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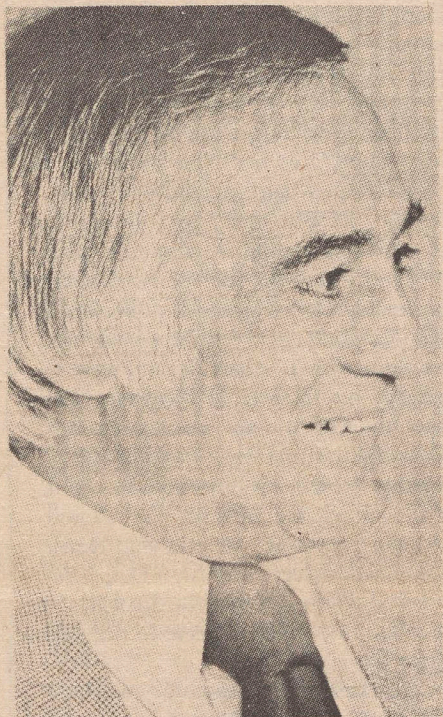
BELLOTTI COMES AROUND

BOSTON—Massachusetts Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti has joined the ranks of dozens of other state officials, including Gov. Michael Dukakis and Secretary of State Paul Guzzi, calling for the passage of the 1975 gay anti-discrimination legislation.

In a letter to Senator Allan R. McKinnon (D-Weymouth), head of the Legislature's Commerce and Labor Committee (which oversees the progress of the discrimination measures, H.2848 and S.272), Bellotti wrote, "As Attorney General of the Commonwealth, I support the proposed amendments to the ...General Laws which would insert the term 'sexual orientation' and its definition, into the (Mass.) Commission Against Discrimination Statutes."

Bellotti's letter was a surprise to many State House observers, it had been generally thought that the Attorney General would remain neutral on the gay rights issue. His predecessor, Robert Quinn, actively worked against the 1974 gay rights legislation.

Bellotti's position as Attorney General, as well as his reputation for possessing a somewhat conservative political disposi-



BELLOTTI...surprise move

tion, makes the announcement the most significant boost yet for the progress of the 1975 gay rights bills.

HYAMS GRANTS FUNDS

By JACK ARMSTRONG

BOSTON—Two organizations in the gay community have received grants from the prestigious Godfrey M. Hyams Trust.

The Charles Street Meetinghouse Youth Advocacy program, Project Lambda received \$5000 which will be used to help meet operating expenses. Steffi Sommer, project administrator told GCN that the money is paying for insurance policies, worker's compensation, supplies to build offices, postage, and the project stationery and pamphlet.

The Homophile Community Health Service received \$11,000 which will be used to hire a new social worker whose primary duties will be to serve as a liaison between HCHS and other mental health agencies.

"We get calls all the time from other agencies asking for advice," explained HCHS Executive Director Donald McGaw. He said these agencies generally require more than a "25-word-or-less answer," and that his new social worker would provide the extensive consultation these agencies seek.

The social worker would, in effect, expand HCHS's services through the other private and state agencies since, indirectly, it would be helping the gay people who are served by the other agencies.

Rev. McGaw said the grant was award-

ed several weeks ago, but that he delayed the public announcement until Friday when he "opened up the envelope and took out the check."

Actually, it was the second grant that HCHS had sought from the Hyams foundation. The foundation turned down a grant application in 1971, shortly after HCHS was founded and before it had a tax-exempt status.

"We weren't really not set up to accept grants then," Rev. McGaw recalled.

He said it is noteworthy that only three years later the Hyams foundation trustees felt the gay consultation program was valuable enough to warrant a grant.

"This shows admirably that a lot of progress has been made by gay groups here in Boston in the last few years," McGaw said.

He added that HCHS is ready to accept applications for the new social worker position. He said preference will be given to applicants who have a masters degree in social work and at least two years' experience in social work.

Although the Hyams grant expires in a year, Rev. McGaw said he hopes the grant can be renewed or that the fees from the consultation program will be sufficient to make the job a permanent position at HCHS.

Violence Erupts at Pizza Pad

By IAN JOHNSON

BOSTON—A racist and homophobic oriented brawl broke out early Saturday morning at the Pizza Pad, 272 Cambridge St., Beacon Hill. Three people were hospitalized, an arrest was made, and there was over \$250 damage done, mainly to windows.

Witnesses told GCN that at approximately 2:30 a.m. there were over 40 people, primarily from Sporter's in the Pizza Pad when about a dozen young men, identified as from Charlestown, entered, appearing drunk and "looking for trouble."

Their first words were "look at all the faggots." They followed this remark with "Nigger lover", "Southie eats shit" and "stop busing."

After several minutes of hostile remarks, a confrontation developed between the young men and a bi-racial couple. The Black man stood up to go to the counter and one of the men took his chair and refused to surrender it. Racial slurs were cast, a fight almost developed, but the management and other patrons intervened.

At this point many gay patrons left, sensing impending violence, one witness said.

Witnesses explained that at 2:45 a.m. the group began to leave, but attacked the man at the door who was most vehement in defense of the bi-racial couple. One of the group smashed a beer bottle over the man's head, and he was kicked to the floor. The beer had been brought in by the men from Charlestown.

Chairs and tables were thrown, one person was stabbed, and two others were injured and required hospitalization.

James Griffith, a customer involved, told GCN that "the number of gay men and other patrons greatly outnumbered the assailants. What we lacked was any sense of organization and defense. There was no reason why we as a group could not dispose of these people on our own."

The response of the Pizza Pad management and the effectiveness of the police were questioned by several witnesses. When the police actually were called is not certain.

The Pizza Pad manager told GCN that he had the entire situation under control. He further stated that when shouting first began he asked the men to leave and called the police. Before the police arrived, the manager stated he was successful in getting most of the group to leave, but the last one out attacked a patron by the door and the melee began.

Other individuals have informed GCN that the manager has, on other occasions asked people to leave who have verbally accosted patrons.

The manager went on to say he has hired police to be on the premises from 12 to closing. He also explained that he and two witnesses had appeared in court later that morning to bring charges against



PIZZA PAD on Cambridge Street: where it all happened.

photo by Dennis Brady

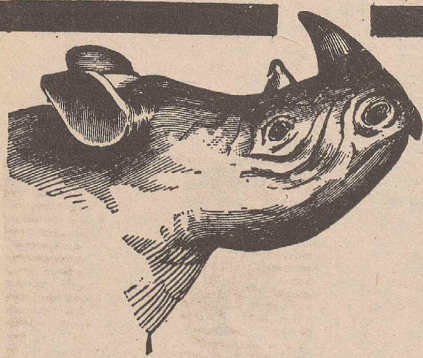
a member of the group who was arrested, and that he is working with police to apprehend the person who started the disturbance.

Gay people also called police several times and upon their last phone call the police responded. The police claimed that this was the first call they received.

GCN has contacted the police, and they have assured us that they will actively investigate the complaint, checking all tapes of emergency 911 numbers. At press time, no police statement is available.

GAY AMERICANS DAY

BOSTON—Gay Americans Day has been scheduled for March 5. This will be an opportunity for gays to visit the Massachusetts State House as a group and meet their legislators. The legislators will be notified ahead of time and will be expecting gay groups. For more information, call Gay Legislation '75, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening, 6-9 p.m. at 338-8173.



news notes

KERRIGAN DUMPS "FAGS"

BOSTON—Boston School Committee member John J. Kerrigan, upset that anti-busing groups in Boston had no hearing to testify in support of repealing the state's racial imbalance law, last week remarked "How come the fags can get a hearing when the people of Boston against busing cannot?"

Kerrigan's remarks were carried on WCVB, Channel 5.

Local Meetings for GL'75

BOSTON—Gay Legislation '75 (Massachusetts) will be meeting across the state to speak on legislation and to organize constituent letter writing to state representatives and senators. Groups interested in having a presentation in their area should write: GL '75, P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston, MA 02114 or call Laura at 617-491-2787. Meetings already scheduled are: Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. in Provincetown. Board of Selectpeople Meeting, Judge Welsh Courtroom, Town Hall. For Cape Cod residents contact: Bill, 487-9633 or Drop-In Center 487-0387. Feb. 26, 8 p.m., North Dartmouth, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, Southeastern Massachusetts University. For Southeastern Mass. people, local contact: Paulette 997-9321 ext. 256. March 1, noon at U/Mass Amherst. For people from the western third of the state, local contact: Student Homophile League, 545-0154.

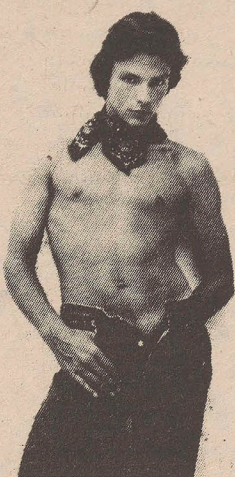
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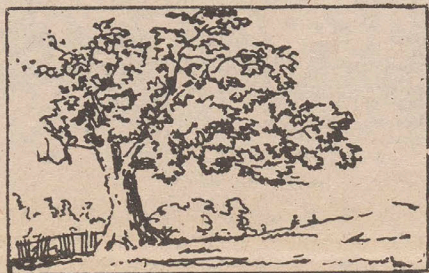
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LYNN LIGHTHOUSE OPEN

LYNN—The Lighthouse Cafe, located at 776 Washington Street in Lynn was erroneously reported closed in GCN No. 32. Although the bar was threatened with a liquor license suspension, because of a dog on the premises, the bar cleared up the matter and was never forced to close.

LAVENDER RHINO BUTTON GETS RESULTS!

In the spirit of sisterhood two gay women gave their 'straight' (is there such a thing?) roommate a lavender rhino button for Christmas. She wore her button to her Northeastern University classes one day to show her solidarity with gay people, and, much to her surprise and amusement, was approached by three fellow women students who began with the line, "I noticed your button...and was wondering..."



contact

By TOM CARUSO

HARTFORD—MCC/Hartford, formally still a "mission" of the Northeast District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, has announced its intentions of becoming a fully-chartered church. Rev. F. Jay Deacon of Hartford explained that the formal chartering ceremony should occur on Sunday, May 11—Mother's Day.

To secure the minimum 35 members necessary to become chartered, MCC/Hartford is beginning a "Lenten Study Series" of membership classes open to all. Scheduled to run five consecutive weeks, the classes will begin on Sunday, February 23, 6 PM, at St. Paul's, 1 Amity Street, corner of Park, Hartford.

WATERBURY—Reports from local gays indicated a step-up of police surveillance in a cruising area in "Library Park." People frequenting the park have been stopped by police and warned to leave an area "known to be a homosexual cruising area." In their attempts to discourage cruising in the park, the police have been ticketing cars heavily, towing illegally parked automobiles, and turning spotlights on vehicles in the area at night.

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MAINE LINE

By STURGIS HASKINS

AUGUSTA—A Gay Rights bill will not be filed with this session of the legislature. According to Peter Prizer, Political Affairs Coordinator for the Maine Gay Task Force, the decision had been reached following several meetings with Terry Ann Lund-Aclon, Executive Directive of the Maine Human Rights Commission. Ms. Lund reportedly told MGTF Coordinators that a great deal more ground work should have been done before the introduction of a bill. Lund cited her experience with the women's equal-rights amendment as an example. Despite many good intentions and substantial support, women's rights advocates found themselves overwhelmed and inadequate for the task of getting a bill successfully through the legislature. They lost in their initial try and were forced to mobilize again two years later before their efforts met with success. Prizer said that the Task Force would probably submit a bill for consideration for the annual special session scheduled one year from now. He said that House Floor Leader, Jerry Talbot, a Democrat, would be willing to sponsor the bill. Talbot is the first black to serve in the Maine legislature.

Susan Henderson, Secretary to the Wilde-Stein Club on the Orono campus of the University of Maine, said that her group was too consumed with plans and preparations for the forthcoming Maine gay conference, Symposium II, to have marshalled their forces in a legislative effort. These sentiments were echoed by Danny Estes, Chairperson of the Bangor Gay Support and Action Group, whose organization will host some of the Symposium II activities. Estes told GCN that few Task Force people had realized the enormity of involvement necessary to a successful legislative effort.

PORTLAND—The *Maine Sunday Telegram*, Maine's most widely-read Sunday paper carried story on the Maine Gay Task Force. A MGTF spokesperson said that this was the most favorable article he had seen in Maine papers on the gay movement.

BANGOR—Gay Support and Action has become Maine's first gay organization to become legally incorporated. Danny Estes, Chairperson, for the group made the announcement last week following a surprise approval by the State's Attorney General's Office. An initial application, filed last November, had been turned down in January. Some felt that the reasons were arbitrary and not supported by current legal trends. Gay Support and Action, Inc. will hold a free dance to celebrate. It is scheduled for February 15 at the Gay Community Center.

GSA lost a good friend in December. Ken Russell passed away. Ken was perhaps the only older gay active in the movement in Maine. A retired army colonel he had a long and successful army career. Following his retirement he ran a successful business for a few years in addition to publishing several articles in national magazines. He leaves a lover of some thirty years. From the first meeting of Gay Support and Action, Ken was an active and committed member. As the GSA newsletter memorializes, "He gave freely of his support, his experience, his time, and even his home. We owe Ken a great deal, and he will be sadly missed."

Nelson Ackley, GSA Secretary, has moved to Boston. John Croxford was elected to replace him.

ORONO—The much touted Grand Quilting Bee, held at the palatial residence of Susan Henderson, was a success beyond description, although the much publicized quilt was only partly completed. The quilt, described variously as "colorful", "interesting" and "different" will be raffled for the benefit of Symposium II.

The Student Senate voted \$310 to the W-SC. One hundred of this is to be applied to the unpaid security bill for last year's conference.

The W-SC will produce five hour-long shows for the school's FM radio station.

New subscribers to the MGTF newsletter have been sent a complimentary copy of GCN to increase exposure in Maine and to encourage northern gays to subscribe.

Dignity / Merrimack Valley News

A group of gay and straight, young and old, women and men, religious and lay people got together recently for a night of sharing and community under the auspices of Dignity/Merrimack Valley.

After a liturgy celebrated by Fr. Roger, the chaplain of Dignity/Merrimack Valley, the topic of the evening—"Straights and Their Role in Dignity"—was presented by a straight married couple actively involved in Dignity/Merrimack Valley. John and Bunny shared themselves honestly and openly during their presentation. They expressed their thoughts on what relationships between couples, whether gay or straight, should be. John and Bunny also

included a short history of their involvement in Dignity, coming to the conclusion that Dignity brought them to an awareness of the wholesomeness of gay love and relationships.

It was also "Bring a Straight Friend" night, and those who attended were impressed with the growing solidarity within this group.

Dignity/Merrimack Valley meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 7:30 PM at the Christian Formation Center in Andover, Mass. For further information, write Dignity/Merrimack Valley, PO Box 348, Lowell, Mass. 01853 or call 617-851-6711.

MINORITY WOMEN CONFER

By STEPHANIE BYRD

NEW HAVEN—"Women must end their junkie-like dependence on men and strive for a stronger self-image and sense of independence," Margaret Sloan, Chairwoman of the National Black Feminist Organization told 250 women who attended a minority women's conference in New Haven, February 14 and 15.

On Friday evening, speakers representing different minority groups addressed the conference. Hispanic women were represented by two speakers, Pacquita Vivo and Anna Nieto-Gomez, who told the conference that women must learn to incorporate feminism into their personal and political lives. Spring Wang, representing the Asian-American contingency, spoke about the need for minority women to organize. Ms. Sloan pointed out to the conference that minority feminists are often split because of elitism within their organizations. This split must be bridged whether it is caused by differences in sexual preference or class.

Issues which were determined to be of primary importance are the need for stronger rape laws, adequate child-care services and the enforcement of equal pay for equal work bill.

Workshops on Saturday included stereotyping of minority women and the problems of relating to minority men. A workshop on alternative life-styles revealed that many minority lesbians were participating in the conference and raised the issue of how they were being dealt with at both a personal and organizational level.

The conference ended with a feeling of unity and many women exchanged addresses and information on organizations that were previously unknown. Important links were strengthened and some of the tension between gay and sisters was put to rest.



photo by Patty Fagan

Mr. Sylvia Sidney, Sheri Bardon, DOB president, and Janet Hamilton of The Citadel will serve as judges for the Mid-Winter Costume Ball, Friday night at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. The dance is for the benefit of GCN. John-L. Brenner will serve as M.C.

Prizes will be awarded in five categories.

Clearview Photo Buttons will be there to take pictures of contestants for a reasonable fee. Part of the proceeds will go to GCN.

Lilith, a seven piece women's rock band, will provide the music. Beer, wine, fruit punch and cold drinks will be sale.

Tickets are available from GCN or at the door for \$2.50.

Legislation Testimony Continued

[Ed. Note—The gay rights legislation testimony, given at Gardner Auditorium February 4, and printed in GCN last week was incomplete because of space restrictions. This article is to inform readers about the testimony which was not covered in last week's issue.]

By DAVID P. BRILL

BOSTON—Rep. Barney Frank told the Commerce and Labor Committee that Massachusetts has come "some way towards sanity," telling his fellow legislators that they now "have a chance to extricate our sins at the Salem witch trials." He blasted what he termed a most "virulent form of irrational bigotry" that gay people face as well as a complete absence of any sensible arguments against the anti-discrimination bills.

"If supporting these bills is not going to hurt you politically, what conceivable reason," he asked, "could anyone have for saying to your fellow citizens...No! You can't work, you can't live where you want!...I cannot understand how any member of the Legislature in 1975 wants to make that statement," Frank said.

Women's Caucus Speaks

Rep. Carol C. Amick (D-Bedford), a member of the Women's Caucus and President of the 1975-76 Freshmen Caucus, then took the stand to read a statement signed by several other members of the Women's Caucus, including Reps. Doris Bunte (D-Roxbury), Geneva Counihan (D-Concord), Barbara E. Gray (R-Framingham), Elizabeth Metayer (D-Braintree), Ann C. Gannett (R-Wayland), Lois G. Pines (D-Newton), and Karen J. Swanson (D-Brockton), on support of the gay anti-discrimination bills. A surprising signatory to the supportive letter was Rep. Iris K. Holland (R-Longmeadow), who had voted against an anti-discrimination measure last year.

Rep. Pines was next, followed by Sen. Chester G. Atkins (D-Acton), the young solon from the Middlesex and Worcester district, who nervously offered his conspicuously brief testimony in support of the gay rights bills.

Rhode Island Report

By PAUL J. McNEIL Jr.

PROVIDENCE MCC/Providence has a Health Clinic on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at 37 Clemence St., Providence. Any men interested in participating in a men's rap group should contact MCC.

PROVIDENCE Colonel Walter McQueeney, Providence Police Chief, has announced a new crackdown on vice. The crackdown has been instigated at the request of Mayor Vincent A. Cianci of Providence. Among those recently arrested was City Council President Robert Haxton who was arrested for corrupting the morals of a seventeen-year-old boy.

PROVIDENCE—A gay group has been established within the Divine Light Mission.

Rep. Charles F. Flaherty (D-Cambridge) then took the floor to state that "It ought to be abhorrent to this Committee and to this legislature that such discrimination exists," and to urge the Committee to act favorable on all the anti-discrimination measures (there were several other bills before the same Committee regarding discrimination on the basis of age, handicap, etc.). The Flaherty testimony may have been the most significant one of the morning for two reasons: First, Flaherty is the Chairperson of the Mass. Democratic State Committee, and his testimony could be an indication of what direction the state's official Democratic Party platform could be taking next year. Secondly, Flaherty voted against gay rights legislation in 1974, and had apparently been sufficiently politically proselytized since then.

The next witness was Peter Chisolm, an assistant to Secretary of State Paul H. Guzzi, who read a lengthy letter from his boss, who could not attend the hearing in person due to a previous commitment, urging the speedy passage of all of this year's gay rights legislation. Guzzi, who has had close ties to the gay community for almost two years, urged the Committee to act immediately to "remove the injustices" that gays face.

Noble's "Relatives"

Rep. Elaine Noble was next. "As you know," she said to Rep. Richard H. Demers (D-Chicopee), House Chairman of the Committee, "I brought all my relatives with me today," pointing to the throngs of gays in the rows of seats behind her. Noble stated that she also brought with her a request from Governor Michael S. Dukakis urging passage of the anti-discrimination measures.

Noble then proceeded to offer an in-depth analysis of the 1974 election results, citing figures showing that most incumbents defeated for re-election had voted against gay rights bills, and that Senator Robert Hall, a first-term freshman Republican in a heavily Democratic district, was re-elected by a plurality of over 11,000 votes in 1974, even though his opponent made a loud and exploitative campaign out of Hall's pro-gay stands.

The line of witnesses continued, and the audience was watching tensely: Rep. Melvin H. King (D-South End) spoke of how he sought the elimination of all injustice against human beings. Charles Shively, a teacher at Boston State College, spoke of the difficulty he was having with the administration at his school, and with a fellow teacher "with nice legs" who claimed he could not support gays because, as a child, he was taught only to hate and beat them up. Marion Trudeau, a psychiatric nurse affiliated with the Homophile Community Health Service, noted the psychological problems that many gays feel from discrimination.

"Stop playing let's pretend!" said Sandy Harris of Tewksbury, a social service supervisor with the Mass. Department of Public Welfare who had "come out" to her employer only a day before. In what may have been the hearing's most articulate testimony, Ms. Harris made a dramatic plea to the legislators, addressing herself to a variety of issues, such as gays and children, her own job safety, and political hypocrisy, and was very well-received by all present.

Others to follow included Irv Englander, president of the M.I.T. Student Homo-



photo by Jane Picard

Rep. Noble tells Commerce and Labor Committee: "I brought my relatives along today."

phile League; Robert Martin of the New England Prisoners Association; Arlie Scott, director of the Unitarian-Universalist Office of Gay Concerns; Ann Wadsworth of the Boston Gay Speakers Bureau; Rev. Thomas C. Oddo, Chaplain to Dignity; Paul Deidrich, president of Dignity-National; and John Kyper, a Boston law student who presented an extensive research paper exploding the myths about gays and child-molesting.

Rev. Randall Lee Gibson, minister of the Charles Street Meetinghouse, also spoke. "I am embarrassed that I have to stand before you and plead for the extension of the Bill of Rights for people who never should have been denied those rights!" said Gibson.

At that point, Rep. Marie E. Howe (D-Somerville), vice-chairperson of the Committee, turned a bright shade of red and glared through the duration of Gibson's testimony. Howe, the senior member of the legislature's Women's Caucus and a well-known Somerville realtor, had stayed through the hearing longer than any other of her colleagues, but this was the first noticeable reaction since the hearing had begun three hours previously.

Jennifer Gibson, 14, followed her father, and stated that "Homosexuality is nothing!" where she lives at the meetinghouse.

Continuing with more testimony were Rev. Laurence G. Bernier, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston; Rep. Gary D. Jones (D-Middleboro); Harold Duddy, a Third Order Franciscan who spoke on being gay and Black; and Marianne Abrams, executive director of Americans for Democratic Action.

Virginia Hurley, manager of the Committee to Elect Elaine Noble, then took the floor, and quickly found herself in a spat with Rep. Demers, who asked her if she would still have supported the gay rights bills before the Noble campaign. Ms. Hurley replied yes.

Lobbying Efforts

The Committee for Gay Legislation '75 is now preparing itself for an intensive lobbying effort before the bills H.2848 and S.272 come to the floors of the House and Senate.

Rep. Royal L. Bolling Jr. (D-Dorchester), a Committee member, told GCN that he thinks there will be "no problem at all" getting the bills out of the Committee with a favorable report, but that the most effort should be put into getting gays to contact their individual legislators before the vote.



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Dear GCN—

Massachusetts has laws which protect other vulnerable groups such as women and Blacks from discrimination, but it has no laws protecting homosexuals. Fifteen cities in other states have seen the need for such laws in the last three years. In addition, eight states have repealed their laws against consenting adult sexual acts done in private. This is what we are asking for in Massachusetts:

H.2848 General Discrimination (the same as S.272).

This bill would make discrimination in employment, housing, mortgages, bonding, credit, public accommodations, and union membership on the basis of sexual orientation illegal. Presently the laws cover race, ancestry, religion, sex, etc.

H.2849 Discrimination in Civil Service.

This bill, more limited than H.2848, would make discrimination in state civil service employment on the basis of sexual orientation illegal.

H.2944 Repeal of Sex Laws.

This bill would repeal four sections of the state criminal code which presently regulate the private sexual behavior of consenting adults. (Continued on page 8)

EDITORIAL realities

The Edelin jury has returned and the thinking world is appalled. The arguments will continue, but the fact of the matter seems to be that an incredible assortment of realities converged in that Suffolk County Courtroom. Dr. Kenneth C. Edelin's statement that the "die was cast when the jurors were picked" is true.

The overwhelming weight of evidence and explicit charge to the jury seem to have been ignored and the jury's "this is how I see it, don't confuse me with new facts and details" ruled the day. The thinking world will agonize for Edelin, for any concerned with human rights, and the case will move on to higher courts. Hopefully the case will be reversed and all those who truly care about human rights will feel relief and then go on to wonder where the next threat will come from.

LETTERS demand

GCN Staff:

We demand that an open meeting be called to deal with the placement of Nazi Party advertising in GCN. The issue of support for the Nazi Party in GCN should not be sandwiched into a governing board meeting. An ad giving the time, place and reason for the meeting should be placed in prime space of the next issue, so that the wide-spread anger of people in the community against Nazi Party advertising will have a forum.

Women Against Anti-semitism
Sandra Monroe
Starr Hovis
Merry Moscato
Joey Finkelstein

GCN staff will be glad to meet with concerned people at 6 pm Tuesday, February 25 at the GCN office.

—The Staff



set it straight

An Open Letter to all GWM and GWF:

In response to the letter from our brother Herb Gibson, we acknowledge his difficulty and sympathize with his struggle in dealing with the gay white community.

We left the comfort of our communities, to explore our homosexuality. We were met with prejudice and discrimination within the gay white social structure. Although we weren't loved in the black community, we were not hated for our blackness.

Now we must become aware of our own beauty as opposed to the accepted standards and institutionalized concepts perpetuated by the naive gay white community.

It is deplorable that such an absurd situation exists but this necessitates our seeking out each other for support.

We must and shall emerge as a unique productive political force: immune to the gay white stereotypical labeling of the "hot black stud" and the "foxy black lady." In dealing with our white friends and white lovers, we must never forget that "black love is black wealth" and will see us through all struggles.

Stephanie Byrd
Norman Walker
Baha Brown



at last

Dear GCN:

After 31 years, believe it or not, and I don't mean Ripley, I received notification from the Naval Board of Reviews, that they had reversed my Naval Discharge to "A General under Honorable Conditions vice Undesirable." The Navy had found out that I was Gay.

I strongly feel that if the Navy can make such a momentous change, the state of Massachusetts should get off its haunches and vote for the following bills:

H.2848 GENERAL DISCRIMINATION
H.2849 DISCRIMINATION IN CIVIL SERVICE

H.2944 REPEAL OF SEX LAWS

Come on Gays, stand up and fight for our rights.

—Mark

don't dial

Editor:

There was an article in a recent GCN suggesting that Dial Help, Inc. of Natick is a hotline that is capable of serving the gay community. As a former hot-liner, I must disagree.

When the article was being written, I was interviewed over the telephone, and I stated that there were several gay listeners, including myself. Because of my very recent resignation, there are now one bisexual woman and no gays who staff.

The reasons for my resignation are nearly as important as the lack of gay staffers. One evening several weeks ago, I put up a sign at Dial Help's office that said "gay is good". By the end of the evening, several unpleasant remarks about gays had been scribbled on it, and by the next evening, it had been ripped off the wall.

I have called Dial Help in the past for help with gay related problems, and the listener to whom I spoke even admitted that she couldn't do anything for me. My feeling is that there is no help there for gays.

Because of the lack of gay staffers and because of homophobia among some of the hot-liners, I must say that I would not call there with any sexual identity problems.

—John Campbell

hang in

Dear GCN,

Frequently while I am down and depressed I often read my previous issues of GCN. I was doing that today and I wanted to write to you and express my feelings on the article "Spotlight On Gay Parents". I am only sixteen years old myself and very lonely, depressed, and wondering. Wondering what to do with my life.

There must be some really beautiful people in this world who do care about younger gays. It must be a fantastic feeling to have gay parents like Jack and Wes. What I wouldn't give to have someone like them who care.

The point that I am trying to say is that we are all lucky to have these such beautiful people in our society today, too bad that there are not enough of them around for all of us to share!

I wish to thank Sturgis Haskins for writing this wonderful article. Who knows possibly I will someday find someone like Jack and Wes!

—Bob Hoover

support!

Dear People:

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Hope you'll hang in there. The paper means a lot to your friends out in the country.

—Joan from Maine

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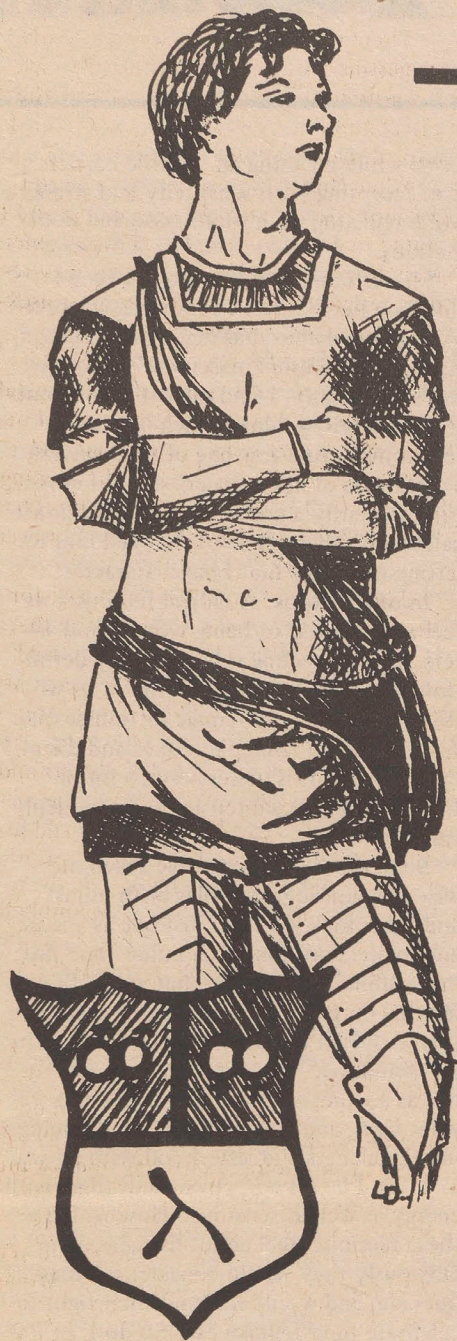
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NEITHER THE FIRST GAY ARMY



NOR THE LAST



I guess most of us bumped into the Knights Templars in *Ivanhoe*, but it was not until irrelevantly researching that *gai sorcier* and Mad Queen Aleister Crowley that the bedeviling Knights of the Red Cross transcended their thousand years with a relavatory clunk! All those crazy rumors about sodomy and satanism were true!

Founded for the avowed purpose of protecting pilgrims in the Holy Land, the Order adopted Benedictine rule, which, considering this included chastity and poverty, must have been a public relations gimmick; but, in return, The Order received a house next door to what was called "Soloman's Temple" in Jerusalem and so the Order of the Poor Knights of Christ began their way to fame and fortune as The Knights of the Temple of Soloman, or *Templars*, for short.

Their dashing military exploits won them immense fame (and fortune) throughout Europe; they received whole estates with each victory against the Infidels. Because of all their successes and income, a great rivalry grew up between them and the White-Crossed Hospitalers and the Black-Crossed Teutonic Knights, their ultimate rivals. These orders sought their destruction for centuries.

With fame and fortune came, too, a tendency to debauch, perhaps learned from those more sophisticated nations of Islam with whom they were contending for the barren mountain-tops and dead salt-pans of the Holy Land. I don't know, but there arose amongst the Templars the robust and virile pastimes of drunkenness, beatiality, sodomy, heresy, and satanism.

COMING OUT THE HARD WAY

For two generations the Pope (at this time Gregory IX) did not suspect what was going on in the Templars' barracks; with characteristic urgency (34 years later) the Church declared that the Templars were in need of drastic (financial) reform.

Meanwhile the Templars were finding their celestialty elsewhere. Since the loss of Jerusalem in 1187 by that noted Sodomite King Richard the Lionheart to that Gay Sultan of Egypt Saladin the Great, the Templars had logically enough switched their interests from Sex and Infidels to Sex and Money. When Acre fell to the Mohammedans in 1291, the Templars and the Hospitalers, in an uneasy marriage of inconvenience, withdrew to Cyprus.

The Templars became in short order the Rockefellers and the Rothschilds of their day, the virtual Banque du Europe, envied for their wealth and for those special privileges which money brings; likewise, they became the most mistrusted and despised Order on the continent. Without military victories, their fame became almost purely financial, a wealth coveted by no less than Philip The Fair of France, whose perverted lust for money and power had led him to persecute the "Lombards" (or Italian bankers) and the Jewish moneylenders (one sees Elizabeth Taylor chained to her stake!). The Templars, ignorant that an Age of Nations was being born in which monarchs could dictate to popes, ignored the gossip.

THE TEMPLARS' TRIALS

In league with its vassal monarchs, the Church moved quickly to investigate the Templars (it took them 70 years). In 1307, the Templar Trials began. A typical indictment was as follows:

1. The administering of the sacrament of penance by a layman (what would today be an inconsequential matter of semantics and sexism);
2. Buggery and the use of the "anal kiss" (??);
3. Pissing (etc.) on the Crucifix (obviously some occultist parlor trick);
4. The worship of an idol named Baphomet (whose fame has somehow escaped me, but who is likely of Gnostic, therefore heretic, origin); and
5. The omission of some words or other from the Mass (*Hoc est corpus meum*, etc., "This is my body...")

If we take these charges in order of importance, we begin with Charge 2, to wit: Buggery (read: Sodomy)...was and still is considered by the Church a heresy (indeed the word 'bugger' is derived from the Bogomil heretics "who were particularly numerous in Bulgaria", where else?). On and on went the Church's rational investigation: the rack and hot iron, the penis plucked out with tweezers in the size of ice tongs, the hot poker shoved in any handy hole; a chain-and-pincer approach which would make a masochist delirious to switch roles.

As to the charge of pissing (etc.) on the Crucifix, the Templars willingly admitted to the charge, it being a kind of ultimate test of obeying orders. One by one, the Templars were tortured, tried, found guilty of heresy, burnt at the stake, and their great fortunes and fortresses confiscated...not always in that order.

It came to an end in 1314 in France when the last Grand Master, Jacques de Molay (sound familiar?) was burnt at the

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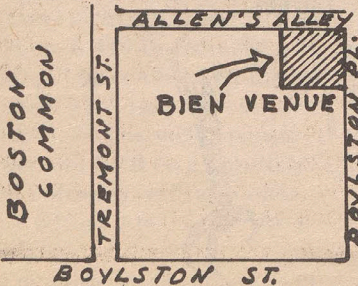
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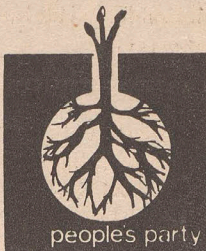


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This is Margo!

By MARGO

Being both a radical Lesbian and a male-to-female transsexual, I find myself at a vortex of conflict between the Lesbian and transsexual communities. In my more pessimistic moments, I sometimes feel as if the whole Lesbian community is down on me for being transsexual, and vice versa; in my more optimistic moments, I feel like writing articles like this one. Although a few people have made Lesbian/transsexual controversies an arena for sheer hatred and bigotry, my hope is that honest misunderstandings between the overlapping Lesbian and transsexual communities are at the root of most problems.

To begin with, I myself as a Lesbian feminist have observed a great deal of sexism and heterosexual chauvinism among male-to-female transsexuals which must be upsetting to any Lesbian or even any straight feminist. For example, Jan Morris (on the Dick Cavett Show) spoke about the "tragic" case of a male-to-female transsexual who desired Lesbian relationships after surgery; Cavett commented that the idea of a transsexual choosing Lesbianism was just too confusing to discuss further. As a Lesbian who considers love between women to be simple and very natural, I was depressed and angry.

Yet often transsexuals on television and other media make Ms. Morris seem feminist. They extol home and family as the essence of femaleness, reject gayness as immoral or unnatural, and define themselves in relationship to men. When I hear such interviews, I find myself virtually crawling up a wall; it does not surprise me that other Lesbian women react in the same way.

At the same time, I have experienced a great deal of pain from the conduct of

some Lesbians toward me as a transsexual. The dilemmas I face are almost identical to those faced by Lesbians in the feminist movement a few years ago. If I proclaim my transsexualism, I will be perceived as separating myself from my natively female Lesbian sisters; if I say nothing unless and until I am asked, I will be judged as hiding some vile secret.

Last year I became involved with a group of Lesbian anarchists; I was immediately accepted as myself, a very freaky Lesbian. Then, at the beginning of the next meeting, everyone froze toward me; I had become a "problem" to them, as Lesbians were a problem for straight feminists not so long ago. "Was it true?", they asked in so many words, as if this were the Fifties and I was rumored to be a former Communist. In the end I won at least temporary acceptance; but I did so by apologizing for rather than celebrating my struggle of 22 years to become the woman I felt was me.

On another occasion I was at a feminist bar, where I met a woman who did not know me but who had put down Lesbian transsexuals in general. We got along well; she related to me simply as a Lesbian woman (which I am), and I discovered that she also was a sensitive human being. Yet I was haunted by the feeling that if she knew my past she would probably have rejected me, even at the same time as I felt that my past should be irrelevant.

It is like being Gay in a job situation where the boss does not know. You are not hiding it, you are just being your natural self; but you wonder how the boss would react if she/he knew. There is a strange closety tension about it all. Can I feel comfortable among other Lesbians who accept me as the real person I am,

but would reject me if they knew how I got there?

At this point in time there are many transsexuals who would throw Lesbians to the patriarchal wolves as long as they could live in their desired submissive "feminine" roles; there are some Lesbians who would ignore or even trample over transsexuals if this served their neat and rigid "revolutionary" plans. I would like to explore why it is that transsexuals ignore or even ridicule Lesbians and vice versa, but first we must deal with some aspects of human sexuality which are often confused.

In discussions of both gayness and transsexualism, there are three concepts which often get tangled or confused. First, there is one's overall feeling of being female or male, which I will refer to as *gender identity*. Secondly, there is one's preference in forming intense love relationships for one or both sexes (or even for a compatible human being regardless of sex), which I will call *sexual preference*, although I might prefer the term "amatory" preference in order to stress the element of *love* whether or not it is genitally expressed (more on this later). Finally, there is one's conformity or defiance (or simple ignoring) of *sex roles*, the arbitrary sexist definitions of what is supposed to be "feminine" or "masculine."

To begin with, many confuse gender identity with sex roles; and such confusion makes it impossible to understand transsexualism. Perhaps I can make the distinction clear by considering a situation which many natively female Lesbians experience.

A radical feminist may challenge all sex roles; she may joyously celebrate her "masculine" strengths; she may repudiate all patriarchal definitions of what it means to be a woman; yet she still feels that she is *female*, and that all *women* are her *sisters*. Let us refer to this total affirmative feeling as *femaleness*.

In contrast, the patriarchal system speaks of *femininity*; this means being submissive, being a sex object, and above all being attractive to men rather than to oneself or one's sisters. Thus radical feminism means celebrating femaleness (sisterhood, women's culture, etc.) *in our own*

terms while rejecting all sex role barriers (e.g. accepting both sensitivity and strength while rejecting both submission and domination).

I have found that living as a woman full-time for the past 16 months, celebrating my femaleness, has made me much stronger and more "masculine" in many ways. Musically, I find myself belting out some very gutsy Blues which border on screaming; I find this one of the heaviest expressions of my femaleness and Lesbianism. Recently a gay male at a coffeehouse called me a diesel dyke; I thanked him for letting me know that I have character!

In other words, as radical feminists we feel a deep sense of being women and sisters, but this feeling is beyond any definition or stereotype. This is true of us whether we are natively female or transsexual. We all face the same paradoxes and dilemmas. Once this is understood, a lot of Lesbian/transsexual tension may suddenly vanish.

Sometimes feminists have asked me why, if I consider sex roles both unjust and ridiculous, do I not just live as a man and express both my "feminine" and my "masculine" qualities in that way? In doing this they are assuming that somehow I have chosen to be a woman so that I can be "feminine." In fact, I have chosen to live as a woman simply because that is what I *am*, and because only by affirming my femaleness and sisterhood with all women can I be *myself*, strong and filled with energy as well as sensitive. How would these feminists feel about living as men? Obviously they would consider it a masquerade, and would demand their right to celebrate their femaleness. So do I.

Moving to another confusion which many Gay people have battled against, gender identity must not be confused with sexual preference. Lesbians (as opposed to female-to-male transsexuals) are not biological females who have a male gender identity; they are simply women who love other women. Gay men (as opposed to male-to-female transsexuals) are not biological males who have female gender identities, but are men who love men.

People who are trapped in the het trip often find it contradictory for me to be



TRANSSEXUAL MISUNDERSTANDING

transsexual and Lesbian, because they assume that to be a woman is to love men and vice versa. Thus my parents alternately would suggest that the main reason I wanted the change was to relate in straight ways to men; or, they would argue that if I were going to relate to women, why do I need to be a woman myself. My parents are two of the best meaning straights I have met, but I guess that they are still a bit confused.

However, there is no reason that my situation need be confusing to Gay people. Regardless of my native genitals, I feel myself to be a *woman who loves women*, or simply a *Lesbian*. As I wrote above, I consider love between women to be a natural thing, whether the women are native or transsexual. The problem is that sometimes even Gay people apply het logic to transsexuals; and I would say that a great majority of male-to-female transsexuals apply het logic to themselves and everyone else. For example, I read an interview in which a transsexual defined Lesbians as "women who want to be men." If I had been at that interview, I would have had some interesting comments to make!

Finally, of course, sexual preference is different from any stereotyped adherence to sex roles. We all know that gay and straight people cannot be separated in general on the basis of sex role behavior; even more importantly, we are struggling to get totally away from the butch/femme trip. For me, being a Lesbian woman means being *both* strong and sensitive, for love requires both qualities.

Unfortunately, my sister Lesbians sometimes hold anti-transsexual attitudes. By anti-transsexual attitudes, I mean prejudices which would exclude from the Lesbian movement those transsexuals who are living full-time as women, and would exclude them for any reason which would

not equally exclude their native sisters. Opposition to sexism in *any* people, including both transsexuals and Lesbians, is of course necessary! Anti-transsexualism does *not* refer to this kind of opposition. Rather it refers to prejudice and exclusion directed against transsexuals as a *category*.

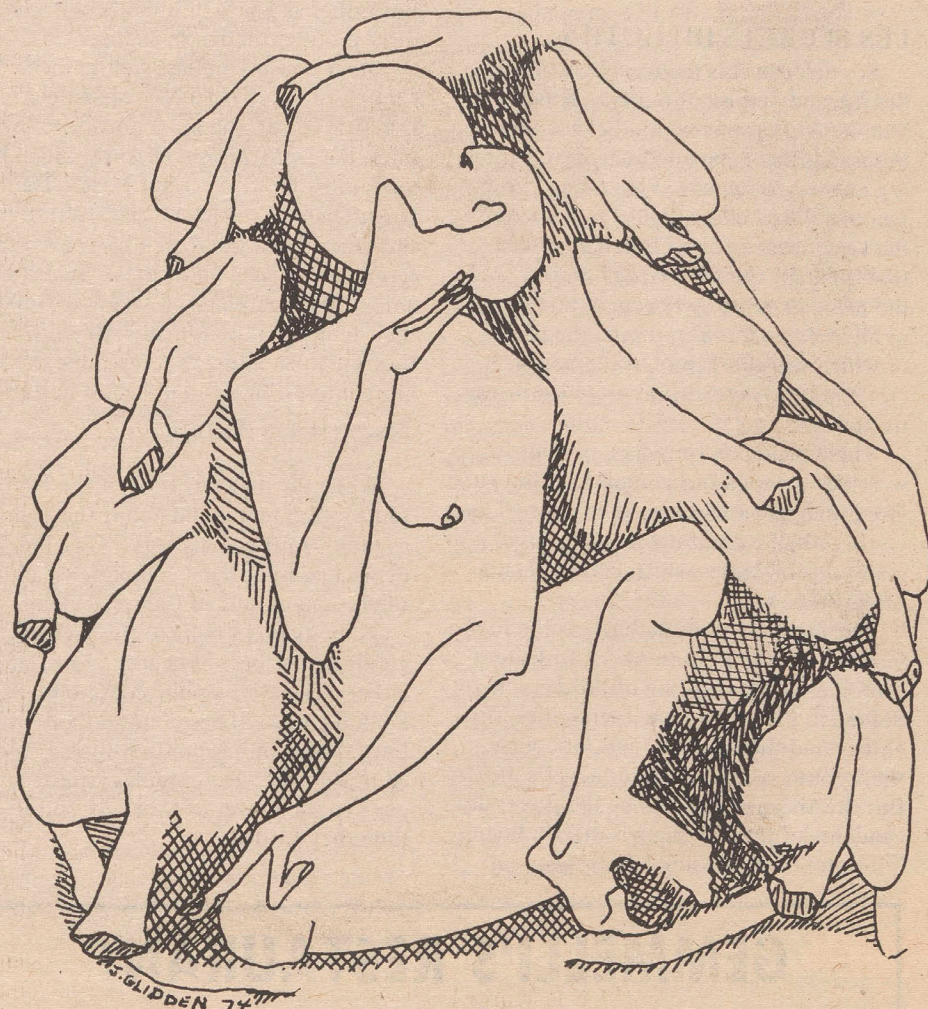
Before analyzing the reasons for anti-transsexualism among Lesbians, I feel it necessary to challenge one argument against even raising this issue; unfortunately, it is an argument which has gained currency in the Gay/feminist press in Boston.

According to this argument, the discussion of transsexualism causes disagreement in the Lesbian movement; and, after all, how many Lesbian transsexual are there? The conclusion is that the suffering of a few strange people can and should be put safely aside until "after the revolution."

Further, it is sometimes even argued that transsexuals must take the *responsibility* for this dissension among their native Lesbian sisters; to use the favorite macho-radical phrase, transsexuals "are objectively counter-revolutionary" because they are distracting their native sisters from much more important things. I have been given this argument not only in print but in person.

In the year 1862, a number of Blacks met with President Lincoln to demand emancipation of the slaves. Lincoln replied that the important thing was preserving the Union, with or without slavery. Further, he argued that the slaves and Black people generally, were *responsible* for the Civil War, since without them there would be nothing for white people to fight about!

In the early 1960's, during a peace march in the American South, it was argued that segregation should not be raised as an issue, since that would alienate the white population of the region from joining in the struggle against nuclear war. After the world was saved, some people



argued, then Jim Crow could be tackled.

Later in that decade, when women first demanded their rights in the male-dominated Left movements, they were put down: after all, women did not constitute a class or oppressed group, according to the going macho ideological definitions. Little things like feminism could be dealt with after the working class (or Third World or whatever) was liberated. Further, women who demanded their own freedom were accused of being counter-revolutionary, since they were causing division and conflict among their male comrades.

At about the same time, Gay people were also accused of being "bourgeois decadents;" furthermore, they were obviously capitalist agents who would even stoop so low as to challenge the revolutionary government of Cuba for a few minor imprisonments of homosexual perverts.

Last but not least, around 1969 and 1970 straight feminists attacked Lesbians for "dividing the movement" and for raising issues "irrelevant to the majority of women, irrelevant to the main focus of our movement." Betty Friedan went so far as to call Lesbians "the Lavender Menace," and to suggest that Lesbians were CIA agents sent to disrupt the respectable feminist movement.

Thus it is not surprising that transsexuals should be treated in the same way that Blacks, women, gay people, and Lesbians specifically have been treated, and all in the name of "revolution." We also note that whites, men, and straights find it easier to postpone other people's libera-

tion in the name of radicalism than to confront their own prejudices *now*. All Lesbians (transsexual and native) should reject this logic of slavery and hypocrisy, and all transsexuals who respect themselves should challenge it aggressively and without hesitation or apology.

At the Congress to Unite Women in 1970, the straight feminists in charge blocked a workshop on Lesbianism. About 20 Lesbians staged a nonviolent takeover of the Congress, in which they humorously and effectively presented the justice of their cause. They demanded that women be united by supporting Lesbian liberation rather than by ignoring or denouncing it. The time has come to unite women regardless of native genitals, and to unite them by all nonviolent means necessary.

Now we come to the specific reasons for anti-transsexualism in the Lesbian community. Of course, one reason is the very genuine mood of anti-Lesbianism among many transsexuals. It is important that we, as Lesbians, avoid the classic prejudicial practice of judging *all* the members of a group by the actions of *some*.

However, coming to the other reasons, we find that misinformation and outdated sexist attitudes are crucial. The causes are basically: 1. Misinformation about transsexualism; 2. Overly narrow concepts of Lesbianism; 3. Misguided notions of polarization in the Lesbian/feminist struggle; and 4. Clinging to patriarchal definitions of sex and gender.

[This is not the end. Look for more of Margo in future issues.]

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RESOURCES FOR TRANSVESTITES, TRANSSEXUALS CROSS-DRESSERS

By LAURA McMURRY

The following groups provide a social support function for persons who are interested in cross-dressing (transvestites), for those who are exploring both their female and male sides (transgenderists), and for those who feel that the genitals they were born with are not in harmony with their mental/psychological sex, those for whom cross-dressing is a reflection of gender-identity (transsexuals).

Different groups may meet different needs. Most of the people presently involved were born as males; persons born as females and involved in cross-dressing or gender identity questions are welcome.

The **Homophile Union of Boston (HUB)** offers a Thursday night **rap group** at 7:30 p.m. The address is 419 Boylston St., Room 509. Don't be confused by the location; this is not a gay rap, but a rap for TV's, TS's, CD's. To talk with a person from this group call HUB on a Thursday evening or on a Monday or Friday evening between 7:00 and 9:00. Come dressed as you wish.

There are **monthly social gatherings** in

a private home in Reading for sharing a meal and conversation. Unless you pass well, dress after you arrive. Wives and husbands are welcome. Payment of \$4.00 dues brings you a monthly newsletter. Write Frances Craig, P.O. Box 291, M.I.T. Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139.

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For professional counseling you may go to **Gender Identity Service**. There you can explore your feelings, deal with friends, spouses, etc., or enter their program leading to sex reassignment if this is appropriate. Write to Gender Identity Service, 74 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138 or call 864-8181. Their answering service is not the best, so call again if you don't get a reply.

Readers will hopefully inform us of any group that does not appear in this space.

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stake by Philip the "Fair" (whether "blonde" or as in "fair play" I wouldn't hazard a guess) who inherited the Templars' major vaults, and by Edward II who suppressed the Gay Order in England. But, for all Philip's greed, he did not live out that year 1314 to enjoy it.

LES SECRETS DU GOTH

So, through this tragical excursion into the rise and demise of our Gay Knights in Shining Armor, one would believe their thousands had been annihilated; but there is a mystery of clues hidden here: the Templars' *Red Cross*, their "secret rites", the vehemence of the Church's persecution, perhaps the term *Grand Master*, and the name *de Molay*. The most blatant clue of all is *Homosexuality* itself, the power of which was the Templars' "greatest secret" and the persecution of which proves its power.

The Knights of Templars, of course, were never wiped out completely, but survived underground, being the fraternal ancestors (shall we call them Uncles?) of many organizations which control Main Street, U.S.A.

The most obvious, perhaps, is the Freemasons, with their masonic craft degrees centered on the building of the Temple of Solomon, their grotesque hierarchies, their elitism and their sexism, and, of course, their youth corps called, in fact, *De Molay*! But the Masons' claim to be the direct descendants of the Templars is utterly bogus, if not now embarrassing. Their watered-

down Templarism is on the order of the *Stricte Observance* in France and the Royal Order of Scotland, mere tools of paternalistic capitalism to control small businesses. One cannot see the Mason's "secrets to unlocking the power of sex for financial gain" as anything like "The Order of the Bell", but rather as a box of bubblegum cards or dirty pictures hidden in a closet.

Other cousins are less well known. The Church of Satan (of Jayne Mansfield fame) is a little closer; the most notorious example is the *Ordo Templi Orientis* which had as its most famous "Outer Head" The Great Queen Crowley herself. But even the Chapters of the *Rose-Croix*, even the term *Rosierucian*, all of these are descendants of the Templars, all trying to build their temples of secret rites which, when they are most authentic, resemble the far more interesting sex and occult parties of Beacon Hill in the fifties.

While the males at least of the Homophile movement could count the Templars as their "spiritual advisors," Gay Independence has espoused a complete cleaning of the broom-closets of Cinderella-land.

Nobody has a right to the "secrets" of good sex, of love, of beauty...or of money either. These are public commodities. Even the Church has no monopoly over love, though it has presumptuously assumed that "rite". Homophiles know the secrets to the power of love too, and it's time they tattled.

Speakers Slated for Conference

By ABE HARUVI

Plans for the 1975 New England Gay Conference are moving along smoothly and talk is that it will be the best gathering of gays yet. Scheduled for March 14-16, this year's conference will be held in Provincetown.

The conference will be dedicated to the late Dr. Howard J. Brown, founder of the National Gay Task Force. There will be numerous guest speakers at the conference, much fine entertainment, and countless workshops centering around specific aspects of gay life for all present to participate in.

The official keynote speaker has not as yet been decided upon. The speaker will be either Mark Duberman, President of the National Gay Task Force, or Bruce Voeller, the late Dr. Brown's assistant.

Guest speakers who have already confirmed their appearance at the conference include: Nat Rockhill, who will head a workshop on law and court reform and key legislative issues; Elaine Noble; Jules and Jean Manford of "Parents of Gays"; Jan Goodman, an author and freelance writer for the *Boston Phoenix*; Paul Gerson, a doctor from Worcester; to run a workshop on bisexuality and referral services for gays; Linda Graham, of Charles St. Meetinghouse, to run a workshop on gay advocacy; Rachel Penny of Toronto, to run a workshop on communication and listening skills; Ann Weld-Harrington of Provincetown will run a workshop on bar politics; Mark Segal of "Gay Raiders" to be involved with the media workshop, and Stephanie Byrd on minority gays.

The coordinators of the conference are waiting to hear from other guest speakers. At present they include: Judy Cortez of St. Vincent's Alcoholism Clinic in Worcester to head the alcoholism workshop; John Boswell, a doctoral candidate at Harvard, to give a lecture on "Homosexuality in History"; Jean O'Leary of NGTF; Janet Cooper of Philadelphia, who has done a lot of writing, to run a workshop on male/female separatism; Francis Dowdy of NGTF; Vito Russo, a filmmaker; Brian McNamara of "Dignity" in Detroit; George Mansfield, manager of Esquire Theaters; A. Nolder Gay, a columnist at GCN, to coordinate a workshop on agism; and Loretta Lotman, to run media.

Space for workshops and lectures have been taken care of by Provincetown. Entire assemblies will take place at the Town Hall, while workshops will be at one of the three Provincetown schools.

Entertainment will be a highlight at this year's conference. Although nothing is definite at present, the entertainment promises to be excellent. A Sunday brunch will take place around an indoor swimming pool and all those wishing to go in for a dip will be able to do so.

Rides, housing and child care for children of all ages, is being taken care of by the conference coordinating committee. There will be a fair amount of free housing made available by residents of Provincetown. More information will be available in the near future, involving all aspects of the 1975 New England Gay Conference.

LEGISLATION

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The most realistic way for most people to affect the vote of their legislators is to write them a personal letter. As many as six letters on any one issue is considered a landslide by most state legislators, so your letter does count.

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THE SWP SUPPORTS GAYS

By DIANA TRAVIS
and JOAN PALTRINERI

In the *Boston Phoenix*, Winthrop Davis stated, "Until recently only the Socialist Workers Party candidates had the nerve to use the word 'gay' in their position papers. The SWP platform on gay rights says, 'We demand the repeal of all legislation against gay people and the enactment of legislation prohibiting discrimination against gay people...and it was the first and strongest.'" In addition, the SWP puts forward several other points, such as the end of police entrapment of gay women and men, and the right of gay high school and college groups to form their own organizations. In short, the Socialist Workers Party uncompromisingly supports the rights of gay women and

men to their full human and civil rights in every sphere of life. With us it's not just a campaign slogan or a piece of paper we drag out during election campaigns. The SWP, more than any other political group or party, is active all year round in helping to build demonstrations, rallies, teach-ins and public meetings in support of the struggles of not only gay people but also Blacks, women, Puerto Ricans and the struggles of working people.

This year, in response to a *Gay Way* questionnaire former Governor Sargent stated that he supports the amending of the state's General Laws to outlaw discrimination on the basis of "sexual preference in employment, union membership, housing, public accommodations and insurance." He went on to say he supported the repeal of some sections of the criminal code dealing with "unnatural and lascivious acts" but is very much against reducing the age of sexual consent from 21 to 16. Dukakis, in a more general statement, says he supports the repeal of all sections of the criminal code dealing with sexual preference.

We in the SWP, along with others concerned with wiping out all laws which discriminate against gay people, welcome the support of Sargent, Dukakis and every other Democratic and Republican politician willing to take a stand in favor of gay rights. It is not surprising, however, in an election year to hear a pretty long string of campaign 'promises'. We will have to wait and see what the new Governor will do to translate his 'words' into meaningful actions. Frankly, the past record of the Democratic and Republican parties does not bode well for keeping such 'promises'. In fact, it is these two parties who have dominated the governmental apparatus for 100 years who are directly responsible for the laws currently on the books in every state which discriminate against gays. Two years ago, the McGovern campaign taught gay activists a hard but important lesson. While McGovern began his campaign espousing women's rights, gay rights, etc., at the Democratic National Convention these issues and the representatives of the different gay and women's groups got swept under the rug when it came to drafting the official Democratic Party Platform. This was because, just as always, the Democratic Party

had no intention of throwing itself behind the struggles of oppressed groups in this country. This was true for gays, Blacks, women and all other oppressed groups. Also look at the bills introduced here in Massachusetts in the last year. Although limited, they were designed to eliminate discrimination against gays in employment and housing and they were all soundly defeated by the Democratic politicians who control the legislature. The same holds true in most other states. Today, because of the development of the gay liberation movement and the growing support for its demands, Democratic and Republican politicians must pay at least lip service to gay rights.

Unlike Sargent or Dukakis the SWP candidates did not save their support for gay rights for strictly 'gay audiences'. In virtually every major speech, interview and in all of our main campaign literature we stand uncompromisingly with the struggle of gay people for their full human and civil rights. Our candidates for public office as well as many other members and supporters of the SWP have participated and helped build every Christopher Street demonstration. This year our candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General campaigned throughout the state of Massachusetts raising such issues as the fight of the Worcester Gay Union to eliminate discrimination in housing and employment of gays in the Worcester area. We issued public statements of support and helped to build public meetings here in Boston and in Worcester to win support for the Gay Union's struggle. At the University of New Hampshire, several members of the Young Socialist Alliance, a socialist youth group which supports the SWP candidates, participated in the struggle of the gays on that campus for its right to exist on campus just like any other campus group.

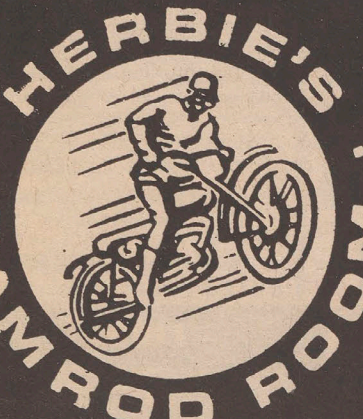
That's why our political program never says 'vote for us' and we will solve your problems. We say, the only way any fundamental social change will come in this country is through the independent action and mobilization of the masses of working people in this country independent of the Democratic and Republican parties. If you look back at the rich history of struggles in this country you will see what we mean. All the major social gains from the abolitionist movement to the suffrage move-

ment, from the movement for an 8 hour day to the civil rights movement, and from the anti-Vietnam war movement to the Abortion rights movement were won by people organized in the streets of this country completely independently of the Democratic or Republican parties. As a result of these truly massive movements the government has been forced to grant certain reforms which have improved the living conditions and extended democratic rights to more and more people. Ultimately, thorough-going social change can only be guaranteed by replacing the existing capitalist system of government with a new socialist society, and this too can only come about through a movement consisting of the overwhelming majority of American working people. This idea of mass independent actions is the main aspect of our program in our election campaigns and all year round. We use our election campaigns to build support for the various protests, demonstrations and rallies such as gays demanding repeal of anti-gay laws, women demanding their right to abortion and Black students who are fighting against a thoroughly racist movement denying them their right to a decent education.

Today more and more people are turning away from the Democratic and Republican parties and looking for a genuine alternative. This is why the SWP fields candidates in every election. We run to provide a political alternative to the twin parties of war, racism, inflation and sexism. We put forward a platform which is in the interest of all working people and oppressed people in this country. I myself, Diana Travis, ran for Cambridge City Council in 1973 as an activist in the gay and socialist movements to further the demands and build support for the gay liberation movement.

Of course, even today, not everyone is friendly to socialist ideas. In the 10/26/74 issue of GCN in an article by David DeNeef there were a few critical statements about the SWP. In fact, in the recent past there have been several unfavorable articles in the GCN. Our views and the views of those who support socialist ideas have received very little space in your pages, and we hope with this article that more and more people who are fed up with the injustices of this capitalist system will write more articles and letters.

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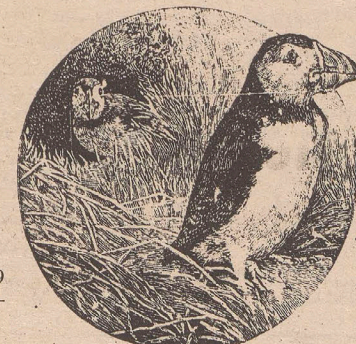
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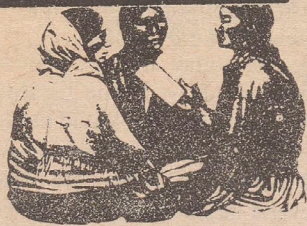
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LESBIAN HEALTH EXPERIENCES The Lesbian working group that is planning workshops for the Women and Health Conference (to be held in Boston, April 4-7) is collecting personal stories and experiences of Lesbians in their contacts with the medical system. This would include such things as visits to the doctor, hospitalization experiences, experiences in seeking therapy or counseling, etc., etc.

We would like to use these stories (ANONYMOUSLY) to sensitize all health workers and others at the conference to the needs of Lesbians.

Please submit any stories you think might be relevant in any way to Lesbian Health Conference, Box 6009, GCN, 22

pen pals



I will be 29 years old on March 16th. I am 5 feet 11 inches tall. I have blueish green eyes, brownish blond hair and I weigh 208 pounds, so if this interests anyone who might read this letter then I'd appreciate it if you would write me. I would answer as many letters as I get, if any. It is a lonely life in prison and the mail does help make it a bit easier to serve this time. I only have my mother and one sister and have been left out on a great deal of things that have been going on in the free world since my bust in 1966. So I would greatly appreciate all the help you may give me in this matter and hope to hear from some great people in the near future. If anyone reads this and would like to correspond then here is where they can write me: Ron Browning, No. 125538, P.O. Box 787, Lucasville, OH 45648.

I am presently incarcerated at the Florida State Prison, with very little contact from the outside world. I could never explain how much just a small letter would mean to me. I will answer anyone who will write. Gesse Anderson, POB 747, Starke, Fla. 32091.

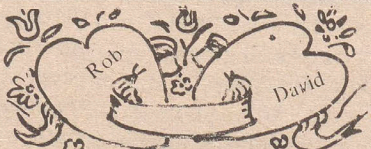
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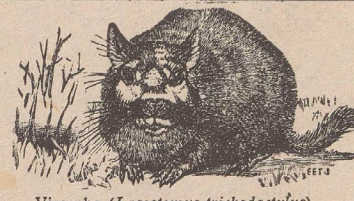
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Boston University Homophile League 353-3635
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group) 265-6409
Cambridge Hotline 876-7528
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
Charlestown Gay Neighbors' Assn. 241-8357
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 292-9469
Closet Space (WCAS, 740 AM) 492-6450
Daughters of Bilitis 262-1592
Dignity of Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts; Rm. 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
Fag Rag 536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516
Gay Academic Union of New England, PO Box 212, Boston, Mass. 02101 266-2069
Gay Alert (for gay community emergency only) 523-0368, 267-0764
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, PO Box 8841, J.F.K. Station, Boston, Mass. 02114 491-2787, 661-9362
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Hang In There Hotline (H.I.T.) 738-0486
Homophile Community Health Service 542-5188
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's

Center 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group 498-4244
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League 253-5440
National Organization for Women 267-6160
Other Voices Bookstore, 30 Bromfield St. 267-9150
Project Place 267-0764
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764
Waltham-Watertown Gays, c/o GCN, Box 7100
Women's Community Health Center, Cambridge 547-2302
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 536-6197
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 617)
Dignity/Merrimack Valley, PO Box 348, Lowell 01853
Homophile Union of Massachusetts, P.O. Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420 756-0730
MCC/Worcester 487-0387
Provincetown 24-Hr. Drop-In Center 999-1070
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747 752-8330
Worcester Gay Union 752-8330
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 413)
Amherst Gay Hotline (men and women) 545-0154
Everywomen's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM 91.9) 545-2876
Gay Women's Caucus (Amherst) 545-3438
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889
Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Amherst 253-2591
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626
Springfield Gay Alliance 583-3904
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 942-2094
Gay Women of Providence 942-2094
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

VERMONT (area code 802)

Counseling for Gay Women & Men c/o Vt. Women's Health Ctr., 158 Bank St., Burlington, Vt. 05401
Counseling for Gay Women & Men 863-1386
Gay In Vermont, Box 3216, No. Burlington Sta., Burlington 658-3830, 862-2397
Gay Male Counseling 658-3830, 862-2397
Gay Student Union, Billings Student Center, U. of Vermont 658-3830
Goddard College Gay Students Organization, PO Box 501, Plainfield 05667 454-7174
Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale St., New Haven 06520 436-8945
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281

Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford 568-2656
MCC/Hartford 522-5575
U/Conn/Storrs 486-2304

NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Gay Women's Rap Group 772-6636
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801
Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
Women's Group, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261 (DO NOT use "gay" on any mail to this group)

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, PO Box 1046, Bangor 04401
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011
Gay Community Center/Gay Support and Action, c/o Bangor Tenants' Union 23 Franklin St., Bangor 04401
Gay Rights Organization (GRO) PO Box 4542, Portland 04114
Hancock County Gays, PO Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011
Maine Freewomen's Herald, Box 488 Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667
Maine Gay Task Force/MGTF Newsletter Box 4542, Portland 04144
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono 04473 581-2571

COMING... Feb 19 thru Mar 9

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Discussion Groups on Gays & Alcoholism will be resuming at 7:30 pm in the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass.

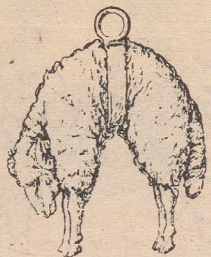
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Help is needed working on Gay volleyball, soccer, bowling, softball, etc. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm to the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, at 7:30 pm. We would like to get something started as soon as possible.

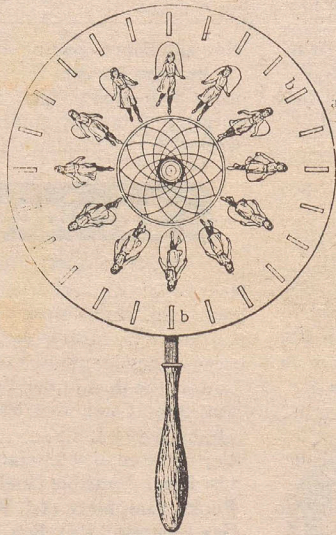
21 fri

Ticket prices for the GCN benefit, Mid-Winter Costume Ball have been reduced to \$2.50, and the buffet has been dropped. Bring your costumed self (or uncostumed self) to the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, between 8 & 12 pm. Music by Lilith, five prizes for the best costumes. A great place to come out and celebrate. Call (617) 426-4469, GCN, for tickets.

The Boston University will present a special showing of the Christopher Larkin film, "A Very Natural Thing", at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm in the George Sherman Union Ballroom at 755 Commonwealth Ave. on the B.U. campus, Boston, Mass. Admission is open to the public at \$1.50 per person. Don't miss this exclusive chance to see a classic gay film!



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Phenakistoscope. — The disk *a* has drawn upon it the figures arranged in successive positions. It is rotated by spinning with the fingers applied to a small boss or nut in the rear (not shown in the cut). *b, b* are the slits through which the reflected images are viewed.

22 sat

The last meeting of the New England Gay Conference Planning Committee will be held in Provincetown, today at 4 pm, at the Bull Ring Wharf, apt. 11, 381 Commercial St., corner Pearl. Pot luck supper and sleeping accommodations provided. R.S.V.P. by Friday noon. Call (617) 487-9633 or 487-0387.

23 sun

The Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus will meet today at 2 pm. For more details call John Kyper at (617) 282-4977.

Orchestra Luna will be giving a benefit concert for the Cambridge Hotline, this evening at Cohen Auditorium on the Tufts campus, Medford, Ma. There will be two shows, one at 7 pm & 9 pm. General admission is \$2.00; \$1.50 with Tufts I.D. For further info contact the hotline at (617) 876-7528. Let's support our hotlines, we need them badly.

25 tues

Emilio Cubeiro, feature poet in *Mouth of the Dragon*, will read and perform with music for the Good Gay Poets, at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston at 8 pm this evening. A donation will be requested and appreciated. This will make for a very rewarding night.

26 wed

A public hearing on bill H.2944, a bill repealing prohibitions against certain sexual acts, will be brought before the Joint Judiciary Committee at 1:00 pm, room 222, State House, Boston.

27 thur

ABC Wide World Special will feature a show on Homosexuality, this evening, channel 5 at 12:30 am and channels 6 and 9 at 11:30 pm.

28 fri

All gay couples (female & male) are invited to the monthly couples Pot-Luck Supper Forum, sponsored by MCC/Boston. Enjoy the fellowship and a film. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share to: The Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet people and enjoy good food, on an unpretentious level.

GCN is having a Welcome the New Look party this evening from 9 pm on, at 22 Bromfield St., Boston. There will be a few fun door prizes, cheese, crackers, and hopefully an assortment of BYOB. Be here to welcome in the Special March 1st, 24 page, color (Lavender of course), edition, as it arrives hot from the presses. Open to the entire gay community, please come and join the festivities. Also please wipe your feet outside the door because we are going to wash the floor (unusual as it may seem).

1 sat

Active Gays will hold their monthly brunch today at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Come and join the activitiness.

Gay Legislation '75 will meet in the Campus Center of U. Mass., Amherst, at 12 noon.

5 wed

Today is Gay Americans Day, organized by Gay Legislation '75 (State House lobbying). For more information call (617) 338-8173, 6 pm-9 pm Tues., Wed., or Thurs.

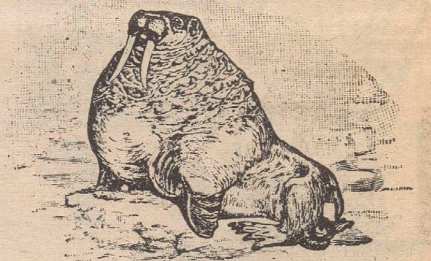
7 fri

On Friday, March 7th "Deadly Nightshade" will play at the PUB at the Gengras Student Center, University of Hartford, Hartford. To raise money for gay legislation efforts, \$1.00 is requested at the door from 9 pm onward.

9 sun

There will be a brunch at 1270, benefit GCN. Tickets \$1.75, includes meal and a drink....thanks Bob!

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
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.

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—Gay Women's Rap, Exeter, N.H. (603) 772-6636.
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7:30 pm—HUB Coming Out Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston.
8 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays: First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield
8:00 pm—Rap on sexuality, MCC/Boston, 131 Cambridge St., Boston (except first Tues. of the month).

WEDNESDAYS

12-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.
2:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance gay/straight rap, group one, Rm. 108.

7:00 pm—Straight-Gay Rap, Conference Room, UConn Infirmary, (side entrance), Storrs, Ct.
7:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance Men's Rap, 2nd floor, campus center
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
7:30 pm—HUB TV Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)



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THURSDAYS

6:00 pm—Gay Alliance Business Meeting at UConn, Downstairs lounge of Manchester Hall, Storrs, Ct.
6:00 pm—Otherfund, Inc. meeting, call GCN (617) 426-4469, 2-4 pm for place.
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

8:00 pm—KALOS, Hartford Conn. at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Farmington Ave. and Sigourney St.
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
8:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM

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
7:30 pm—HUB General Rap, room 500A, 419 Boylston St., Boston
7:30 pm—Worcester Gay Alcoholics Group, 756-0730.
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, 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, WCWU 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
9:00 pm—UConn Gay Alliance Coffee House, Inner College Trailer, "R" lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Ct.
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SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
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—"Burlington After Dark" bi-weekly radio show, WRUV-FM, 90.1 MHz.
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

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