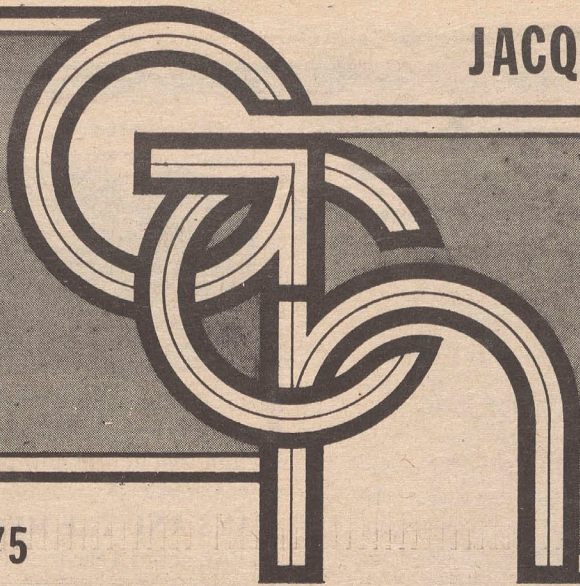


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Reaction Positive to Senator's Coming Out

By TOM HURLEY

A month after coming out, Allan H. Spear feels "really, really good." That's not an unusual reaction for a gay person who takes the first giant step out of the closet, but it's a heartening reaction from a person who puts a political career on the line by publicly announcing his sexual preference. The first-term Minnesota state senator has reason to feel good: response to *The Minneapolis Star's* December 9 interview has been overwhelmingly favorable. His colleagues in state government, the members of the Democratic-Farmer-Laborite Party to which he belongs, the academic community at the University of Minnesota where he teaches, and, most importantly, his constituents in the 57th senatorial district, have given him very strong support.

So when Spear says "I feel really, really good now. I have to admit a week before [the announcement] and just after, I was very apprehensive. I imagined the front page story, the blunt headline. But now I have no private ambivalence. It's now other people's problem." One realizes Spear's feelings are more than personal exhilaration and certainly not a simple show of bravado. They're based on a reading of the changing political climate. Elaine Noble gets elected in Massachusetts; Allan Spear comes out while in office in Minnesota. No huge public outcries, no calls for resignation. Politicians are no longer going to be judged on sexual preference but on political performance.

Despite his good feelings now, Spear did not arrive overnight at his decision to go



Minnesota State Senator Allan Spear

public as a gay state senator. "It's something I'd been thinking about since getting elected. Up to now I had always found some compelling reason not to come out." One major reason was the fear that he would become so completely identified with gay rights that his legislative record and involvement with other issues would be overshadowed.

But his gay activism was pushing him out. Spear was one of the founders of the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights and

became a co-chairperson last June. That same month he was the principal speaker at the Minneapolis Gay Pride Week Rally. While he discouraged media coverage of his speech, he spoke openly, as a gay person.

As Spear looked toward the 1975 legislative session, he decided he did not want to remain silent during debate on a gay anti-discrimination bill as he had in 1973. "I had been active enough that it would

have been ludicrous not to come out." And the November 5th election of openly gay Elaine Noble to the Massachusetts House of Representatives gave him the shove he needed.

As the new session approached, Spear reflected that late 1974, halfway through his first four year term, would be the perfect time to come out. He would have two years of legislative work behind him and two more years to prove that openly gay senator Spear could be as effective in a wide range of areas as bachelor, University of Minnesota scholar and teacher.

The mechanics of his announcement had been worked out months before. After he had helped found the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights, Spear says, Deborah Howell of *The Minneapolis Star* called him and pointed out that whether he wanted them to or not, his activities were leading him toward a public announcement. When the time came, Howell said, she would be eager to do an interview and write the story.

Spear made the actual decision to come out while attending the Thanksgiving weekend national conference of the Gay Acade-

mic Union in New York. There he talked about his "experiences in running for office and as a person in the process of coming out", during a panel discussion on male gay identity. When he returned to Minneapolis, Spear called his political allies and told them an announcement was coming. Although, says Spear, most people in the

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BEWARE

GCN has received a second report of a man in his late twenties or early thirties who has been attempting to assault and rob gay men by going home with them from 1270. (First story, see GCN Dec. 7)

The man's *modus operandi* involves his supposed "brother" who is allegedly a police officer. The man, who was first identified as "John Ford", speaks of his admiration for his police officer-brother's leather police jacket, and has tried to gain entry to other gays' homes by asking to "borrow his jacket". The man has been seen in both the 1270 and The Shed.

This man has been charged with the brutal beating and robbery of one gay man, and the attempted robbery of another, and should be considered extremely dangerous. Anyone having further information regarding similar incidents should immediately contact Gary Hayes in the office of the Boston Police Commissioner (536-6700), as well as GCN.

NOBLE FETED AT INAUGURAL

State Rep. Elaine Noble of Boston held her "Inaugural Gala" last Saturday evening, January 11, at the elegant Louis XIV Ballroom of the Hotel Somerset, as approximately 300 guests joined her to celebrate her electoral victory of last November 6.

The event, which included a full-course chicken dinner, was attended by representatives of many diverse groups. State Senator Betty Hudson of Connecticut, and State Rep. Gary Parker of New Hampshire, two of Rep. Noble's out-of-state office-holding well-wishers, were in attendance, as was Roberta Benjamin, former president of the National Organization for Women. Other notable present included Boston Police Superintendent-in-Chief Joseph M. Jordan; Ann Lewis, Noble's close friend and an officer of the National Women's Political Caucus, who came representing Mayor White; Michael Rotenberg, Chairman of Boston's Ward Five Democratic City Committee; and Marilyn Salinger, reporter from WNAC, who provided the Noble campaign with extensive media coverage.

Following the dinner, former campaign

manager Ann Maguire addressed the group and expressed her thanks to the various individual campaign workers for their energies. Maguire then turned the program over to Philip Sears Castle, who claimed that "six months ago I didn't even know who Elaine Noble was". Castle, emcee for the evening, then proceeded to introduce the head table guests.

They included Paul Bentley, manager of Sporters; Bob White of 1270; Ann Lewis; Rep. Noble; Noble confidante Kay Longcope; and three persons whose energetic assistance was singled out several times during the course of the evening: Campaign co-ordinator Virginia Hurley, her husband Thomas, and their young son, Tommy.

Many of those in attendance were Noble's constituents in the Sixth Suffolk District, which centers around Boston's Fenway area, as was evidenced by the large bloc of elderly women present. Attending were gay and straight men and women, attired in everything from tuxedos and gowns to blue jeans.

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Joseph M. Jordan (left), Superintendent-in-Chief of the Boston Police Department, Ms. Jordan and Marilyn Salinger (right), WNAC-TV reporter at Rep. Noble's Inaugural.

GSO REACTION

By JACK ARMSTRONG

The University of New Hampshire trustees are expected to decide Saturday, Jan. 17, whether they will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court the ruling of the federal Court of Appeals in Boston that allows gay "social" functions on campus.

Despite whatever action the trustees may take this weekend, that appeals court's ruling is being regarded nationwide as a legal landmark in the fight for gay civil rights.

Richard S. Kohn, the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union attorney who argued the case for the UNH Gay Students Organization, told GCN that he has already received inquiries from groups in San Francisco and Puerto Rico that are interested in using his arguments in their own legal battles.

The group in Puerto Rico is attempting to overturn a harsh new penal code that threatens to revert gay social life virtually back to the Nineteenth Century. The new code replaces a set of lax laws that had been in force since the turn of the century. There were only two conviction for sodomy during the 72 years those laws were on the books.

The new code, however, defines homosexuality (not just gay sex acts) as a crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison. And Puerto Rico's police superintendent vows to strictly enforce the new penal code.

Kohn said the case in San Francisco involves a gay organization that has asked the Internal Revenue Service for a special tax-exempt status. The IRS has denied granting the status, apparently because the organization might be considered primarily a "social" group.

Kohn said he believes the most important finding of the federal appeals court was that the social activities of a political action group are protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution.

In upholding GSO's right to hold "social" functions on campus, the court stated, "The prohibition of all social events must be taken to be a substantial abridgment of associational rights." The court also specifically said that GSO's rights would be protected even if it were not strictly a political action group, because "it is immaterial whether the beliefs sought to be advanced by association pertain to political, economic, religious or cultural matters."

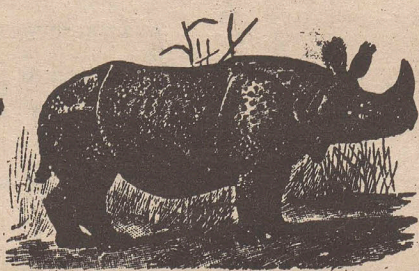
The court added, "Teas, coffees, and dinners form the backbone of many a political candidate's campaign, and yet these activities would seemingly be subject to prohibition (if the trustees have their way). While a university may have some latitude in regulating organizations such as fraternities or sororities which can be purely social, its efforts to repress the activities of a cause-oriented group like the GSO stand on a different footing."

The court acknowledged that GSO hoped, through dances, plays and other "social activity," to convey the message "that homosexuals exist, that they feel repressed by existing laws and attitudes, that they wish to emerge from their isolation, and that public understanding of their attitudes and problems is desirable for society."



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news notes



IMMIGRATION REFORM IN CANADA

OTTAWA, CANADA (Earth News)—The Minister of Immigration, Robert Andras, has recommended to the Canadian Cabinet that the immigration laws prohibiting the entry of homosexuals into Canada be relaxed. Apparently, this policy reform was precipitated by an incident at the Niagara Falls, Ontario border, August 26, 1974 (GCN, No. 19), involving John Kyper, a Boston Gay activist. Kyper, who was carrying copies of GCN for distribution in Toronto, was refused entry because he admitted he was gay to the border official. This case was only one out of several involving gay people who have encountered problems trying to enter Canada. As a result, various gay groups, especially the *Body Politic*, a Toronto gay paper, have been pressuring the federal government to change the antiquated immigration laws (whose sections dealing with homosexuals were passed in the 19th century). The Kyper case has a happy sequel:

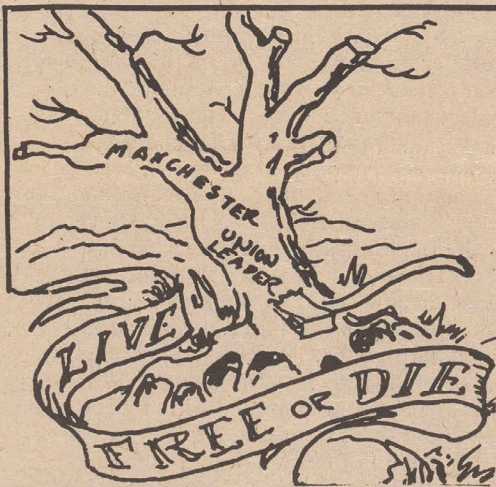
he has received a letter this week from the Canadian Immigration Department informing him that he will now be permitted to enter Canada.

GAYS AND THE MEDIA

"All about Television" is a program syndicated through PBS (Channels 2 and 44 in the Boston area). Shortly, it will feature Ron Gold from the National Gay Task Force and Ginny Vida from Lesbian Feminist Liberation, on a show dealing with gays and the media. Check your local television listings for the date and time.

LESBIAN RESORT WEEKEND

A new, non-profit organization, Women on the Move is planning a weekend for gay women in the Catskills, March 14-16. The group has rented an entire hotel for the weekend and there will be entertainment, three meals a day, cocktail parties, candlelight dining, etc. The cost of the weekend is \$65-\$75. Inquiries should be directed immediately to Barbara or Sandy; call collect at (201) 865-2948.



NEW HAMPSHIRE NEWS

By JACK ARMSTRONG
and SU BORDEN

DURHAM, N.H.—The University of New Hampshire's Gay Students Organization was back in court last week, again fighting the university trustees.

This time it was the New Hampshire Supreme Court which heard the trustees' arguments in favor of a ban on all GSO "social" functions, and the GSO's arguments against the ban.

It had all been heard before in lower state courts and in two federal courts. Indeed, the GSO's attorney made that very point in arguments before the state supreme court Friday.

Richard S. Cohn, a New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union attorney representing GSO, argued that, since the U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston had already ruled on the case, the trustees' suit should be dismissed.

The trustees filed suit in state court over a year ago in hopes that the court would determine how much power the trustees had to regulate the GSO. That suit was filed after the trustees, under pressure from Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr., banned GSO from holding any "social" functions on campus.

At about the same time GSO filed suit in federal court to overturn the ban.

When the GSO's suit came before the U.S. District Court in New Hampshire last year the trustees argued that homosexuals

might commit "deviate" sex acts and other illegal acts, and that the trustees had an obligation to prevent the commission of illegal acts on campus. U.S. District Court Judge Hugh Bownes ruled against the trustees.

On appeal to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston, the trustees used the same argument before Judge Frank M. Coffin—and lost again.

But in state court the trustees dropped their arguments about the illegality of homosexual sex acts. Instead, they argued that homosexuality is a mental illness, and that the GSO's activities should be banned for that reason.

The state Supreme Court justices hearing the case last Friday were very curious as to why the trustees had changed their arguments. That was because the state court had set precedent against ruling on a case that had already been decided in a federal court.

Attorney Cohn was very much aware of that precedent. He argued that the trustees were presenting exactly the same case they had merely changed their legal arguments in hopes that the supreme court would think it was a different case.

The trustees' attorney, Henry Millimet, though, said the trustees did not mention the question of homosexuality as a mental illness before the federal courts last year because the American Psychiatric Association had said homosexuality, per se, is not a mental disorder. He said they changed their arguments later when they discovered that the vote was 60% to 40%, not unanimous, as they had originally thought.

He said that just as the university would be allowed to control a physical communicable disease, so they should be allowed to control a mental communicable disease. He said the issue is no longer a question of the GSO's right to hold social functions but of the University's other students to be protected from this "possible disease."

"It is a national issue now of some magnitude...somebody has to deal with it," Millimet went on to say.

GSO and Cohn are confident that the NH Supreme Court will not attempt to make a decision on the mental illness issue. They will, GSO hopes, confine themselves to the matter at hand, in which case the outcome should be positive.

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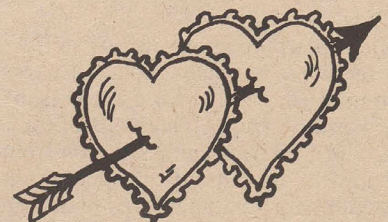
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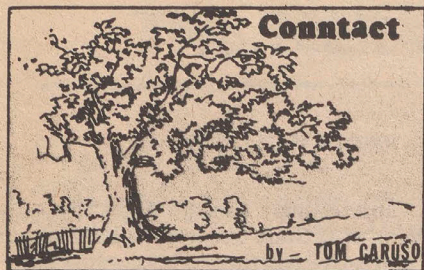
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HARTFORD—MCC/Hartford, which has been meeting at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity Street, Hartford, since March, is now hoping to gain expanded use of the building.

The possibility of such a move has been raised by the January 1st merger of St. Paul's with First United Methodist Church, 571 Farmington Avenue, Hartford. St. Paul's congregation now meets at the Farmington Avenue church (newly renamed First-St. Paul's), and thus MCC is the only church holding services at the Amity Street building.

However, the issue has been clouded by the uncertain fate of the Amity Street building. The disposition of the former Methodist church building will probably remain unresolved until the New York Conference of the United Methodist Churches meets in May.

NORWICH—Eastern Connecticut now has a gay liberation organization. Called (appropriately enough) "Eastern Connecticut Gay Alliance", the group has been meeting informally for several weeks at the home of an area businessman.

Although initial attendance has been low, the group is hoping that as word of its meetings spread through the populous Norwich-New London-Groton area, interest will increase. The group, which meets Saturday evenings, can be reached at (203) 889-7530.

HARTFORD—Members of KALOS, Hartford's Gay Liberation organization, are finalizing plans to address Hartford police officers on gay lifestyles and needs. The talk, which is designed to improve communications and understanding between "Hartford's Finest" and local gays, will be given to the officers during one of their mandatory roll-call assemblies.

When John Mazicotti and Donald Poole of KALOS first contacted Hartford Police Chief Hugo Maisini, they proposed that the group speak only with new police recruits. Chief Maisini, however, thought it important that KALOS also talk with current officers, and has promised to arrange an assembly with both recruits and regular officers present.

Chief Maisini, who came to Hartford from NYC, has demonstrated concern for the improvement of police relationships with area gays. Shortly after becoming head of Hartford's forces last year, he personally delivered a verbal directive to various police agency heads, banning the use of derogatory terms for gay people.

Gay Games

Plans were made to have volleyball as one of the first activities to be held for all those gay persons interested in sports as a way of physical enjoyment. The meeting, held at the Charles St. Meetinghouse was for the purpose of getting an idea of how to form activities that would appeal to non-competitive as well as competitive gays, also to gather information as to gym facilities and equipment. All those interested should watch for an announcement in the GCN calendar as to when and where the volleyball will be played.



photo by Larry Mahon

Richard Pillard speaks at MIT on Testosterone Levels in Men

HORMONES?

By KEVIN J. MCGIRR

On Sunday, Jan. 12 at M.I.T. the Gay Academic Union of New England sponsored Dr. Richard Pillard of the B.U. Medical School who presented a summary of research on testosterone levels in homosexual and heterosexual men. Approximately 40 people attended the presentation. The purpose of such research is to draw possible correlations between testosterone levels and sexual orientation. Testosterone, in conjunction with another hormone, is responsible for differentiating male organs in the fetus as well as bringing on the secondary male sexual characteristics at puberty.

In his presentation, Pillard briefly traced the history of the academic view of homosexuality through the continuing debate of biological determination versus environmental factors in influencing sexual orientation. Starting with the oldest psychopathologists such as Freud, it was held that homosexuality was primarily biologically determined. Freud felt that all people were constitutionally bi-sexual and that gay people had more libido of the opposite sex than most people, although Freud did not presume to know which were the particular biological influences at work. The more recent researchers, the psychiatrists and analysts, have tended to view homosexuality as being environmentally determined; citing especially the work of Irving Bieber and Charles Socarides as the main proponents of the view that a "disturbed" parenting in the early years of life will result in homosexual behavior.

Another side of the debate centers around non-analytical research done with people who were considered gender ambiguous or hermaphroditic at birth. In 1955, two researchers who worked with people who were supposedly hermaphroditic at birth found that gender assignment and psycho-sexual development was primarily a result of environmental factors, i.e. parent's determination of their child's gender. While later researchers attempting to disclaim these results stated that one's gender identity was predisposed because of prenatal hormonal defects; for example, if a biological female produced too much of the male hormone pre-natally then this would be the primary influence in her adaptation as a male.

Pillard went on to say that it is in fact clear that hormones do make a difference in psycho-sexual development but that environmental factors also played a big part. The issue with regard to Pillard's own work is the potential differences when hormonal factors are only slightly altered.

Pillard first cites research done in 1971 by William Kolodny who is part of the Masters and Johnson research group in St. Louis. Kolodny found when using a control of heterosexual men that the testosterone level of homosexual men was significantly lower. Perhaps significant—however, this study has been replicated five times and not once were the findings duplicated. In most of the subsequent studies (this includes Pillard's study) there was no significant difference found between the gay and straight samplings. And in one study at Harvard, gay men were found to have significantly higher testosterone levels. This left Pillard to state that nothing definitive could be concluded by the research done thus far except that possible differences would have to be found in the variance of female hormones or in the varying balance between male and female hormones. And further, that if there were differences in gay and straight samplings one would have to be cautious in attaching significance due to environmental influences on both sexual orientation and on hormones themselves.

It was also noted that such research has not been done on women. Pillard cited investigative difficulties as one reason but that male bias most probably played a role in the lack of research on women.

INAUGURAL

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In her remarks, Rep. Noble cited her personal commitment to improving the quality of education of children in the Boston public schools. She spoke of some of her first—and most humorous—experiences as a member of the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth. Rep. Noble emphasized the importance of being involved in the political system, and urged everyone in attendance to participate more in community affairs.

The program portion of the event then gave way to the dancing portion, as the all-women's rock band "Lillith" played to the enjoyment, entertainment, and sometimes amazement of the dancers and spectators. A theme of the evening—togetherness—may have been exemplified by the dancing, which was sometimes gay, sometimes not, and often both.

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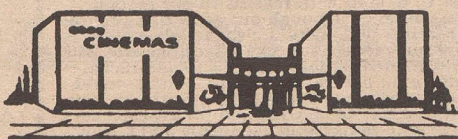
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EDITORIAL speak

of the Constitution.

The right to gather socially is one that cannot be denied to gays or straights, and cannot be construed as meaning more than social assembly. The *Manchester Union Leader* editorial assuming that the ruling was federal approval of sodomy is mind-boggling. This is parallel to assuming that the forced busing ruling in Boston will lead to miscegenation. Perhaps the leap into stereotypical sexual hysteria is the problem—the hidden one—that we must face as more and more of us come out.

Interestingly enough, Allan Spear, the Minnesota State Senator, had a minimum of negative reaction to his coming out. Perhaps the world is able to deal better with named and faced human beings than with organizations and generalizations such as socializing.

The only way this can be combatted, if the thesis is true, is for more of us to become public, and therefore the world will be dealing with individuals, not nameless groups that can be assigned any arbitrary attribute that suits a hysterical purpose.

LETTERS

yea...nay

Varying points of view of the review of *Monsieur* by Gary Jane Hoisington. Keep them coming, let's hear it for Gary Jane.

—I have read Mr. Durrell's book and think the book is about the people who turned the Templars to evil. The Templars were the object of envy. Keep up the good work, I read you every week.

Katherine Schull
Boston

—They were not "supposedly" executed, they were; it was the 14th, not 15th century; they weren't a sect, but an order. The Templars hardly could have been draining the church when they were founding its banking system, and themselves were the object of church covetousness....

Hoisington is confused, not Durrell.

Martha Hitchell
Cambridge

—The book is about Templar influence, not a menage a trois of anybody. If Mr. Hoisington is going to write with a scalpel, he better steady his hands.

Jack B.

hail

Dear David:

Thank you for your letter and for the honor in GCN.

I'll do my best.

Sincerely,
Michael S. Dukakis

good hearts

To the editors:

A very special thanks to Bob White and all of the 1270, Paul Bently and everyone at Sporters, the Vikings, Entre Nous whose generosity was boundless in responding to the toys theft from Elaine Noble's office. The Fenway Center and the Boston Forum and many other neighbors and merchants came through in their usual fine fashion.

Words fail me, but on behalf of all whose Christmas was saved.

Thanks from the heart,
Ginny Hurley
Elaine Noble office

ouch!

Allan Stewart's article SPEAKING FOR MYSELF "Gay Churches Are A Fraud" brought many rebuttals to the editor. Here are excerpts from some of them:

—First of all the very words "gay churches" are a misnomer. There is one church and gay people are saying "We are a part of the Body of Christ.".....This is possible because of the corporate and corporal witness of, for instance, Metropolitan Community Church.

Rev. Joseph H. Gilbert, Pastor
MCC—Greater Providence, RI

—Just as gay people have been the victims of gross, uninformed generalizations and judgements by an uncaring prejudiced society you have generalized about "gay churches", and judged us as nothing but a sham and a fraud. To say the least we are offended and disappointed, and we invite you to do a little more research.

Rev. Nancy Wilson
Heather Anderson
MCC Worcester

—His broad generalities and thoughtless parroting of the rhetoric of those who have made little or no effort to become familiar with the ministry of gay churches seems to us to point to gross ignorance on Mr. Stewart's part, since his statements are certainly not representative of the many gay churchpersons with whom we are familiar.

Laurence G. Bernier (Rev.)
Stephanie Bigusiak (Rev.)
Jeffrey D. Pulling (Rev.)
MCC Cambridge

—I think of myself as a liturgical connoisseur, and I'm at the Boston church every Sunday night. His condescending jibe at "tiny congregations" and "casual behavior" is clean contrary to my weekly observation and experience....

Finally, and I hope not uncharitably, the grossest example of what distresses Allan Stewart, "petty ego trips and trivial interecine quarrels," is found under his pseudonym—i.e. the article to which I am responding.

If Stewart does not find the gay churches correspondent to his needs or concerns, let him go his way in peace. But I hope he will examine his own motives for attacking them and be charitable enough to refrain from maligning worshipping communities.

Paul R. Barstow
Wellesley

bravo

To the editor and staff,

Just a note of thanks for the recent hospitality extended by Ms. Rosen and others at GCN during my recent visit to Boston. Between GCN and such places as the Charles Street Meeting House, I got an impressive picture of Boston's gay movement and a cross-section of its leadership.

Sincerely yours,
Jay Murley
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Southern Calif.

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THE NERVOUS GHOST OF LENNY BRUCE RIDES AGAIN

By JONATHAN CROSS

In case you hadn't noticed, the nervous ghost of Lenny Bruce is abroad in the land, and various skinny avatars of Bruce *redivivus* are prowling our stages and our bookstores; even the GCN is apparently not immune. Media events like the resurrection and enshrinement of Lenny Bruce impose themselves upon us, willy nilly.

From the point of view of his new idolators, the short unhappy life of Lenny Bruce is the classic American story: lonely, unwanted, underprivileged kid struggles upward through the Borscht Circuit and the strip joints in Queens and Jersey doing bad imitations of Vaughn Monroe and telling brother-in-law jokes. He experiments with dope and bisexuality, marries a dazzling Miami stripper, "finds himself" as an improvisational critic of American hypocrisy in the smoky, trendy *boites* of San Francisco, becomes a national *cause celebre* in free-speech First Amendment court battles from Chicago to New York, writes a best seller (*How To Talk Dirty And Influence People*), and is finally destroyed by his depression, his failures in the courts, and his suicidal drug habit. He's a kind of dark angel of the counter-culture—a paradigmatic victim of the American Dream Machine.

Such is the basic premise, hagiographically elaborated, of Albert Goldman's loopy, sensational biography *Ladies and Gentlemen Lenny Bruce!!*. Goldman's style is both muddy and hysterical, and many of his freak-show details obviously derive from his own vigorous imaginings, but, especially in the interviews with Lenny's ineffectual father and with others who knew him when, Goldman is, here and there, dealing with a real man. Other purveyors of the remains prefer a simpler, mythological figure.

"Lenny", the film version, or vision, of

Bruce's story, is based on the Julian Barry stage-play "Lenny" (which is *also* in town, with Marty Brill as Bruce at the Charles Playhouse). Director Robert Fosse's Lenny is Dustin Hoffman and is doomed from the start. It is doomed because Fosse wants to pretend that his film is a documentary—it's in black and white, imitation *cinema verite*, with fuzzy mock "interviews," and fake "films" of Hoffman doing Bruce routines. But Fosse's film is still Barry's play, and Barry's play is unabashed mythmaking. Barry's Bruce is a poetic creation—unreal, or at least unrealistic. Barry wants a tragic hero and creates one from the scattered facts. Fosse's mistake was to confuse Barry's dramatic exaggerations with reality.

To take an example overlooked by the straight press, Fosse, blindly following Barry, wants us to perceive Bruce as a martyr to American injustice. Thus, the world of drugs, in which Lenny lived and to which he sacrificed himself, is only coyly glanced at. Fosse wants desperately to normalize Bruce; he had Lenny and Honey introduced to drugs and "kinky" sex at Hollywood parties. Such is the *True Confessions* mentality of the film. For the same protective reasons, Fosse neatly eliminates Honey Bruce's lesbianism. Goldman tells us she was living a gay life in Miami when Bruce married her, but Fosse, in a scene out of the Thirties, "symbolizes" the *outré* threat of a lesbian attachment as an evil, sinuous hand, with long black nails, which caresses the nubile, reluctant, and innocent Honey during one of those wild Hollywood parties. Meanwhile, in a deadpan voice-over, and older and wiser Honey intones "You do things under the influence you'd never do...normally."

As a stranger wrinkle, Fosse has Bruce somehow forcing Honey into a lesbian re-

lationship, but he shoots so foggily and cuts the scene so mindlessly it's hard to be at all sure...which was doubtless the intention. Indeed the whole issue of homosexuality *vis a vis* Lenny Bruce is obscured by Goldman's hip innuendos and never dealt with at all in film or play. Bruce, in the Goldman version, "faked" gayness to get his dishonorable discharge from the Navy, and, in his unfinished film "Fleetfoot", Lenny played a pedophile. The film has been long lost and the stills printed in Lenny's pop autobiography *Stamp Help Out*. But "one still," Goldman claims, "was withheld. It showed Big Brave Bruce bending a little white boy across a log in preparation for the ancient ceremony of buggery."

In any event, there are two ways of getting at the real Lenny Bruce. One is to catch the only full-length, uncut film of a Bruce nightclub act: "The Lenny Bruce Performance Film," now at the Orson Welles. Its image of Bruce is much darker and more acidic than Hoffman's lovable, tousel-headed, rascally reflection. The Bruce of the "Performance Film" uses his bag of obscenities as if they meant something; Hoffman says all his dirty words with an almost visible wink. The real

Lenny had something at stake; in the permissive 70's, as Hoffman and Fosse know all too well, dirty words are just another way of being cute and with-it.

Another good (and cheap) way of seeing Lenny without seeing "Lenny" is to buy *The Essential Lenny Bruce*, edited by John Cohen published by Bell Publishing and now remaindered all over the city in stacks and stacks at \$1.98. It's a compendium of all the Bruce material recorded and written; the Lenny Bruce Joke Book, as it were. The chapter on sex, called "Balling, Chicks, Fags, Dikes, and Divorce" should raise a few eye-brows. In black and white, Bruce comes across a just another sexist, male chauvinist, middle-brow comic—getting all the easy laughs and trotting out all the old Borscht Belt lines—no originality, no sensitivity, no social consciousness, no humanity, in sight. And that, I expect, is the real Lenny Bruce—a stand-up strip-joint comedian who suddenly discovered he could get more laughs, and charge more money, by saying dirty words than he could get by doing his bad impressions of Vaughn Monroe. I may be wrong of course, but nobody should judge Lenny, or "Lenny", until they've read that chapter.

LENNY: read the book, eat the dog food, see the play

Review By EDWARD ANNEX

"Lenny", playing at the Charles Playhouse until the end of this week, is well worth seeing. But a little background reading, such as *How To Talk Dirty and Influence People*, and a little patience with a slow starting first act is advisable.

Marty Brill works up to becoming a believable Lenny; his slow-steam approach to the characterization pays off; he builds to credibility by the swish night club bit at the end of the first act.

His treatment, for example, of a prison scene that is hilariously gay, ends with a rioting prisoner getting the Avon concession in the west wing; but the Roman Catholic Church is treated in a more slapstick manner with lepers being asked to remove fallen noses from the main aisle

while Moses and Jesus luminously appear to the Cardinal, replete with \$8,000 ring and gold mitre. So, when he says "make way for the deviant when he tells you you're blowing it"...who is he talking to? He seems to be saying, give room to differences, and it's also nice that gays come off better than the Church. Lenny Bruce was more than a comedian trying to expose hypocrisy.

The supporting cast is adequate; I can understand the fuss over Anne McCurdy... she must have been great to deserve so much acclaim, Constance McCashin isn't.

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JACQUES and THE

By CHARLEY SHIVELY

In responding to the campaign against Jacques and the Other Side, I speak not against GCN's commentator nor in support of barowners. I write in defense of those being driven from the streets, being driven from the city. Eugene Debs wrote: "While there is a lower class I am in it, while there is a criminal element I am of it, and while there is a soul in prison I am not free."

Since World War II there has been a campaign against all poor people in Boston; "urban renewal" has been a removal program attempting to turn the central city into a suburban plaza for straight, white, Anglo-saxon, dull, rich people. In the "West End" federal bulldozers began in the 50's by destroying a large and vital Italian (and partly gay) neighborhood and replaced it with the Charles River Plaza. They moved to Scollay Square (renamed "Government Center") and into other parts of the city such as Kerry Village (renamed "Bay Village"). In the Fenway/Back Bay, the BRA project run by the Christian Science Church has torn down the dance hall where Malcolm X did the Lindy Hop and have driven Fengay from a building they control.

The BRA (Boston Redevelopment Association) fight against gay bars in the "Bay" (nee Kerry) Village goes back many years. At one time, Kerry Village was filled with nightclubs. Located on the present site of Howard Johnson's garage, The Coconut Grove was probably the most famous. In late November, 1942, 613 (among the 830 present) perished in a catastrophic fire. The busboy used a match to see while he replaced a lightbulb; the decorations caught fire and that was the end. Then as now bars were overcrowded and fire inspectors looked the other way if they looked at all.

The Coconut Grove was virtually sur-

rounded by gay bars; in fact, Boston in the 20's and 30's seems to have been much freer about gayness than during the 50's and early 60's. Urban renewal, anti-communism, fag/dyke-baiting, conformity, the suburbs, Frank Sinatra and Doris Day are not all that eternal. At any rate, there were lots of gay bars in Kerry Village. The Mayfair was located about where Sacks Cinema 57 now is. In the 50's Cardinal Cushing led a campaign to close it; and it was changed into the all Irish and straight Boston Club (now relocated at 969 Comm. Ave.). Cushing likewise closed the Melody Lounge—long since bulldozed off Broadway. On Tremont Street between the turnpike and Broadway there was a whole string of lesbian bars; Cavana's (the first gay women's bar in Boston), the 327 and St. Moritz (connected to the hotel of that name). Not one of these bars were relocated; all were torn down by the BRA. Jacques (upstairs) then switched to being a gay women's bar and was the only one in town before the Saints opened.

Long the biggest gay bar—the Punch

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trashy gays"**

Bowl—is now also a parking lot (corner of Church and Stuart Streets). The owners switched their business over to the present Other Side (which used to be a Syrian restaurant called "The Nile"). The discreet Napoleon (and the less discreet 12 Carver) originally were only restaurants; 12 Carver was conveniently located next to the Turk-

ish Baths ("Our Lady of Vapours")—the latter also now closed.

So what's unusual about gay establishments moving and being pressed out? The new thing here has been the vast amounts of money floating around in the urban renewal schemes. Before they started driving out the poor, a house in the "Bay" (nee Kerry) Village now selling for \$60,000 could be bought for \$6,000. The Village Association was organized by the BRA to defend that ten-fold increase in real-estate values. As sale prices went up, rent went up and poor people have had to move elsewhere. The greatest beneficiaries here are the banks. And the banks make even more profits by financing projects like Howard Johnson's, Steak House 57, Cinema 57 and other projects for the wealthy.

Bay Association "Dupes"

The Village Association is only a front group; members are themselves dupes for larger economic interests; while they protect their piddling thousands, the big interests clean up behind the scenes. No coincidence that one of the biggest contributors to Mayor White's campaigns has been the man who owns theaters in all the big BRA projects: three in the Prudential Center; two by Government Center; and Sacks 57 in the "Bay" Village.

As soon as Howard Johnson's and Sacks 57 opened, the war was on against the poorer and more noticeable elements of the gay community. We were not the customers they wanted. On October 31, 1971, the police beat and arrested eight women outside of Jacques; they were fined \$100 each (except for one who had a prominent name). *Boston After Dark* reported, "There is an atmosphere of tension, almost like a siege. People report

that the cops have been taking down the license plate numbers of cars parked outside the bars, that the management is being more careful about checking I.D.'s, that the Other Side has been refusing off and on to admit guys in drag.

Much of the reputed "trouble" in the neighborhood was being caused by Howard Johnson out-of-uniform "watchmen" who were attacking and beating gay people on the streets; their purpose being to increase the fear, police reports and general difficulty in the area. At a 1972 gay pride week workshop, a secretary for the hotel security forces reported how this was done. Much of the violence found now in the area is thus the work of paid provocateurs.

Gays Betray Gays

As an anarchist/socialist, I don't want to defend the capitalists (largely Italian) who own the gay bars; their motives are about the same as those owning the theater/hotel complex (largely Jewish) or those owning the banks (largely Yankee) or the Boston parking lot millionaires (largely Irish). Although I don't smoke nicotine and avoid alcohol, I do not believe those so addicted should be exposed to fire hazards, attack or other discrimination. I strongly object to groups within the gay community betraying their own brothers and sisters in favor of the police and goons who have been attacking us in the streets, in the bars and in the bushes.

They say (gay leaders, Village Association, Barney Frank and the police even) that they only oppose the "criminal" elements in the gay community—that is, the poor elements such as hustlers or street transvestites or noisy faggots and dykes who don't have big-paying jobs forcing them to be closeted. They would divide us into good gays and trashy gays. Some bask in these straight people's gifts, praise and recognition.

I sat in on an Alcoholic Beverages Commission hearing: the contrast was stark between the gay people there—seedy, pimples, bleached wigs, clothing that fit odd & looked funny in daylight—and those speaking for the Village Association—clean, perfectly manicured, Bonwit Teller dresses on the women/Brooks Brothers tweed on the men, the Boston police and representatives of the Homophile Union of Boston. (I hear that the Association offers free memberships to "good" gays).

No wonder most people in the bars don't trust anything connected with gay liberation: they (we) see not only the police, the bar owners, the rich and well-born but also gay "spokesmen" trying to do us in. But despite the establishment's seeming strength, its power rests on slender threads that seem to be fraying under present economic difficulties. We all may get more parking lots than we bargained for.



THE OTHER SIDE

"only a blind idiot . . . could deny the bars' responsibility for the outrageous noise, violence, and pollution"

CON

By DAVID BRILL

The problems stemming from the operations of Jacques and The Other Side in Boston's Bay Village section have two overall causes: First, the transfer of the old Punchbowl Lounge license following their fire several years ago, and, more importantly, the construction of the Howard Johnson-57 Complex, which cut off access to the Bay Village from Park Square. Both events are history; neither are changeable.

During the last three years, there has been a concerted effort by members of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association to improve their neighborhood by ridding it of these two bars. An idiot, and only a blind idiot at that, could deny the bars' responsibility for the outrageous noise, violence, and pollution that the residents of the area have been forced to tolerate over the last few years.

The bar-owners' first contention is that the BVNA does not represent all of the residents of the Bay Village. The Vara brothers, owners of the bars, have, in fact, incorporated a *second* Bay Village Neighborhood Association—whose president

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does not even live in the Bay Village—in retaliation against the original BVNA.

The fact of the matter is, however, that the BVNA has over 200 dues-paying members, which—at 40%—represents a very high proportion of the residential population. The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay is considered a "voice" for Back Bay residents, even though, numerically, it only represents less than 15% of the area's population.

Beacon to Fag-Rollers

The bar-owners' second contention is that Jacques and The Other Side are not responsible for many of the BVNA's complaints. A look at the police blotter for any night of the week shows scores of calls going to *only* those bars—not to the Village House of Pizza! The famous Arboretum murder, which resulted in the killing and brutal beating of two gay men, as we all know, started at The Other Side. And while this, admittedly, may have been the product of the immense publicity that the two bars have received of late, their notoriety stands as a beacon to the fag-rollers of Boston.

Is it the bars' fault—or the people who go to the bars—or something else? The fact of the matter is that there is no difference. The difference is that between the fire and the flame: If the bars were not in the neighborhood, there would be no such flood of complaints and resulting police activity.

One of the bar-owners' strongest arguments claims that the anti-bar efforts are simply the beginnings of an anti-gay purge by the leaders of the BVNA. But they are

not saying....

—That the BVNA has contributed generously to gay efforts, including the HUB fashion show last year.

—That BVNA officers, and their attorney, John Pino, wrote strong letters of testimony in support of the 1974 gay rights legislation to members of the Legislature's Commerce & Labor and Judiciary Committees.

—That people like Barney Frank and Boston City Councillor Larry DiCara—two persons whose pro-gay credentials can hardly be questioned—are supporting the residents against these two bars.

Bars Hang-outs for Homophobes

In contrast, what have the bars done for gay people? With the unasked-for assistance of the straight media, they have afforded the opportunity for every homophobe and fag-roller in the city to have a field day. I challenge anyone to show me any liquor establishment in the city of Boston that requires platoons of police—and until three weeks ago, the Tactical Patrol Force was assigned there—at its doors nightly.

They are still two of a very few number of gay bars that charge an admission fee—for which the patrons (gay or straight) get nothing.

And finally, while 1270, the Cabaret, Sporters, and Twelve Carver were all assisting Elaine Noble in some way in her campaign for state representative, *The Boston Ledger* reported that her opponent in the general election, Joseph Cimino, is business partners with Henry Vara. Although neither of the brothers Vara were listed on Cimino's official campaign contributors list filed with the Secretary of State (but what have we learned about "laundered money" lately?), any politically astute observer could easily see that Cimino's candidacy was a way of the bar-owners' "getting even" with Barney Frank, who was supporting Elaine.

If this was an anti-gay purge by the BVNA, why did they not choose Mario's, Nine Knox, or the Napoleon Club? Certainly those would have been easier places to go against, with less political clout and all!

The BVNA is *not* anti-gay—the residents are simply trying to improve their community and defend their lives. As citizens of Boston, they have the right to live wherever they please, and should not have to put up with passed-out bodies in their doorways reeking of beer and seeping in urine, with flying bullets and blood-stained sidewalks, or with police, prostitutes, and pieces of glass at their front doors at all hours.

In the community where I live, I am under the encroaching spectre of Logan International Airport. I am not happy knowing that the children in my neighborhood average a 10% hearing loss by second grade in the name of financial security for the Massachusetts Port Authority. I am not happy lip-reading the eleven o'clock news or keeping my knick-knack table on the floor. And I am not happy knowing that the air-

port monster may want my home next as it needs more room for runways.

So I fight it. I stand up for where I live, just as the beleaguered residents of the Bay Village are. The bar-owners tell the residents, "This is the city—you knew it was like this when you moved here, so get out if you don't like it." But that's not right. In a residential area, the criminal element that the Bay Village citizens endure should not have to be a constant factor.

Not a Class Struggle

Many persons see this as a class struggle: of oppressed minorities, such as transvestites, or "street" gays—who could not get into the Napoleon—against the more powerful elements in society. This argument, however, has two holes:

First of all, many of the persons who attend Jacques and The Other Side are not gay, but straight troublemakers. The continued operation of these two bars affords such persons the opportunity to oppress these minorities even more. Secondly, it is entirely possible to have bars for transvestites, hustlers, and "poor gays" without the kind of violence and community eruptions that these establishments cause. There are dozens of bars that serve similar clientele across the country, but none of them are in residential areas.

The contempt of the bar-owners for the community is demonstrated by their lawsuit against the past president of the BVNA, Dr. Lawrence Geohegan. They are suing

him for *half a million dollars*, charging him with libeling them as members of "The Mafia". Yet the bar-owners insist that they are not "against the community".

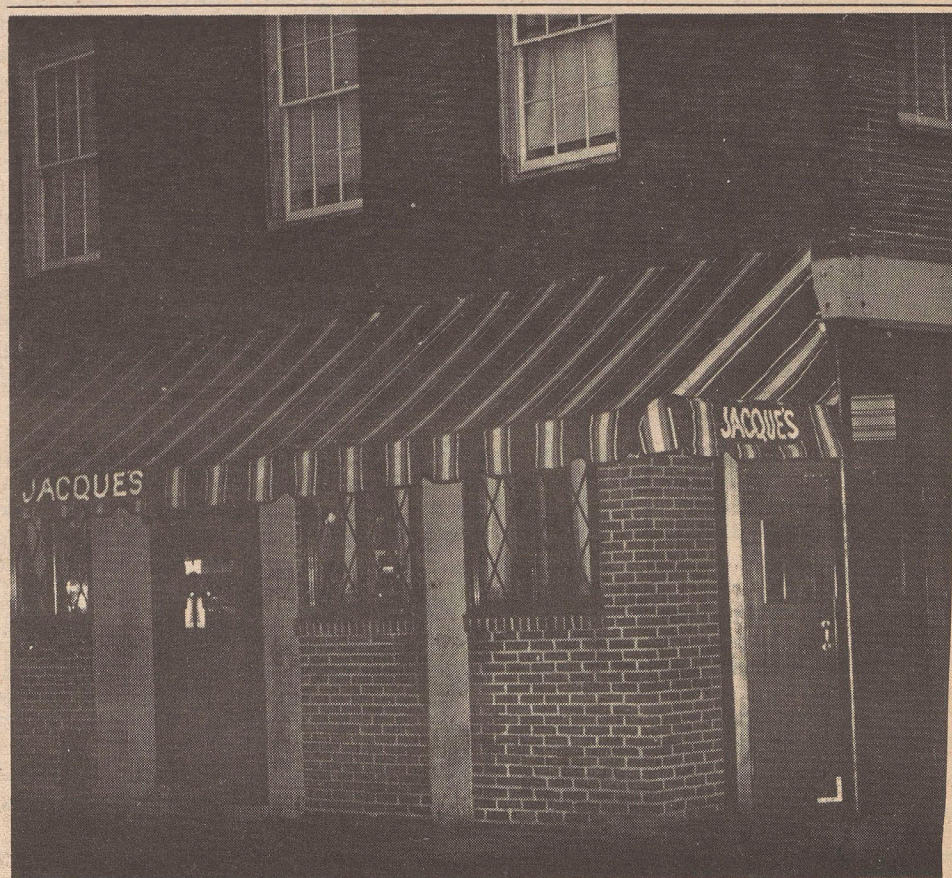
Some people will say that without these bars, the people who work in and attend them will have nowhere to go. However, any second-year economics student will tell you that so long as a market exists for a product, there will be an outlet for it. Jacques and The Other Side—and everything they represent—need not be in a residential area.

In the name of community responsibility, I support the residents. The safety of all people—especially gay people, who are the victims of as much harassment from these bars as is the community—would best be served by their closing and moving to another section of the city. Gay people, who are usually on the begging side when it comes to empathy, should demonstrate a little empathy of their own on this issue.

Aside from community ecology, and aside from political morality, perhaps the best testimony to my position could be summed up by the reaction of one veteran Boston gay activist when I mentioned that I was going to take this position publicly.

"Don't do it, David," he said. "They'll kill you."

[The preceding remarks are those of the author only, and do not necessarily represent the views of any other person or organization.]



IT'S GAY, BUT IS IT ART?

By GARY JANE HOISINGTON

Things being what they are, the year ahead will doubtless serve up several all-new, all-gay, "for the first time, an honest picture" pictures, *a la* "A Very Natural Thing" and "Montreal Main." It's a characteristic of minorities to hail movies devoted exclusively to them and their problems as cinematic breakthroughs; a bad characteristic, I think, recalling the kind of street macho that prevailed for months after the release of "Superfly." Actually, the movies have been "dealing" with homosexuality almost from the beginning, in metaphoric terms. (If you're about to say, to hell with metaphors, remember how recently heterosexuality came out of the closet and onto the screen.)

The first allusion to The Real Thing I remember seeing was the heavily-veiled blackmail episode in Otto Preminger's "Advice and Consent"—Upright Senator Who Went Down On Navy Buddy In A Woman-Starved Moment In Honolulu In World War II Is Compromised By Embarrassing Photograph, you remember that number. The film featured a gay bar rather more lavish than any I've seen locally, by the way. A less embarrassing film was the 1961 "Victim", starring Dirk Bogarde as a married lawyer whose Little Friend hangs himself; lawyer is also a blackmail victim, who turns the tables on the rather stock plot by hunting down the blackmailer and declaring himself openly gay. (The best part of this one is where the blackmailer, Germanic-looking Teddy Boy, leaves the word QUEER spray-paint-



from "Boys in the Band"

ed on lawyer's garage).

And what about Rosella Falk and Kim Novak in Robert Aldrich's "The Legend of Lylah Clare?" (Sample dialogue between Falk and Peter Finch: "I vass Lylah's dialoggh coach!" Finch: "That's stretching it a bit, don't you think?") And there's Martin Balsam as the interior decorator and bank robber in "The Anderson Tapes?"

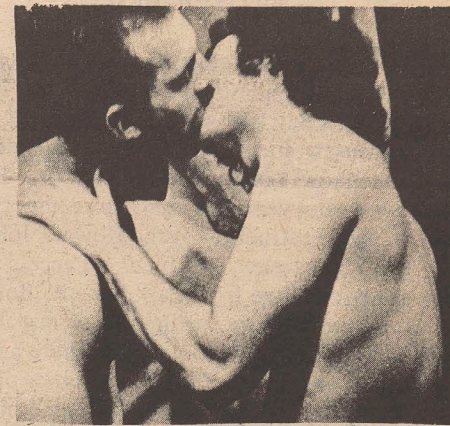
You might say that Hollywood, in the late '50's and early '60's, used "stereotypes," rather than "real homosexuals," but you would have then to answer the question, "What's a real homosexual?" It seems to me that heteros get the same kind of polishing in most films of that era, though they are not singled out as Contemptible Objects—as in, say "Blow-Up", where Dav-

id Hemmings notes that the neighborhood he's in "is full of queers and poodles." On the other hand, one can observe a spectrum of stereotypes, rather than just one; the pansy type in "A Taste of Honey," the cynical, nellie artist friend of Julie Christie in "Darling," the gaggle of attitudes in William Friedkin's "The Boys in the Band" (yes, friends, the same magus who got Linda Blair's head to turn all the way around, *facing backwards*.) More recently, we got Gaudier-Brezcka's fey art dealer in Ken Russell's "Savage Messiah," and a rather sympathetically gay Richard Warwick in Lindsay Anerson's "If."

But in all candor, the notion of "straight-forward, unflinchingly honest" films about any kind of sexuality seems a bit much to ask from any director who wants to move his career out of the underground. "Love Story" still packs in the big theaters, while barring a small miracle "A Woman Under The Influence," a new film, will be lucky to break even. Also, it strikes me as odd that gay people can give a lot of praise for a piece of junk like "A Very Natural Thing" and call "Bijou" pornography. (I'm not going to attempt a definition of pornography, but I will say that "Bijou" and "Boys in the Sand" deal rather honestly with what might be called homosexual themes. The themes therein are, in my experience, also more universal than the plot of "A Very Natural Thing" and "Montreal Main.")

Incipient, or implied homosexuality can be read into almost any great film, be-

cause the great films speak to humanity at large; unless you buy the idea that homosexuals are not human, the absence of anything really heavy, sexually speaking, in "Persona" (compare this with Bergman's later exposition of bottle-fucking and lesbian necrophilia in "Cries and Whispers")



from "Bijou"

shouldn't make "Persona" less directly meaningful to a gay person than, oh, "Flaming Creatures." And "Persona", in my humble view, does what great art should do, and which none of the new, outspoken "gay" films do—it makes people nervous.

(This is the second article in a three-part series on the cinema.)

SPEAR

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state government knew already, "a few Senate leaders took a dim view. They told me 'you're just asking for trouble' and predicted immediate public outcries." Spear went ahead with the interview, against the conventional political wisdom. Nothing like the predicted outcries has occurred.

"The response has really been positive," Spear says. Since the front page interview with its banner headline, "State Senator Allan Spear Declares He's Homosexual," his colleagues have either encouraged him or ignored the issue; no one has attacked him. If people don't care for Spear's sexual preference, the Senator feels, they respond by remaining silent. There has been one negative St. Paul paper editorial, but other media coverage has been favorable. Of eighty letters he's received on the subject, only five were negative. Of the many phone calls from constituents, only one was unfavorable.

At the University of Minnesota, where Spear is a tenured associate professor of history, the senator found more support. "When I called my chairman to tell him about the announcement, he told me not to worry at all. He said his answer to any questions about me would be that the history department is concerned only with professional qualifications."

Spear doubts that the University administration would react in a negative way, since they have already been through a gay rights hassle with Mike McConnell. McConnell tried unsuccessfully to get a job as a University librarian as an openly gay person. Although the University won the court suit, Spear feels Minnesota would be unwilling to go through another legal battle of that kind.

But what about re-election? How will the voters in the 57th senatorial district be feeling when they go to the polls in 1976? While Spear isn't making any predictions, one senses that he took the basically liberal make-up of his district into consideration

when deciding to go publicly gay. Spear describes the 57th as an "inner city district that includes the University of Minnesota." The population is made up of "students, young people, and a lot of old folks." Judging from what he's read, Spear guesses his district is similar to Elaine Noble's Boston Back Bay constituency, save for a large working class Polish neighborhood: "I expect it [dealing with his gayness] will be more difficult with older people and in the working class Polish area."

The political climate has changed as far as gays are concerned, particularly in Minnesota, according to Spear. "Five years ago if anyone had done this there would have been a public outcry." But Minnesota "was one of the first states where a gay movement got going" due to the activities of Mike McConnell and Jack Baker at the University. McConnell failed to get his job but forced the University to confront the issue of gay rights; Baker was elected student body president. Both are still active in the gay movement. Spear also cited the Democratic-Farmer-Laborite Party, which has twice approved gay rights planks in its platform, as an influence on the changing attitude toward homosexuality in Minnesota.

Spear's legislative record shows involvement with many different kinds of issues, and he would prefer to keep it that way. He has sponsored bills concerning prisoner's and ex-offender's rights, led the fight for a no-fault divorce bill, and has been active in consumer legislation. He told *The Advocate* (January 1, 1975) that while he will not introduce any gay rights bills in the coming session, the Senate majority leader will be sponsoring a gay anti-discrimination bill and Spear expects to be active in the debate.

Although the local chapter of Americans for Democratic Action designated him the

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work on gay housing and employment rights.

Spear told Deborah Howell in *The Minneapolis Star* interview that this is "a time when gay people are beginning to emerge from their closets. Gay people are not confined to the classic gay professions. They're in politics, in teaching, in business, in everything you can imagine. It's important for gay people struggling with their own identities. They need all kinds of role models."

At one point in the *GCN* phone interview, Spear interrupted the conversation to speak to someone in his office. "That's my gay colleague in the Senate," Spear told this reporter, and explained that the colleague was active in gay rights organizations but not yet out publicly. There are two other gay senators, according to Spear, but they are not at all involved with gay activism. The experience of Allan Spear may encourage them to come out—and continue their political careers.

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The View from the Closet

By A. NOLDER GAY

A DISCOURSE ON GRATITUDE

Occasions for gratitude, in the sense of appreciation for benefits received, occur to each of us in this early Winter season. At Thanksgiving we are grateful for the sharing of Nature's bounty, at Chanukah for the gift of liberation, at Christmas for the gift of love, and at the New Year for the gift of new beginnings.

Another rendering of gratitude would have us give thanks for things "pleasing by reason of comfort supplied or discomfort alleviated." Two events of recent weeks have given reason for such gratitude within the Boston gay community. One is the comfort supplied by so many in the face of need at *GCN*. The other is a new method of alleviating discomfort for the most forgotten children, discovered through the imagination and commitment of the Charles Street Meetinghouse.

Few not close to the situation can understand the enormous psychic energy it has taken to put out a weekly community newspaper for a year and a half without missing a deadline. The special conditions of starting up a new gay venture, of mobilizing volunteer labor, of personkilling costs on the few and inadequately compensated full-time staffers, had taken their toll by this Fall. The euphoria was wearing off, some of us feared we were going stale, good people were leaving, the flak from the professional umbrage-takers began to get to us, and we wondered whether all the effort was worth while. (Cassandra that I am, I thought we'd be closing out by January.)

In November we went public with our inner pain. I wish you could feel the sense of renewal at *GCN* since the community meeting of Dec. 3rd. We are not yet out of the dark wood, but new and more people have come through with time, money and ideas, in person and by mail. Gay folk all over the region have volunteered

to send news and find outlets for us, a number of new subscriptions are coming in, and we have received many more nice letters of encouragement than we can print. I am grateful for all these things not just because I'm peripherally involved with the paper, but because they are a visible outpouring of "comfort supplied" to a group of hurting young idealists who deserved and needed it.

Similarly, I rejoice in the recent grant from the Youth Advocacy Commission to the Meetinghouse for a Gay Youth Advocacy program. Like the *GCN* people, the Meetinghouse people have labored mightily for our benefit; indeed, the Meetinghouse was the nursery of the infant *GCN*. They too draw their full share of flak from the local malcontents, and too little overt expression of support from the rest of us. Now they turn to what is potentially the most explosive political issue anyone could tackle, that of the rights and lifestyles of homosexual adolescents.

I have carefully read the Meetinghouse grant application, approved by the Commission. It is an imaginative proposal, a conceptually-daring proposal, a caring proposal. It takes risks, on behalf of God and humankind. The grant represents recognition of the most practical kind, but is also a tribute to four years of effective work on behalf of Boston's gays. I trust we can exhibit a proper sense of gratitude and support for this project as it unfolds to alleviate the discomforts of the gay youth who are in a symbolic sense our own children.

My liberated young cohorts at *GCN* and the people of the Meetinghouse are among the great human assets of this community. For the opportunities to know them, to work with them, to learn from them, to care deeply about what they are trying to do—for these and all other benefits received, O Lord, help me to be truly grateful.

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pen pals

My name is Steve and I am presently a prisoner in Florida. I would like very much to correspond with any aware peoples. Mail is a very important part of my life, it would be most appreciated. Please write to: Steven Washington, POB 747, Starke, Fla. 32091

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Gay Hotline (6-9 Mon-Fri) 542-6075
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Media Action 523-1081
Gay Media Action Advertising 783-1627
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
Gay Legislation '75, P.O. Box 8841
J.F.K. Station
Boston, Mass. 02114 536-6197
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.) 738-0486
Homophile Community Health Service 542-5188
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
Rhinoceyds Radio, WBCN-FM 104.1 266-1111
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Center) 354-8807

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Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research-Project 354-8807
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group 498-4244
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
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
Waltham-Water-town 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 Montachusett P.O. Box F5, Leominster
MCC / Worcester 756-0730
Provincetown 24-Hr 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
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626
UMass Student Homophile League 545-0154

Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912
Dignity/Providence, 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

VERMONT (area code 802)

Counseling for Gay Women & Men, c/o Vt. Womens Health Ctr., 158 Bank St., Burlington, Vt. 05401 862-3955
Goddard College Gay Students Organization, P.O. Box 501, Plainfield, Vt. 05667 454-7174
Gay Student Union, Billings Student Center, U. of Vermont Burlington, Vt. 05401 658-3830
Gay in Vt., Box 3216, No. Burlington Sta., Burlington, Vt. 658-3830, 862-2397
Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield 05667
Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237
Women's Switchboard 862-5504
Counseling for Gay Women & Men 863-1386
Gay Male Counseling 658-3830, 862-2397
CONNECTICUT (area code 203)
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520
U/Conn/Storrs 486-2304

Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford 568-2656
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103

MCC Hartford 547-1281
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530

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 Caucuses, 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 Community Center/Gay Support and Action c/o Bangor Tenant's Union, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine 04401
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Task Force/MGTF Newsletter Box 4542, Portland, Maine 04144
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono 04473 581-2571
Maine Freewoman's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667

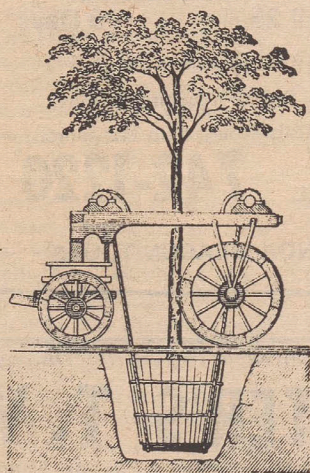
COMING... Jan 16 thru Feb 10

16 thurs

The Citadel opens an upfront women's bar at 22 Avery Street, behind the Hotel Avery in Boston. Hours are from 5 pm to closing? Come Dance Together.

17 fri

The Committee to Support Ann McCurry, the actress who was fired from the cast of "Lenny" for her refusal to sexually comply with the wishes of actors, will hold its First Support Benefit. The theme will be "Women and Their Creative Contributions". The various artists that will attend include the poets Celia Gilbert, Brenda Walcott, Liz Fenton, Carol Dine, Karen Lindsey; singers Lou Crimmins, Betsy Rose, Periwinkle, and the New Harmony Sisterhood Band, the filmmaker Mary Feldhaus Weber, and two dramatic groups, The Women's Theatre Workshop and the Cambridge Ensemble. The benefit will be held at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. in Cambridge, Mass. Starting time is 8:00 pm., a \$2.00 per person admission will be requested at the door.



Transplanter for Trees.

18 sat

The Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston needs people to help in a clean-up day today at 9:00 am. Please, if you've got the time it would be most appreciated.

Gay Legislation '75 will meet at 11:00 am. at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston.

All whale lovers are urged to meet at 11:30 am in Copley Square, Boston, to celebrate the beauty of whales and protest their slaughter into extinction. More information about the rally, and the international Save the Whale movement is available by calling 661-1265 or 227-5339.

19 sun

ENTRE NOUS, the leather and denim club of Boston will hold another Flea Market from 1 to 5 pm at the 1270 Club, 1270 Boylston St. Booths are available, come one, come all.

Boston Gay Speakers Bureau will hold a mini-conference 4-10 pm., St. Johns Church, 33 Bowdoin Street, Boston. Open to group representatives or individuals desiring training as speakers. Workshops, films, training sessions. Supper is pot-luck, food to be heated must be brought in it's own pan. For more info listen to Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM, Thursday night, January 9th, or call (617) 547-1451.

25 sat

There will be a gay play and dance this evening beginning at 8:30 pm in the Southwick Ballroom, Redstone Campus of the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. The play, "Touch Point", will be presented by the Women's Theatre Group (Unity Players), with the dance to commence directly afterwards. A \$1.00 admission will be asked at the door; not much for all this.

A planning meeting for the 1975 N.E. Gay Conference will be held at 2:00 pm. in the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston Mass. Since people who attended last year's conference agreed not to hold the '75 gathering in Boston, we propose that groups from outside Boston come to this planning session with concrete suggestions for a time, place and budget. Everyone interested in planning should attend.

26 sun

MCC Hartford, Conn. will hold a 6 pm buffet at St. Paul's, 1 Amity St. corner of Park St., Hartford. Tickets are available at the door at \$1.50 a piece. Everyone is welcome to attend the service following at 7:30 pm.

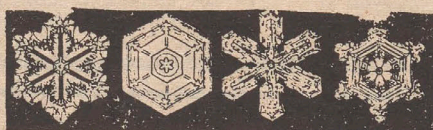
29 wed

UConn Gay Alliance will hold its first meeting of 1975 this evening at 7:00 pm. The group will meet at the new vocation center in Hall Dorm. For more information call 486-2269.

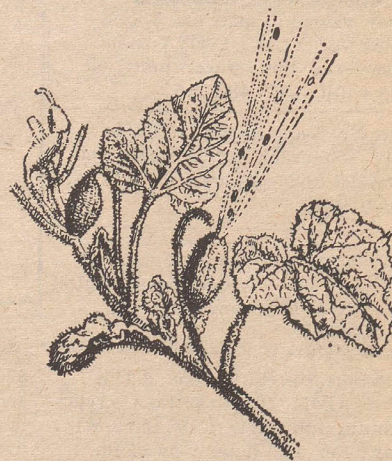
31 fri

All gay couples (male and female) are invited to the monthly couples Pot-luck Supper Forum, sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church/Boston, 7 pm., at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. A film about a lesbian couple, "Holding", will be shown. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share. For more info call 266-7491.

B'nai Haskalah will be celebrating it's first anniversary! There will be a party after the services at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Services are at 8:30 pm., the entire gay community is invited. (Happy Anniversary from GCN)



Crystals of Snow.



Squirting Cucumber.

1 sat

The second meeting of Gay Legislation '75 will be held at 2:30 pm. at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston.

8 sat

Come enjoy the fellowship of YOUR community. A spaghetti dinner at MCC on Feb. 8 (Saturday) at 7:30 pm. Simple but fun. \$1.00 tickets available at 131 Cambridge St., or call 523-7664.

10 mon

The "Tomorrow Show" with Tom Snyder, will host four lesbians including Elaine Noble (Representative in the Mass. State Legislature), Elaine Lafferty, from National Gay Task Force, and Eleanor Cooper, spokeswoman from Lesbian Feminist Liberation. This program is an answer to an earlier show on "Tomorrow" which dealt with homosexuality, but had only invited men. It will be carried on the NBC Broadcasting System, and shown in the Boston area on channels 4 (WBZ) and 10 (WJAR) at 1 am.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor GCN, noon on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

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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
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.
7 pm—MCC/Providence, Love-Fest Pot-Luck supper, 75 Empire St.

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—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.
8 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays; First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield
7:11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:30 pm—HUB Coming Out Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.

WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm—Providence 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.(2nd and 4th Weds.):Box 7100, c/o GCN
7:30 pm—Worcester Singles Rap, (617) 756-0730 for details
8 pm—MCC/Providence, prayer and rap group, 75 Empire St.
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7:11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
7:30 pm—HUB TV Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston

THURSDAYS

6:15 pm—WBCN-FM "Rhinoceeros" radio show, 104.1, Boston
7:00 pm—Gay A's (alcoholics) 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Mass. 752-8330
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
6:00 pm—Otherfund Inc., meet at Charles St. Meetinghouse
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323

8:00 pm—KALOS, Hartford Conn. at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Farmington Ave. and Sigourney St.
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
7 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Me.

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.
7 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Room 509
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM
8:00 pm—East Conn Gay Alliance 889-7530
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor Maine

7 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
4-5 pm—MCC/Providence services, 74 Empire St.
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 and 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
7 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House
7:00 pm—"Burlington After Dark" bi-weekly radio show, WRUV-FM, 90.1 MHz.



Gas-burners.

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