon.

The committee is also in the process of putting together an information packet to send to legislators and to the press and other support groups. At least one contact person from each district is needed to act as a resource person for that area; anyone wanting to handle distribution of the packets in your area, or who would like to become active in lobbying, please submit your name, and a way to be contacted. A letter-

writing campaign to each legislator will be started, so, again, if you would like to help in this way, please do. People are needed from all over the state to write letters.

People are needed to help put together the brochure, especially those with layout experience. Both gay and straight groups will be sent information on how to contact local representatives. In addition, speechwriters are needed for the testimonies to legislators, and to the press.

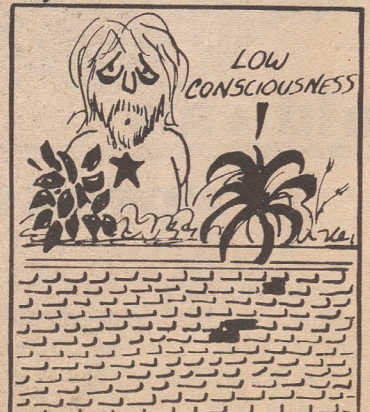
Anyone who would like to help can either write the P.O. Box 8841 at JFK, or may contact Paul at 536-6197 (the HUB office). The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 4 at 2:30 at the Charles Street Meetinghouse.

The laws as they now stand are crippling in our struggle to be ourselves and are an intimidating force in many gay peoples' lives. Changing them is one large step in the direction of our ability to live our lives.

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by JOHN HARKINS



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By ROSE FLOWER

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In Boston, Gayline Greetings offers a whole line of holiday-colored Christmas cards. They are decidedly gay. They say "Have a Very Gay Christmas" or "Gay Is Good at Christmas Too!" One has

Christmas balls hanging from a tree; one ball shows the lesbian symbol, the other the gay male symbol. Another proclaims "Peace, Joy and Gay Love."

Gayline Greetings can be ordered on an order blank that is printed in the paper. Each card is \$.40, a package of 6 is \$2.00, 12 is \$3.75, 25 is \$7.00. See the ad for details.

Greeting cards for all the new year can be purchased from EMMA, a new feminist card company in Rhode Island. EMMA, named after the famed anarchist/feminist Emma Goldman, produces hand-printed cards, designed and executed by women. Each design is hand-cut into a linoleum block and printed on a folded sheet. There is no printed message, so they can be used all year round.

One card shows three women in an embrace. It can be used to show familial affection or the sisterhood of all women. Another design shows the moon and wheat, ancient symbols of the matriarchy. A third design is of interlocked women's signs, usually considered the lesbian sym-

bol, but also seen as a sign of feminist solidarity. Another shows the sister tree in which the tree drawn forms the letter "S" in the word sister. This shows the rootedness and strength that women find in sisterhood.

The note cards are \$.25 each. They are available in black, brown or purple ink on white, blue or vari-colored paper.

Write EMMA c/o MacKensie, Simmons Lake Drive in Johnston, Rhode Island, 02919.

EMMA is a company founded by Beth Brown and Jean MacKensie to foster the growth of feminist crafts. They have begun with this line of feminist cards, but hope to add other crafts to the line. They want to build a woman's craft co-op near Brown University in Providence. We hope to make EMMA grow so that "she can support us and employ other lesbians as well," Beth said.

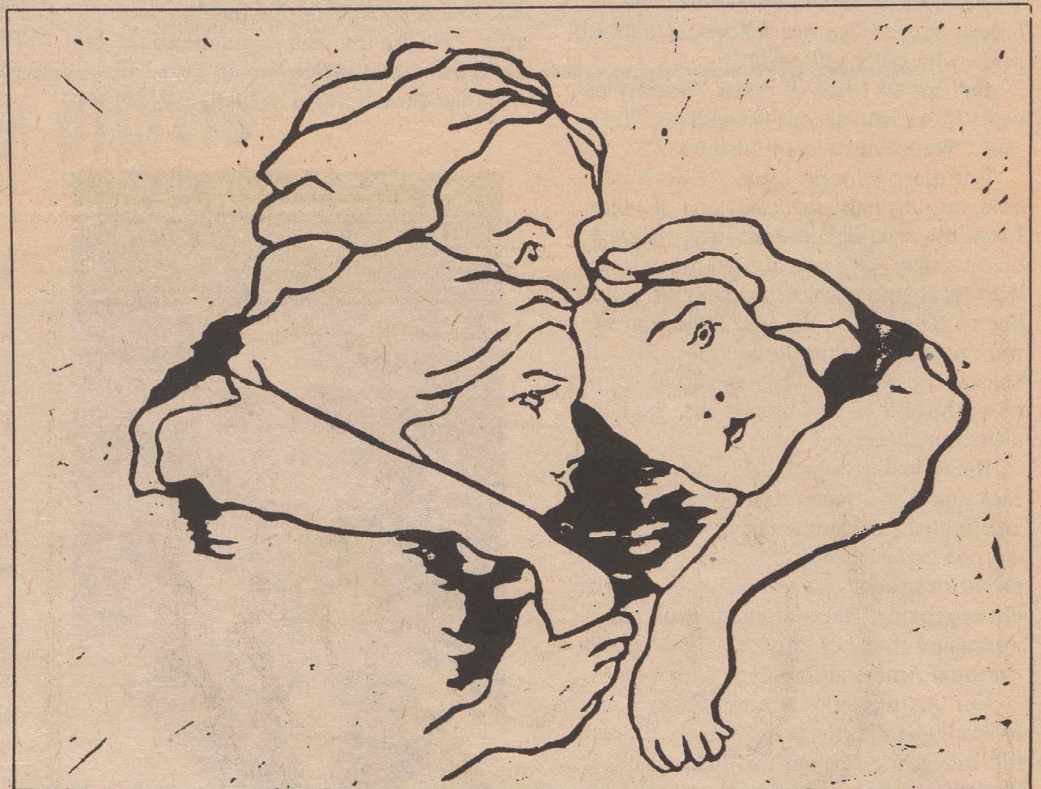
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SHOW BUSINESS IS FAMILY BUSINESS

By STURGIS HASKINS

Parents come in different shapes, sizes and colors. But entertainer Jack Bell considers himself a parent of a different stripe. Others are inclined to agree. Along Massachusetts' North Shore, Bell is somewhat of an institution. He believes his situation is unique. Few would disagree. Bell and his lover, Wes, are the proud 'parents' of two teenage sons, Ricky 19 and Everett, 17.

Ricky came first. He was a young sixteen, a runaway. Jack met him in a railroad station. He was hungry, dirty and alone.

"He came from parents of questionable moral character," Jack explained. "It was an undesirable straight environment. It's a wonder he didn't turn out schizoid or manic."

Ricky, now a chipper nineteen, works with his adopted mentors at the Citadel, a predominantly gay night club in Boston's "combat zone."

It wasn't easy being a parent. "We had to show him everything," Jack asserted. "We had to set an example—clean health habits, concern for our fellowman and self pride, especially self pride."

Bell speaks often of pride. "Society accepts those who accept themselves," he said. "We totally accept ourselves."

But there were problems. Ricky's parents, interestingly, were not one of them. From the start Bell and his lover insisted on openness. "We confronted his parents. We told them we were gay, that we would like to raise Ricky. We told them that we were physically, emotionally, morally able to care for Ricky." They agreed he should move, but his father insisted that we have a written agreement.

Ricky had dropped out of school, but Jack and Wes insisted that he return. An anticipated problem with school officials did not materialize. In fact, contrary to expectations they were not only cooperative, but approving. Reinstatement took two weeks and then, Jack mused, "We became a normal American family."

For one reason or another Ricky's return to academia did not prove wholly successful. In a year and a half, with Jack and Wes' approval, he withdrew.

Next came Everett. Everett had his share of problems, not the least among them was the law. He was on probation. Project RAP, COPE, and ministers had all failed to help. Jack and Wes were, perhaps, inevitable. "Everett had always been a loser of sorts," Bell insisted. "Society had seen to that." Everett was added to the family roster.

"Like Ricky, we taught him to trust mankind and himself," Bell said. "Everett gained 20 pounds and was removed from the probation list. I took away his desire, I erased a desire. He had no reason to rebel. Our entire arrangement has no flaws. It cannot be attacked legally, morally, spiritually."

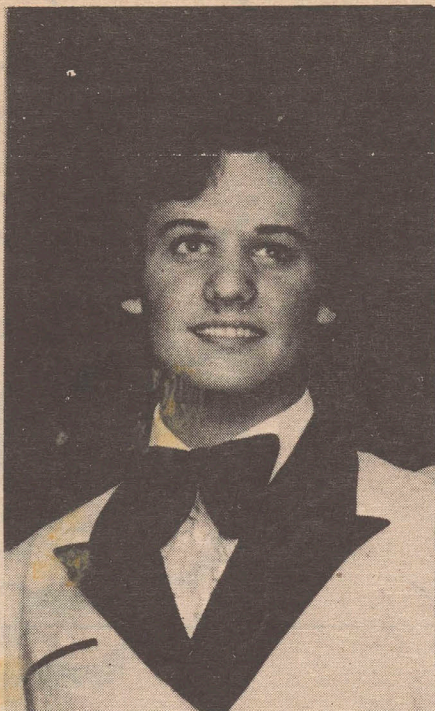
Family and Community

Jack Bell is 30, looks a bit younger and is a native of the North Shore area. He and Wes, 27, have been lovers for six years. They met on the West Coast. They agreed to become lovers only hours after meeting. Jack grew up in a neighboring town. Its modest population, about 2000, allowed nearly everyone to know nearly everyone. Jack Bell is well known. He never hid his

gayness.

Jack and Wes are not typical parents. They do, however, possess a strong sense of "family." They live in Salem not only with Ricky and Everett, but four other members of the Citadel troupe. The arrangement, unorthodox by most standards, seems to work. The extended family takes an interest in the community and, Jack says, is accepted by them. Jack takes particular pride in his floats that usually garnish first place honors in the town's annual Easter parade. "We use community kids," he said. "They do not sneak over to help us. Their parents know where they are and what they are doing. In fact the parents help too! Last year the American Legion gave us the use of their hall. And they know we are gay."

A settlement house in town recently invited Jack and Wes over to speak on homosexuality. The questions centered on how to resist sexual overtures from homosexuals. Bell describes his opening line as terrific, "We are the fags you came to see or the homosexuals you came to hear." The evening was described as highly successful.



Ricky Spenser

The Citadel productions occupy much of the Bell family time. "Our show is one of the top rated of its kind," Bell asserts. The audience frequently sends the entire cast roses and champagne. The shows vary in kind, but most often they are comic. Great effort is exerted in their staging and costuming. Everyone does his thing. "We might fight like brothers," Jack says, "but we make up like sisters."

Other Parents Organize

Jack and Wes are most likely one of the first gay couples to gain custody of minors. Generally single people and especially gay people are denied the right to adopt children. In the public mind the latter are considered morally unfit to associate with children. These attitudes are reinforced by public agencies whose policies openly discriminate against gays. In recent years,

however, several groups have come into existence or have modified their policies to allow exceptions.

One of the groups is the Council on Adoptive Children in New York. The organization consists of unmarried people who have adopted children. In a telephone interview with GCN one parent, a 34-year-old manufacturer of photographic equipment, said that the organization encouraged single people in their effort to acquire children. He said that a number of public child welfare agencies permitted single parent adoption. He did not know of any single parents who were openly gay, but he said he thought it might not make as much a difference as some might suspect. "The agencies are concerned about a number of things," he said. "The prospective parent must also have an adequate income, although the state does sometimes subsidize." Asked how long the process of acquiring a child takes, the manufacturer said from two months to two years. The agencies make a concerted effort to match the prospective parents and children.

The main reason there have not been more adoptions by unmarried persons is that the agencies are on the whole still reluctant to place a child in a home where both a father and mother are not present.

Due mainly to legalized abortion and the widespread use of birth control, there



Jack E. Bell

Weston Ha

are fewer children available for adoption by unmarried persons. Married couples get priority for the few available children.

In the New York area there are fewer than 50 single adoptive parents. About 20 are members of the Single Adoptive Parents which is an affiliate of the Council on Adoptable Children at 61 Gramercy Park.

Gays As Foster Parents

By KAREN HAGBERG

In most areas of the country, gay people are putting pressure on relevant agencies concerning the possibility of their becoming foster parents or of adopting children. In Monroe County, a surprising reversal has occurred.

Two years ago, before the gay community in Rochester even dreamed of raising this issue, the Monroe County Social Service Department, on its own initiative, contacted the Gay Liberation Front at the University of Rochester hoping to find a gay (preferably lesbian) couple with whom to place a 15-year-old gay male transvestite. My lover and I agreed to take the boy, and we were approved as foster parents for this one particular case. The social service people didn't seem to blink an eye when we filled out its many forms in a completely open way (for instance, crossing out the words "husband" and "wife" and substituting "lovers"). The boy was placed with us for six months when he was sixteen and was declared emancipated by the state. Now, about a month ago, the social services again contacted me, wanting to know if another gay male could lodge with us for a week while his regular foster mother was on vacation. I declined for personal reasons

but, as a political move, suggested the name of a gay man with whom the boy could stay. I thought that, because of most people's attitudes toward gay people, that the social services would never place a young gay boy with a gay man, but, again, without any hesitation, they went right ahead and did it!

Of course, they're only giving us the real "problem" cases so far: teen agers who are confirmed gay people already. The question of our being given custody of a very young child has not yet been posed to the agency here, but with their record so far, their answer could be affirmative. We won't know until we try. (Also, isn't it strange that they haven't yet turned up an adolescent lesbian?). It seems to me that in Rochester we now need gay people (single and in pairs) who sincerely would like to become foster parents to request to be officially approved by the social services and qualified to take in any child who may come along who fulfills the parent's prerequisites (regarding age, sex, etc.). If this is tried and if it works, Rochester would be the only place in the country where the gay struggle for foster parentage was won before it ever began.

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ON GAY PARENTS

N. Y. TASK FORCE MAKES GAY HOMES

At last, gay people can become foster parents, due to the hard work of the National Gay Task Force. Gay children who have either been forced to leave home or who have chosen to leave, can now be placed with gay foster parents. For more information write: National Gay Task Force 80 Fifth Avenue, NYC, NY 10011. Attn: Tom Smith

A 15 year old boy walked into the office of the National Gay Task Force in New York City last July. He said that he and a friend his own age had been arrested on a charge of Breaking and Entering; both had been placed on two years probation. He confided that the reason for the breakin was to find a safe place to have sex. His parents found out about the motive and, according to the young man, began daily to harass and threaten him with incarceration in a mental facility if he didn't "change his ways." Proud to be gay and fed-up with conditions at home, the young man decided to leave.

He went to Atlantic City where he prostituted himself for several weeks until he contracted a venereal disease. Scared, ill and depressed he came to the Task Force for aid. Thomas Smith, the director of Community Services, called his parents and was told by the boy's father that he didn't want to see him again. Smith then called his probation officer, explained the situation and told him of the Task Force's foster parents program. The officer agreed that the boy would be better off if he did not return home, and that he would arrange for a probation hearing. In the meantime, he said, Smith should begin making arrangements to solidify the foster care proposal.

The Task Force found a suitable candidate among its applicants and arranged for both boy and applicant to be interviewed by psychiatrists. Armed with the psychiatric reports they arrived before the Family Court Judge in New Jersey and presented their plan. The Judge sent the boy to the New Jersey State Diagnostic Center for 30 days for observation. He also ordered

a background investigation of the prospective parent.

At the end of the 30-day period they were again summoned to the court. The judge ruled. The young man was placed in the temporary custody of the gay adult for a 6-month trial period contemplating a permanent placement (adoption).

The Task Force has also been instrumental in having two openly gay single men certified as foster parents through the New Jersey agency.

They are also working on organizing a conference on adolescent sexuality for all persons working with adolescents at which time they will present a list of proposals calling for active work in changing policy across the nation with respect to providing positive services to gay adolescents and adults. They are projecting this conference for the fall of 1975.

[Information in this article comes from a letter from the National Gay Task Force, New York City.]

CHILDREN OF BILITIS

By PENNY PERRAULT

There is, within the Lesbian Community, a minority—largely silent, largely forgotten. These are the women who are Lesbians and also mothers. I write as a member of that minority, and I address myself to the Lesbian majority—those without children—in a hope for understanding, consideration, and a measure of courtesy.

First, let me tell you a little about myself, and about Lesbian mothers in general. My lover and I each have a child, both boys, both preschool age. And both of us are in the unusual and fortunate position of being able to be outspoken about our homosexuality without risking custody of our children. There are many more who cannot be outspoken without threat to custody, but who wish to participate in activities and exchange with their gay sisters.

Raising children as gay mothers is essentially no different from raising children as straight mothers. We encounter the same problems (maintaining discipline, coping with their childhood illnesses, keeping them clothed despite spurts of growth), and the same joys (helping them develop into rounded adults, enjoying their spontaneity, sharing their pride in achievement). Many of us are without mates, which for some creates a problem in providing a balanced and rounded lifestyle for the child and the parent.

Many gay mothers do have one advantage, however. That is, because of the self-examination and introspection that we must do in order to accept ourselves and our homosexuality fully, we often acquire a sensitivity to and understanding of others that stands us in good stead and gives us a valuable springboard to understanding our children.

There are, however (aside from threats to custody), three issues that I have encountered and spoken on frequently: first, openness with your children about your homosexuality; second, the difficulties the children may encounter with their peers about your homosexuality; and third,

the response of the gay community itself to Lesbian mothers.

The first issue is the simplest to deal with. Warm and loving affection between people is healthy and natural, and can only have a positive effect on children. The opposite, hiding your love and affection for another, being ashamed to show it, can have a detrimental effect. And those of you who have been around children are well aware that they are the first to sense when something important is being hidden from them.

The second issue is perhaps the most difficult. What will the children do when they go to school, how will their peers react—and indeed children can be cruel, but children also have a deeper capacity for acceptance than most adults. If a mother is open about her sexuality with the child, the child can then deal with it. Far better that the child should learn of mother's orientation from her than from cruel remarks or whispered innuendos that leave the child in doubt and fear. And, too, communication on the subject is thus open between parent and child, which means that problems in this regard can be dealt with honestly and openly. I might add that I anticipate far more difficulty from straight parents than from children, and the experience of other mothers bears this out. Another and very important point is that the emotional health and happiness of a parent ultimately has a great bearing on the child's emotional health and outlook. With this in mind, remembering the damage that an emotional closet does to any of us, it would be a crime to hide our sexuality from our children. Children can be seriously handicapped by parents who lack a sense of open honesty and self-worth, and that damage will inevitably be more far-reaching than any damage that a peer group could inflict.

The third issue relates primarily to the lesbian mothers themselves, and is a problem of longer duration. The real handicap that lesbian mothers encounter comes not from straight society but from within their

own community. Furthermore, my experience has shown me that the problem comes more from gay women than from gay men. The problem is this: since the majority of gays do not have children, they make no allowances for those that do. Children (understandably) are not welcome at activities such as raps or business meetings, but attempts are seldom made either to provide child care or to assist in locating child care so that Lesbian mothers can participate in these activities. And Lesbian mothers are in a particularly difficult bind in obtaining child care, since the traditional source of evening and weekend child care—the neighborhood teenagers—is often closed to the Lesbian mother, because of the fears of the parents and sometimes the teenagers themselves. The result—mothers are unable to participate in many activities, and so their presence and needs are not felt and acted upon—a vicious circle which needs to be broken.

There are other activities where children are not prohibited (picnics, for example);

however, mothers who bring their children to these activities often encounter resentment, and occasionally open hostility, from those who do not have children. This has been the experience of many mothers with whom I've talked, as well as myself, and is an experience that spans a wide variety of gay organizations and activities. Perhaps this would be bearable, save for one thing—the resentment, the apathy about our needs, comes primarily from our sisters, many of whom overtly or covertly express opinions ranging from the idea that having children was our "mistake" and therefore we should pay for it, to the idea that we cannot be liberated women and be mothers as well, to the myth that we cannot be true Lesbians, since we have children.

What can we, as gay persons with or without children, do to improve the situation for Lesbian mothers? First, and most important, is a willingness to understand and accept Lesbian mothers as a real and important part of our community, and as such, worthy of consideration rather than

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LESBIAN MOTHERS MEET

By JAN CHASE

Every Monday evening, at 7:30 p.m., The Daughters of Bilitis hold a Rap for Lesbian mothers at DOB headquarters in room 323 at 419 Boylston St., Boston. This Monday was a small group. A spokeswoman for the Rap said that the attendance varied from week to week depending on factors such as time of year (holidays, school vacations, weather, etc.), but more particularly on the everlasting variable of mothers getting baby sitters.

The above naturally led to a discussion of how Lesbian mothers managed baby-sitting problems. One speaker said, "Perhaps no differently than any divorced or widowed persons." However, there was an exchange of suggestions and some highlights on problems dealing with the whole baby-sitting situation for Lesbian mothers.

An exchange of ideas regarding visita-

tion rights came up and a disturbing case was related by one of the group. Her husband had won custody (uncontested) of their children and she is seeking to have it overturned for one of several reasons. One is that the children live with their paternal grandmother, grandfather and father in another state; and when she visits them grandmother, grandfather, an aunt and her ex-husband sit like Spanish duennas in the same room with the children. That makes it virtually impossible to have other than a tension-fraught and totally unreal visit for both children and mother. One would hope justice would not be blind in such a situation.

The Rap ended around nine. However, the ending of the meetings are flexible as problems with "baby sitters" and/or transportation have to be considered.

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SEXUAL POLITICS AT THE GAU

By JOHN KYPER

The Gay Academic Union held its second annual conference during the Thanksgiving weekend at New York University's Loeb Student Center. Entitled "Toward Community," the conference sought to examine the issue of male-female cooperation within the GAU and in the gay movement in general.

Attendance at the two day conference was 400 men and 200 women. With the exception of the opening and closing sessions, the program was effectually segregated. Major workshops and social events functioned to separate men and women, and there was an undercurrent of mutual hostility.

I resented being made to feel a captive audience to the in-fighting of New York movement politics. Fortunately, many others of both sexes seemed to agree, and the conference did not repeat the futile confrontation of last June's Gay Pride rally in Central Park. (There Lesbian Feminist Jean O'Leary was roundly booed by men when she demanded that the gay movement must also become feminist.)

Thus follow my necessarily partial observations on the weekend:

The keynote session on Friday, "The Social Visions: Separatism and Unity," examined the possibility—and desirability—of a movement of both lesbians and gay males.

Charlotte Bunch viewed separatism as a present necessity. "I have no illusions that the gay movement and the women's movement would have taken lesbians seriously had we not organized separately." She added, "I want to end that separatism as soon as possible, but first we must eliminate the reasons that cause it." These she named as male supremacy and the attitude implicit in gay civil rights efforts that "we're just like straights." Because straight society is destructive of women, we must challenge all male privileges. We must examine the realities of gay life, including why males have more money and more access to the media. Her remarks elicited mixed support and discomfort from males in the audience.

Bert Hansen echoed her sentiments with a few observations of his own: Male separatism has long been pervasive in the gay community, and he cited the sexism of *The Advocate* as an example. The gay movement is in danger of being co-opted into a reformist movement, revealing the need for a radical feminism to expose the oppressions that exist. Nevertheless, he felt a unified GAU was necessary because of the many common interests and the need for men to learn from women. To an extent, separatism is a luxury of large city movements, which smaller communities (like Binghamton, NY, where he teaches) cannot afford.

Longtime activist Barbara Gittings addressed an appeal to gay commonality: "Separatism to me comes close to the notion that anatomy is destiny." But Julia Stanley counseled withdrawal from male-dominated society, so that lesbians can create their own power, rather than trying to take it from men.

Wayne Dynes warned of "the new penitentialism," in which "men must flagellate themselves for being men." This danger was most evident in John Stoltenberg's workshop critique of gay male liberation. Seemingly, we are damned if we do and damned if we don't—if we organize with women we are male supremacist, and if we organize ourselves we are using our privilege of male bonding—in either case we serve the ends of the patriarchy. He delivered his document with an air of finality that sought to close off debate. *Nothing* we poor benighted males can do for ourselves could accomplish anything, the logical reverse of the Freudian dictum that anatomy=destiny.

Just as I was beginning to grumble that he was serving us warned over Kenneth Pitchford, Stoltenberg passed out copies of Pitchford's *Double-F* journal and a list of feminists we should read. Appropriately, those in the audience who challenged his assertions included Charley Shively and Allen Young, two faggot writers whose attempts to deal with male sexism and sexuality got them included in *Double-F*'s diatribe listing "The Gay Enemy."

More successful were the workshops on gay male literature, lifestyles and identity.

There were also scholarly papers on such subjects as the German gay movement (1865-1935), homophobia, gay genocide from Leviticus to Hitler, gay history, and the gay ghetto. Gay Legal Issues was the only workshop I attended that was even integrated between men and women. It dealt with the more practical matters of gay students' rights in high school and college, immigration, and developing paralegal services.

There were fewer women's workshops, and I wish I knew more about them. The atmosphere of the conference seemed calculated to discourage contact between the

sexes. Some recriminations: One male disparaged the men organizing the conference as "male lesbians," and hoped that the women would separate from GAU as soon as possible. On another occasion a lesbian workshop refused to vacate when its time was up, forcing the New England caucus to find another room.

A Connecticut professor told the New England caucus he was appalled that so few women on the panels had academic credentials. Other caucus members, of both sexes, were equally appalled by his attitude. The women were outnumbered and "less qualified" both by the male su-

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The View from the Closet

THE BITTER AND THE SWEET

By A. NOLDER GAY

For the next week or so the Boston Ballet under Arthur Fiedler's direction are presenting us with their annual holiday gift, Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," whose fanciful, sugary quality goes so well with dreams of Christmas Eve. Yet there was a bitter element in Tchaikovsky's life, stemming in part from his times and in greater measure from his inability to come to terms with his gayness.

He was a classic type of the untogether homosexual: touchy, hypochondriac, guilt-ridden, alcohol-dependent, unable to achieve stability, uncompensated by fame for his sense of inner *malaise*. Additionally, his pursuit of a mad dream of "normal" domesticity which would quiet the (accurate) gossip about his life-style led to a disastrous marriage, against the advice of his homosexual brother Modest and others who knew. Ironically enough, his death from cholera was triggered by heedlessly drinking unboiled water while upset over a tiff with a woman who was blackmailing him over his relationship with her son.

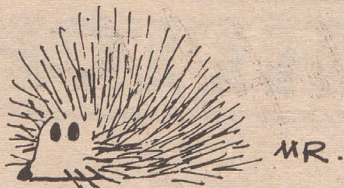
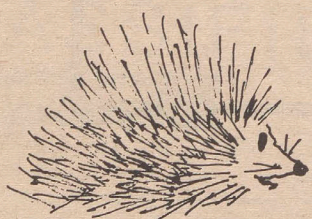
"Nutcracker" is perhaps the extreme of Tchaikovsky's addiction to prettifying life rather than engaging with it, and some might see in his preoccupation with confections of this sort an escapist compensation for the bitterness of his personal life. Yet neither for Tchaikovsky nor for us is escape or the exaggeration of opposites a mature, together response to the problem of living as a healthy homosexual, as liberating as fantasy and playfulness can be.

What we need to develop is self-acceptance, which permits us to reconcile the

bitter with the sweet: and then to fashion out of them a statement which breaks through self-understanding, the key to liberation. In his later symphonies the composer appears to reach this level of articulate self-awareness and partial transcendence. His programme for the Fifth leaves no doubt that the early part of that work addresses his conflict over his homosexuality. And "certainly he composed few more explicit love scenes in the whole of his music," comments John Warrack, his latest biographer, concerning the second movement.

Yet in later portions of the Fifth, Tchaikovsky escapes into what were for him the twin anodynes of ballet and bombast. It is not until his Sixth, the "Pathétique," that he finally faces up to his nature and condition. "There can be little doubt," writes Warrack, "that what is here composed is a further engagement of the real emotional problem of his life." The symphony is dedicated to his gay nephew, Vladimir (Bob) Davidov; a gay person might speculate that the composer's "more than platonic" relationship with his young nephew had something to do with the mood and tragic resolution of this impressive symphonic statement.

Warrack's *Tchaikovsky* (1973), written for the general reader, is superbly illustrated with pictures drawn from the composer's time and beautiful present-day color shots of the places he loved. Musically inclined gays may well put it on their Christmas lists, especially after seeing "Nutcracker." And if you can't afford its \$14.95 price alone, find a friend who will share its cost and give it to each other. Then you can read it together, *a la* Paolo and Francesca da Rimini (whose story also attracted Tchaikovsky's symphonic talents), and have a *really* gay Christmas!



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premacy of academia. Earlier Charley Shively had told of his experience on Boston State College's tenure committee, where women were systematically denied promotion, and men's letters of recommendation almost invariably contained the sentence, "He has a charming wife, who is also a good hostess."

Members of both the New England and the men's caucuses were disturbed by the segregation of the conference. Males especially felt deprived, and a recommendation by the men's caucus that one women's panel at next year's conference be opened to men who want to discuss feminsit issues was passed in the final minutes. Another important resolution, recognizing bisexuals' participation, was ammended to include gay youth and other erotic minorities, then got lost in the disruption when someone from the floor started to scream that the conference was dominated by "middle class maggots."

Closing speakers touched upon the danger of GAU's becoming an elitist organization divorced from the rest of the gay community. Steve Bull of the University of Maine Wilde-Stein Club complained that the top-heavy academic emphasis ignored the viewpoint of students, who made up a majority of the conference.

Sidney Abbott summarized the positive and negative aspects of separatism. She said she understood how men felt threatened when women returned from their separate sessions with renewed confidence in themselves. Martin Duberman said he felt that the men in GAU had spent too much energy on socializing and consciousness raising, which he attributed to male selfishness and the American desire for perfection.

Both speakers emphasized that GAU must face the issues of race and class, as well as the needs of the gay community. At this second conference Duberman best described my own feelings as "less exultant than last year and far more confused," a "new uncertainty" he felt was probably positive: "We've gotten down to the tough issues of our commonality and our differences."

One last complaint: The conference was too compressed and should have been spread over three days. Or else offer fewer papers and discussions, which doubtless would have been a deprivation to our collective academic/literary ego trips.

CHILDREN

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rebuff. This alone can make a vast difference in the isolation from or unity with her community that a Lesbian mother feels.

Next, in planning activities, take a moment to consider what provisions might be made to allow gay mothers to participate. (Sometimes this is as simple as, for example, noting on an announcement for a picnic that children may attend.)

Further, ways can and should be sought to include children in a creative way in community activities. This approach can provide learning and growing opportunities for both children and adults. For example, at social activities (especially those held in the daytime or early evening) plan one or two activities that children and adults might enjoy together—games, songs, contests are some. This is far more enjoyable and profitable for all than is simple custodial care. These things do not place a heavy demand on those without children, but can make a world of difference to a gay mother and her children—and give an extra dimension to the lives of those without children. Think about it.

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Talking Politics

By DAVID P. BRILL

"The Party's Over!" yelled Governor Sargent, as he begged the Republican State Committee for its endorsement. Sarge knew that if he were to be re-elected as a Republican, he would have to shake the party label in this 2-1 Democratic state.

Significantly, over 45 candidates for the legislature chose to run for office this year neither as Democrats nor Republicans, but as "Independents."

Political-action groups like CPPAX have abandoned the party-line, and have offered its support to candidates of both parties, such as Democratic Congressman Robert Drinan, or Republican Middlesex County Sheriff John Buckley.

All these machinations indicate a growing dissatisfaction with the party-system as we now know it. The system's detractors insist that there are too few valid purposes for the Democratic/Republican shtick, and that persons interested in action had better travel routes outside of the party system. The structure and purposes of the parties, not the elephant and donkeys themselves, they say have outlived their usefulness.

They may be right.

Prior to the September primary election, Sec. of State-elected Paul Guzzi, who was, at that time, still running against John F. X. Davoren, was asked by WBZ reporter Jack Cole if he would support sen. John Quinlan in the general election if he (Guzzi) did not beat Davoren.

"NO," was Guzzi's reply.

And it is that which causes one to ponder. Guzzi had been blasting Davoren for almost a year, attacking him with a passion, performing embarrassing stunt ads on television that were dramatic to the point of being unethical. Guzzi charged Davoren with making a shambles out of the state secretary's office, of being a bumble-brained bulldozer, and of being a chronically absentee official. (Quinlan, a supporter of much of the same type of progressive election-law reforms as Guzzi, was saying the same of Davoren.)

So if Davoren won the primary, why would Guzzi support him—especially after all those months of tirades and castigations? You guessed it: Party Loyalty.

Or take another case in point: The race for Attorney General this year was the most botched-up in history, with no one candidate having all the proper qualifications, the sensitivity to labor, the devotion to civil liberties causes, and the rights of women to satisfy a majority of the gay community. The best candidate was Bill Cowin, a Republican candidate in the primary, who came in third, and was endorsed by ADA. (State Senator Irving Fishman of Newton would have been better off running for AG instead of pitting himself against Brookline Senator Jack Backman, and he should have considered it.)

But what happened here? War-horse Frank Bellotti, making his fourth, (or was it fifth? sixth maybe?) try for elective office since 1962 finally was nominated in September. During the campaign for the final election, a letter endorsing his candidacy was sent out to members of various Democratic City and Town Committees, political organizations, and membership organizations.

The letter was signed by Barney Frank, his sister Ann Lewis (an officer of the National Women's Political Caucus), Senator Ed Burke of Framingham (who sponsored one of this year's gay rights bills), Rep. David Mofenson of Newton, and Boston City Councillor Larry DiCara: All persons whose positions on the issue of gay rights is supportive and strong. What about Bellotti:

He is against the right to abortion, says he would have nothing to do with repealing the sodomy laws, is opposed to the prison furlough system, has stated that he would not support legislation to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, and off-and-on hides behind the shelter of the AG's office, saying, "It's really not the Attorney General's business, anyway," knowing full-well that the AG packs a great deal of clout regarding cer-

tain legislative areas.

Why then, would Barney and Ann and Ed and David and Larry throw their support to Bellotti when the ideological gap between them is greater than the length of the Cape Cod sea-shore?? How could Barney Frank team up with a political figure whose greatest ally is retiring Rep. George DiLorenzo of East Boston, whose race-baiting demagoguery was rejected by the voters of the Suffolk and Middlesex District in his bid for state Senate? The answer? Party Loyalty.

What price Party Loyalty?

Does it mean that Barney *et als* would have supported Atty. General Quinn, and outspoken opponent of gay rights, over Governor Sargent, an acceptable pro-gay official, in the event the former had won the primary instead of Michael Dukakis?

If Republican Rep. Barbara Gray of Framingham (who sponsored all of this year's anti-discrimination legislation) were somehow redistricted and gerrymandered to run against Democratic Rep. Gerald Lobmard of Fitchburg (who makes Nebraska Senator Roman Hruska look decent), who would these party loyalists tell us to go with?

There is a problem here. I am a Democrat, and am a member of my local Democratic Town Committee. But I do not eat, drink, breathe, and always necessarily think Democrat (although some people certainly do.). It should not be necessary for any person to sacrifice personal values and principles in the name of party loyalty.

The parties are only as good as the people that run them. There can be good Democrats, and good Republicans both. And since the two-party system is just about the only one we have to work with, it is very necessary for the gay community to integrate itself as a part of the revitalization of the two parties.

But loyalty to one's principles and beliefs is higher than any such Party Loyalty, and it is vitally important not to be misled by those who would teach otherwise.

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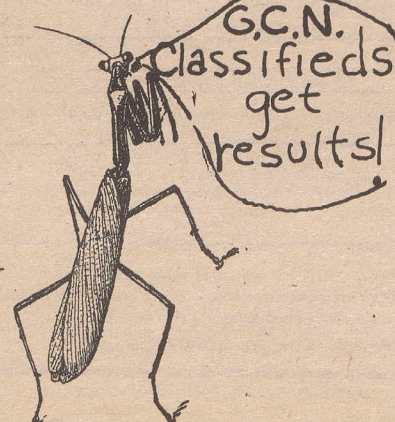
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The Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter, Box 4542, Portland, Me. 04112. Subscription \$3.00/yr.

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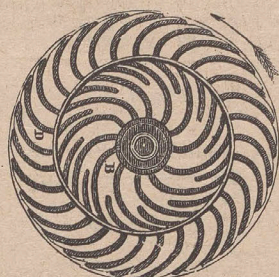
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