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Diana Perkins, one of two Hartford, Conn., women awaiting her second indictment by a Grand Jury in the Saxe/Power case. Ms. Perkins faces a possible 18-month jail sentence if she is found in contempt of the Grand Jury.

Abzug Leads Fight on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON (NGTF) — HR 166, a bill to amend the 1964 and 1968 Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on a person's affectional or sexual preference, was introduced to the press Tuesday, March 25 and to the Congress, Wednesday, March 26. The bill is sponsored by 25 members of Congress, spearheaded by Rep. Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.).

The diversity of sponsors for HR 166, from both minority and mainstream politicians, illustrates the growing belief among legislators that no segment of the public can be denied their constitutional rights.

Representatives at the press conference held Tuesday were Rep. Bella Abzug; Marilyn Haft, American Civil Liberties Union; Dr. Fred Strassburger, American Psychological Association; Daren DeCrow, National Organization for Women; Nathalie Rockhill and Bruce Voeller from the National Gay Task Force and representatives from the American Psychiatric Association and National Education Association.

Support for the legislation was released at the conference and comes from a rapidly growing list of conservative and liberal organizations including the American Bar Association, American Federation of Teachers, American Psychiatric Association, National Education Association, ACLU, and the YWCA.

President John P. Spiegel of the American Psychiatric Association wrote his support of the bill in a letter to Bruce Voeller of the NGTF, stating, in part, "Because of growing awareness of scholarly evidence concerning homosexuality, professional attitudes

toward homosexuality have undergone revision.

"I realize that many lay persons are concerned about the hiring of homosexuals as teachers. These concerns are the product of misunderstanding, not of scientific knowledge. Some, for instance, have feared that homosexual teachers might affect the sexual orientation of their students. There is no evidence to support this thesis, nor is there evidence to believe that seduction of a student by a homosexual teacher is any more likely to occur than heterosexual seduction.

"Discrimination on the basis of sexual or affectional preference — like all forms of discrimination — is not only morally wrong, but result in tremendous waste of our human resources. Many fine teachers — from Socrates on — have been homosexuals. There are many homosexuals in our school systems now, but they are forced to live in fear of being "found out" — at considerable psychological cost to themselves and in turn to society. A teacher should be judged on the basis of professional competence, not on the basis of personal lifestyle or sexual preference.

"I hope very much that legislation will be enacted to end a cruel and wasteful form of discrimination that is based on prejudices rather than on scientific knowledge."

Gay groups throughout the country are working to lobby their Congresspeople and Senators to support the bill. The effort is being coordinated by the National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Suite 506, New York City 10011.

Presidential Candidate Backs Gays

GCN EXCLUSIVE

BOSTON (GCN) — U.S. Rep. Morris K. Udall (D-Ariz.), an announced candidate for President, has announced that he "will probably" support H.R.166, the national gay rights bill filed by Cong. Bella S. Abzug (D-N.Y.) and 25 other members of Congress. Udall made the statement in an exclusive interview with GCN's David Brill on March 8 at the 27th Annual Roosevelt Day Dinner, held by Americans for Democratic Action.

Later, in a letter to GCN, Udall elaborated, and said, "As a matter of general philosophy, I believe that citizens should be entitled to lifestyles of their own preference and that such choices should not interfere with equal opportunities for careers in the private

sector or public service, or be used as a basis for discrimination or denial of equal rights in any way."

Udall added, "I do not believe that harassment of citizens based on consensual conduct or relationships is a proper use of law enforcement."

Udall, whose presidential candidacy has been endorsed by 49 members of Congress (including Reps. Michael Harrington and Robert Drinan of Massachusetts), is believed to be the first presidential candidate to have taken such a position on the issue of gay rights in time for the 1976 elections. During his remarks, Udall noted that the last time anyone from Arizona ran for President, there was a Democratic landslide.

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Beware in Boston

A gay man was cruelly beaten and raped Saturday night in an East Boston apartment. He met a man at the Citadel, upstairs, and went with him to his Meridian Street apartment. He was then assaulted; a weapon was held to his neck; his life was repeatedly threatened; he was raped. An ambulance took him to Massachusetts General Hospital.

Today he is walking, but he has two badly blackened eyes and a severely swollen lip. He wants to warn other people about the man who attacked him. The attacker is White,

about 22 or 23, well-spoken, short-cropped brown hair and brown eyes. He has said that he has done this before; he will probably strike again.

Readers are also warned to look out for a young man that may be cruising the Fenway area. Sunday, March 18, a man met a young man there who was 5'7", husky, had medium-length dark hair and called himself "Sugarfoot." The older man took him to his home. Sugarfoot then beat him and stole his money. Beware of this man.

Hitchhikers Attacked



ARRESTED — Robert M. Shaughnessy, 22, of South Boston. He is believed to be one of a gang of young South Boston men that have been assaulting gay men for two years, and is implicated in the 1973 Arboretum murders. Anyone with information about any incidents that may have involved this gang should call Sgt. John Daley at 247-4470.

BOSTON — Two MIT students were assaulted, one fatally, last Saturday night as they were hitchhiking to Cambridge from Boston. John Asinari, 20, was pronounced dead on arrival at Boston City Hospital, suffering from about 50 stab wounds, and a head wound caused by a tire iron. Robert Moses, also 20, is in stable condition at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, and is being treated for multiple stab wounds and contusions of the body. Classmates of the pair told GCN that they did not think either man was gay, although they were both leaving from The Other Side just prior to the incident. They had also been seen that night at Katy's in Kenmore Square.

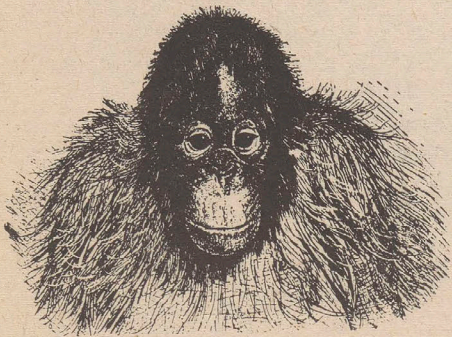
After having been shown mug-shots and a line-up by the police, Moses, from his hospital bed, identified 22-year-old Robert M. Shaughnessy, of West Third Street, South Boston, as

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news notes

ALTERNATE SEX AND GENDER LIFESTYLES

BOSTON — Community Sex Information will hold a one day conference, April 19 to explore in-depth the transvestite subculture. Issues that will be considered include: the problems of maintaining two different gender roles, theories on the origin of transvestitism, problems of a married transvestite, adjustments of the transsexual to his/her new role in society, and supportive agencies within the community. The conference will be held at Emerson College (Lecture Hall #1), 69 Brimmer St., Boston and a registration fee of \$15.00 will be charged. For more information, and to register write Community Sex Information Inc., P.O. Box 47, Waban, Mass. 02168 or call Phillis Yardley at 617-277-7071 or Carol Kendrick at 617-738-0430.



GAY PETS UNITE!

Here is a reprint from Ann Landers to keep you grinning through the news: Dear Ann Landers:

Please check with your authorities and tell me if a poodle can be gay. Our male Standard poodle is a prize-winning specimen and we have had many offers to mate him with other female Standard of similar quality. But he refuses to have anything to do with the bitches. He does, however, get very chummy with male dogs.

There was a time when we laughed about it but we no longer think it is funny. Now we believe he's a homosexual. May we hear from you soon?

Manhattan Project

Dear Man,

I questioned some of the best veterinarians in the country. Two said "yes." Two said "no." One replied, "It's possible, but not likely." Another laughed for ten minutes and said, "You've got me."

Murder

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one of the four men who picked him up on the Harvard Bridge. Shaughnessy was arrested and charged with murder and assault with a dangerous weapon last Monday, and held without bail by Judge Lawrence Cameron in South Boston District Court.

It is suspected that Shaughnessy is one of a group of young men from South Boston responsible for the beating and murders of several gay men over the last two years, including the infamous 1973 Arboretum murder, as well as numerous incidents on "The Block," the Fenway, Beacon Hill, the Esplanade, and the Bay Village area.

Boston Police Homicide Det. Sgt. John J. Daley, in a telephone interview, said the police believe that Shaughnessy's "gang" is responsible for all or most of the violent attacks against gay men over the last two years, and has asked the gay community to come forward with any information available that could lead to the other members of this homophobic South Boston gang. Sgt. Daley may be reached at 247-4470.

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N.O.W. SEXUALITY

ISLIP — A National Organization of Women Sexuality Conference will be held April 19 on Long Island. There will be workshops for lesbians, straight women and for men. Cost: \$7.00. For information write NOW, P.O. Box 352, Islip, N.Y. 11751.

HERALD KNOCKS GAYS

BOSTON — Robert Hasset and William Duncliffe, who jointly write a daily political commentary for the *Boston Herald American*, accused the Gay Legislation '75 Committee of promoting "unwarranted assumptions" by stating that Cardinal Medeiros supported this year's gay rights bills. The column, in the March 25 edition of the newspaper, accused proponents of the gay anti-discrimination measures of purposely creating confusion regarding the Cardinal's support so as to prevent the measure from being debated on its merits.

GOP LEADER BACKS GAYS

BOSTON — The Republican Floor Leader of the Massachusetts House of Representatives has announced his support of H.2849, legislation prohibiting discrimination against gays in public employment. Rep. Francis W. Hatch (R-Beverly), House minority leader, made an announcement in the form of a letter to Rep. Richard K. Landry, head of the House, Public Service Committee.

In his letter to Landry, Hatch apologized for not being able to be present at the March 5 public hearing on the bill, but said "I wish to be recorded in favor of this bill, in absentia." Hatch's announcement may be a signal to many of the 46 House GOP members to support the 1975 legislation. Majority Leader Rep. Thomas W. McGee (D-Lynn) has taken no position publicly on the legislation.



BOSTON — The Massachusetts legislature Judiciary Committee offered gays some good news and some bad news last week, as it gave reports to various pieces of legislation dealing with sexual matters.

H.3535, a bill filed by Boston Police Commr. Robert J. diGrazia that would establish a criminal penalty for soliciting or attempting to solicit another person to engage in an "unlawful sexual act," was given a favorable, or "ought to pass" report by the committee, at the urging of Committee Chairman Sen. John J. Conte (D-Worcester). Committee opposition to the measure was led by Rep. Laurence R. Buxbaum (D-Sharon), a strong backer of all gay rights legislation.

Members of the Gay Legislation '75 Committee, as well as the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, had expressed opposition to the DiGrazia bill, on the basis that it uses the term

SPRING SURGE OF SAPPHIC SPIRIT!

EAST LANSING, Mich. — A cultural exchange for lesbians involved in activities such as music, organizations, films, publications, art and literature is planned for April 25, 26 and 27. There will be no keynote speakers and no hour-long workshops. The women are working on a format in which each group of lesbians, for example the musicians, will have an extended period of time to be with other musicians. It will be flexible so that the musicians themselves can decide what their priorities are, and how they can best benefit from the experience.

Registration is \$5.00 (or \$10.00 for women who can afford it); housing will be provided and pre-registration is encouraged. Checks should be payable to Ambitious Amazons and be sent to ELC, P.O. Box 811, East Lansing, Mich. 48823.



FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON GAY FREEDOM

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The diversified styles of gay living will be the theme of the Rutgers University Homophile League Conference to be held April 18-20. Speakers and workshop leaders include Barbara Gittings, Chairperson of the National Gay Archives, Bebe Scarpi, Queens Liberation Front, NYC, and Charles Pitts, formerly of WBAI-FM in New York City. A five dollar registration fee should be sent to Rutgers Homophile League, R.P.O. 2901, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Att. Constantine Coules.

Politicians OK Solicitation Bill

"unlawful sexual act" without specific reference to prostitution, which is what it was intended to be against, and that it makes no differentiation between streetcorner soliciting and indoor soliciting. Buxbaum pressed these points, but was overruled by Conte. Several committee members received copies of a March 8 GCN editorial opposing the measure, which still has numerous legislative hurdles to cross before becoming law.

However, the committee gave unfavorable or "refer to a study" reports to a number of bills that would have increased the penalties for prostitution, or allowed a city to suspend the liquor license of any club with nude performances in it. H.3696, a bill filed by Rep. Roland O. Orlandi (D-Boston) similar to DiGrazia's bill, except that he offers a mandatory six-month jail sentence upon conviction, was also killed by the committee.

H.2940, Rep. Barney Frank's bill to designate certain areas for legalized prostitution districts, was "committed for further study" after Conte called it "terrible."

H.2944, the gay rights bill filed that



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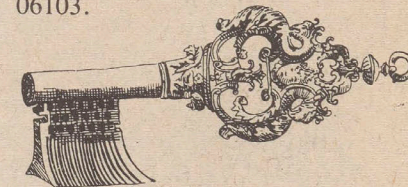
HARTFORD, Conn. — "Counseling and Homosexuality," a conference for the mental health and helping professions, is scheduled for a New England edition here Saturday, April 12 at Trinity College.

One of a nationwide series, the conference is sponsored by the Homosexual Counseling Journal and its New York-based publisher, the Homosexual Community Counseling Center. HCCC director Dr. Ralph Blair will deliver the keynote address following the 9 a.m. registration.

An 11 a.m. panel will include Dr. Phyllis K. Steiner, a New York clinical psychologist; the Rev. Canon Clinton R. Jones, D.D., head of Hartford's George W. Henry Foundation, a counseling service for the Gay community based at Hartford's Christ Church Cathedral; Thelma Sherwood, an associate at Psychological Services, Springfield, Mass., and at Metropolitan Community Church Center's new Gay Counseling Service in Hartford; and William Deegan, chairperson of a Gay speaker's bureau associated with Hartford's Kalos Society.

Heading up the conference locally is the Rev. Canon Jones. He is author of *What About Homosexuality?* and *Homosexuality and Counseling*.

Registrants may select two of 10 afternoon workshops. Registration, which includes luncheon, is \$20, with a \$10 student rate. A \$15 rate is available to personnel from any organization registering three or more persons. Checks, payable to HCCC, Inc., should be sent to Project H Committee, 45 Church St., Hartford, Conn. 06103.



would repeal four sections of the state's criminal code that seek to regulate private sexual conduct, filed by Rep. Frank (D-Boston), was the next item on the committee's agenda. Discussion on this bill was postponed for about one week, at the request of the Gay Legislation '75 Committee, through Rep. Buxbaum.

Buxbaum asked Conte to defer talking about the bill to allow proponents of the measure additional time for testimony in support of it. Before Conte agreed to Buxbaum's request, Steven Lipmann, Counsel to the committee, said that he thought the bill was "long overdue" and that the committee should pass it soon. Lipmann's remarks are seen as significant since, in many matters, the committee staff's opinion is weighed heavily by the members.

Before agreeing to delay discussion on the bill, Conte said that he would support a polling of the committee members on it, thereby indicating his opposition to the measure. Had Buxbaum not requested a delay on the bill, Conte would have sought to kill it.



Courtesy of the Boston Police Department

GCN has obtained this photo of David W. Coulter, 40, formerly of 120 Revere St., Beacon Hill, Boston. Coulter was murdered in his apartment late Saturday night, Feb. 22 (see GCN story, March 8), and police have implicated one suspect in the case. Anyone having any information regarding Coulter or his friends is urged to call Sgt. John Maillet at the Boston Police Dept. Homicide Bureau, at 247-4470. The man police are looking for is in his mid-twenties, Black, about 5'10", 190 lbs., very muscular with numerous body scars, moustache, and a medium Afro. He has traveled by the name of Harrison.

Arsonist Ignites Wells Bar

By Su Borden

WELLS, Me. — Weeks of harassment of the Stage Door bar came to an abrupt end early on Monday, March 17 when the bar went up in flames. The fire at the Stage Door was "definitely set," according to Wells police chief Ronald Carter.

An investigation has been made by state fire inspector Lawrence Dolby who refused to comment on the fire, except to agree that the fire was purposely set.

The fire was set in a second floor storeroom, according to police. It was reported by a passing motorist at 5:20 a.m. Damage, including smoke and water damage, is estimated at over \$60,000. Bob Boisvert, the owner of the bar, told GCN "The whole inside of the bar is burnt out. Only the frame remains."

The Stage Door has been subjected to harassment since it was denied a liquor license in January (GCN Vol. 2, No. 31 and 32). Obscene phone calls, bullet holes in windows, and mail which had been tampered with were constant sources of frustration. Bob Boisvert told GCN that the Stage Door was broken into recently and speakers for the sound system were stolen.

Since the liquor license was denied, the Stage Door has been open on Saturday nights only and people have brought their own liquor. Boisvert was counting on the renewal of his license to help get the bar on its feet for the summer.

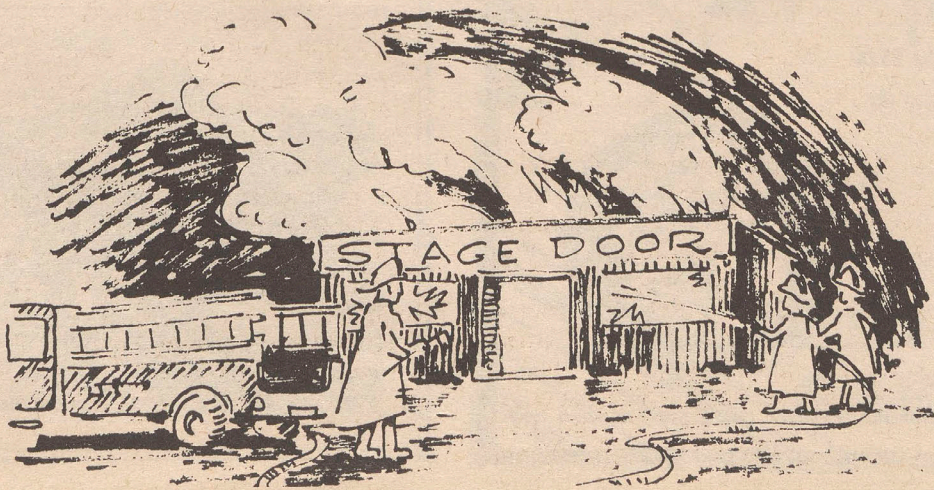
Boisvert says he will not let this kind of intimidation get him down. "They

(the homophobes of Wells) don't mind when we gays have some filthy hole, but when we have a nice place to go, they resent it. They've tried to ruin us, but we'll come back as strong as ever."

The Seacoast Area Gay Alliance held a meeting of the gay community on Sunday, March 23 to discuss possible actions that can be taken in Wells.

Plans made last Sunday are for a rally at the site of the Stage Door on Sunday, April 6 at 11 a.m. and then splitting into four groups for picketing. Picket lines will be organized in front of the Wells town hall, in front of the hotel belonging to Albeo LaPierre, the Weathervane Furniture shop owned by Calvin Haskell, and Valerie's, a gay bar in Ogunquit.

LaPierre and Haskell were the two major opponents in the Stage Door's struggle to renew their liquor and entertainment licenses, and when that failed, to be granted a beer license.



HUB Dissolves

By Rick Paquette

BOSTON — The Homophile Union of Boston (HUB) was dissolved Sunday, March 23, by members who had been called to an emergency meeting to discuss the organization's future, Bill Mulkern, a member of HUB's board of directors, told GCN in an interview.

HUB was formed some six years ago and has been a "parent" organization for many existing gay organizations around Boston, such as Gay Media Action, GCN newspaper, Gay Legislation '75 and HCHS.

A feeling expressed by Mulkern and others is that HUB has lost its necessity to the community. In the last six months even the "rap groups" have ceased. "... and unfortunately," Mulkern told GCN, "the elected officers didn't know enough to realize it was time to dissolve." He further stated that the board of directors "was left to cope with a sizeable financial crisis and the responsibility for maintaining HUB on a wing and a prayer. Unfortunately, although many might have thought that HUB would disappear if they turned their backs on it, however ineffectual and decrepit HUB might be, it is still a corporation with financial liabilities, with secret membership lists and other sensitive files. It is still a space with office furniture to be disposed of and a valuable historical library and archives to manage."

The decision to dissolve was made at the emergency meeting called by the board of directors. Mulkern stated that the current 53 members were all notified of the meeting and its purpose by mail, two weeks in advance, but only six people showed up.

Community reaction to HUB's disbandment seems to be a consensus. GCN asked present and former members and officers of HUB their reaction to the decision:

"When organizations cease to function and no longer serve the purposes of its members, it's just as well it goes out of existence rather than to hang around like a sick cancer."

"Again!!? ... so what else is new."

"It seems a natural result for an organization that tried to serve such a large function. Now the many gay organizations all around Boston are fulfilling the needed functions."

"In all organizations people are the most important factor; people's needs are met and will continue to be met."

"HUB lived well and exited gracefully. It has outlived its usefulness to the community. Probably the major causes for the end are a lack of leadership and a lack of interest from the community. Longevity is not a commonly found trait in an active organization. People tend toward the new and exciting."

"It's like the Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis philosophy, 'We don't divorce our men, we bury them'."

HUB's beginnings can be traced to January of 1968, when the Mattachine Society of New York offered a group of Boston gay men a charter to become a chapter of MSNY with the stipulation that the group become independent as soon as possible. In January of 1969, MSNY-Boston held its first large meeting, at the Arlington Street Church, and continued for the rest of that year to meet in private homes.

On November 9, 1969, the group officially adopted the name "The Homophile Union of Boston" at its first meeting at St. John's Hall in Boston. The next two meetings there attracted in excess of 85 persons. In January of 1970, HUB moved into offices in Dorchester's Fields Corner section, where they stayed for two years, and grew in activities to become one of the most active gay groups in the country, involving itself in publications, referrals, rap groups, legal assistance, law reform, and religious areas.

After moving downtown to the 419 Boylston Street building, HUB continued to expand, seeking larger quarters, and in 1973, with the Daughters of Bilitis, filed the first state-wide anti-discrimination legislation for gays in the country. Later in 1974, the organization was brought to a slower pace, as most of its original activities had been usurped by other groups.

Mulkern further told GCN that since individual members of the corporation are not liable for debts incurred by it, HUB could break-up and get away scott-free, but it was decided Sunday that an auction of the office furniture (including desks, chairs, typewriters, storage shelves and office supplies) is in order to pay off HUB's creditors and thus avoid a possible blackmarking of the gay community, which might be stigmatized as irresponsible. The auction will be held Saturday, April 5, starting at 2 p.m.

on its feet. Members of S.A.G.A. visited the 484 Club in Manchester, N.H., Saturday, March 22 to ask for donations for the demonstration and rebuilding of the bar. Fifty dollars was collected from the bar's patrons.

Other plans being made include sending a speaker to the Maine Gay Symposium on April 5 in Bangor, the distribution of fliers and sending or letters asking for support to New England area gay organizations.

S.A.G.A. also urges gay people to boycott the towns of Wells and Ogunquit during Memorial Day weekend and the months of July and August.

"We all have to work together on this," according to Win Allen, SAGA official. "The gay community has got to get together and prevent this kind of treatment of gay people from occurring."

Support in whatever form, can be sent to Stage Door, c/o SAGA, Box 1424, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.



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EDITORIAL

During the last two years there have been at least twenty assaults of gay men in Boston. In the last week, GCN has received personal report of two beatings that victims did not want to report to the police. Last Saturday night two M.I.T. students were beaten, one fatally, by the men who gave them a hitch; apparently they were coming from a gay-patronized bar. One is in the hospital still. One died; he had been stabbed 50 times.

The survivor gave enough information to the police to lead to the arrest of a suspect. In this case the suspect is one of a group of young South Boston men responsible for numerous beatings and murders. Sgt. John Daley told GCN that he is sure the group was responsible for the Arboretum murder of 1973, as well as many assaults throughout the Back Bay. Sgt. Daley also said that he knew some of the surviving victims, but added that they had not been willing to come forward with information to aid the police in their investigations, ostensibly for fear of safety, or having it become known that they are gay.

GCN realizes that the gay victim is in a special position. She/he knows that she/he may face a hostile judge or jury. She/he knows that the defense attorney can level serious charges at them that play on the jury's misconceptions and prejudices against gay people. The male rape victim, for example, will find himself in the same position as the female rape victim: you went with him; you asked for it. The victim of someone she/he picked up at a bar may have his/her character called into question. The jury will hardly realize the important part that the bar plays in the gay culture because gay people are often denied the socially-

acceptable places to meet and mate. Even if the defense attorney is too understanding or too ethical to use such tactics, it may not be pleasant for a person to stand in front of a judge and jury whose decisions may be influenced by the individual's sexual preference. Then again, who has the time, money or emotional resources to keep on with the fight?

GCN realizes all these problems. BUT, this week a man came into the office with two badly blackened eyes and a swollen lip; last week an older man too afraid to call us had been beaten by a young man he met at the Fenway (stories on front page). Neither incident was reported to the police. We can warn other people to look out for these assailants, but even if they are sighted, they can not be arrested unless the incident is reported. One man is dead and yet victims of the same group will not come forward to help the police identify and charge them.

Even if a victim is afraid to go to the police, GCN asks that she/he will report the incident to us. We urge anyone who has information leading to the arrest of the South Boston group or the murderer of David Coulter to contact us. We urge all future victims to report the incident to the police and then to us. Two years ago the gay community had no voice to unite them. Now that GCN is here, the community can make us a voice capable of action. We can let the attackers know that their nighttime, dark-alley tactics are seen by the eyes of the community. We can make the descriptions, modes of operation, and hang-out areas of these people so well known that they can no longer be free. Or we can let them beat us, rape us and murder us and walk away.

two. "The Gay Movement," as such, was something that *The Advocate* told you was going on in California.

Six years changes things. The GCN "Quick Gay Guide" now lists about one hundred different organizations. There are now fewer and fewer closet doors around, and more and more places and activities for gay people than that original intrepid band of gays in 1969 probably ever dreamed possible.

With the quiet death of The Homophile Union of Boston, this city, and the country, have lost an important first friend. Many will miss it.

LETTERS

set him straight

Dear GCN,

One of Boston's leading evangelical clergymen apparently reflects the confusion prevailing among many straight people concerning the place of homosexuals in the church and society. In his program Christian Comment (WBOS-FM) of March 14, 1975, Dr. A. Paterson Lee of Boston's historic Tremont Temple Baptist Church cited a recent *Boston Sunday Globe* article on the National Council of Churches calling for equal civil rights for both women and homosexuals. Concerning women, Dr. Lee, noting that St. Paul has often been called a misogynist, reminded his listeners that the Apostle commended the deaconess Phoebe and husband and wife ministerial team Priscilla and Aquila. However, he failed to make mention of the status of women in the church after the Apostolic Age.

Regarding gays, Dr. Lee deplored that gay people should have a church of their own, any more than rapists and kleptomaniacs (what great company we keep!). While admitting that gays may not be welcome in many churches, Dr. Lee cited the example of the Corinthian Church, which admitted reputed homosexuals on condition of giving up their "perversion" (I Cor. 6:9). Dr. Lee apparently believes this a good precedent for the church today. Does he feel that sexual orientation is something that can be suddenly switched upon conversion to Christ? Perhaps readers of GCN would like to set him straight. If so, please write to Dr. A. Patterson Lee, Tremont Temple Baptist Church, 88 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

Russ Nile

unity

Dear Gay People,

I happened to walk into the GCN office the other day and enter uninvited into the midst of a staff meeting at which various reports were duly being given by staff members of the criticisms received about the paper. "The paper is too left," says one group; "the paper is too right," says another; "it's too wishy washy," says a third and on and on ad infinitum all on the same day. At first it seemed like tired tired old déjà-vu for me . . . nothing but bitch, bitch, bitch, all the

Coming up! GAYRAP, an occasional column for gay teenagers. This space will be open to youth to ask for and receive advice, to express feelings, to tell other youth about activities in your school or town. Questions will be answered by Brian Goodrich and Linda Carford. Ask them about gay issues; ask them anything you want to know. This space will belong to youth, so write today, to GAYRAP, c/o GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108. All mail will be read by Brian and Linda. Names withheld upon request, but please sign your letters.



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time. Reflection, however, left me no longer tired, but angry.

The negativity of this community continues to confound and aggravate me. Supposedly we are all involved in struggling for the same goal, yet in the struggle it seems as though each of our different means has obliterated what the end is for which we are striving. It appears we are slowly becoming modern day Pharisees, concentrating so narrowly on the letter of the law that we can no longer see the heart of it. "Where's your head at" and "consciousness raising" seems to be excluding feeling, caring and understanding for the humanness of us all.

So okay, nobody loves everybody and everything. It's not utopia and I'm not asking that you love me, or GCN, or anything else, but you can at least respect our common denominator — the right to be who and what we are — and not expect GCN or any other persons or organizations for that matter, to be everything to all people at all times.

If you didn't have GCN, damn it, to whom would you complain? Certainly they make mistakes, because they are human like the rest of us. But if you think any other business "structure" — and they are one — would be as open to listen to your criticisms, try it. Most would tell you to "go f— yourself" or lose you in a maze of hierarchy. So complain to them, because they're still human. But there's a difference between constructive criticism and sheer bitchiness. Constructive criticism is not general grumbling or griping, but specific wants, needs and ideas. It is not sitting back and complaining all the time but pitching in to make sure that your point of view is heard. Constructive criticism is not negative, but helpful.

So, if you don't want to try to help or be helpful, then I say to you, SHUT UP, or find a sense of humor and try not to take yourself and others so seriously, but let the people who are at least trying, continue to try in peace.

For a positive future for us all,

With love,

Linda Lachman

Dear GCN,

I want to thank you for a wonderful paper. The two articles by Margo are well written, touching and beautiful.

The repudiation of the gay Nazis is so true and a good thing. Let the gay Nazis take heed of what Hitler did to all gays!

I've read the gay press for many years now. Ever since my youngest son "came out," and now even more since after he "came out" he and his lover lost their jobs and killed themselves. Too many years of anguish lived through and at 46 and 48 the last blow. This all leads up to my sincere plea for gay people to control in-fighting. I do understand how it comes about but at the same time it does seem to me sad that as the gay people search for their own self being, their self worth that it seems to me they must try to put down another gay's right to the same selfworth just because they happen to be different. Of all people in the world who should understand that differences are a part of life, the gay people should understand this. Differences can and do add richness and variety. To build bridges across differences is in itself a rich experience.

But worst of all in-fighting only adds fuel to the fierce fires of Homophobia. That is the most dangerous thing it does.

As unemployment grows worse and the economy staggers all gay people will be even more oppressed no matter how many laws we pass for their civil liberties.

As the mother of a son who paid this last price and his friend, whom I also loved; I feel I have a small right to urge all gay people to stand by each other,

to work for unity and accept the oh so natural differences among themselves.

With Deep affection for all and most sincerely,

Sarah V. Montgomery

march support

Dear Folks,

Your coverage of the New England Gay Conference was great, but one thing was left out. At the final workshop, when people could present plans and proposals for actions, the conference voted to endorse the May 17 National Freedom March in Boston, called by the NAACP.

The march is designed to counter the effect of thousands of anti-busing people demonstrating constantly against the desegregation of the Boston schools. It is designed to counter the atmosphere of racism which permeates the city, and which contributed to the stonings and near-lynchings of children in the black community.

The march was called to show massive support of the right of Black children to attend any school they wish without having to face rocks, taunts, and threats against their lives.

There are some who would say this is not a Gay issue, but this is wrong. First, all Gay people should be concerned about the issues of the Civil Rights movement, as an attack on the rights of any oppressed minority is an attack on all of us as well.

Secondly, the conservatives, on the strength of the anti-busing movement, are becoming very powerful in this city, and must be stopped. The same people who oppose busing also secured the conviction of Dr. Edelin for manslaughter in performing a legal abortion. We should all be outraged at that decision.

These same reactionary, racist, and sexist groups will oppose Gay rights, and, given the possibility that they could take control of the city politically, they will start anti-gay raids and roundups. By showing your opposition in a large way on May 17, we can contribute to their downfall.

We must all be united against the racists and sexists. We must be out on May 17, showing our visible support for desegregation, Dr. Edelin, and our own rights. We must tell our brothers and sisters within our own movement about the march, and root out any racist or sexist attitudes that we might find.

There will be a meeting to plan support for the National Freedom March on Thursday of this week, and more meetings and activities later, leading up to May 17, when we should put together a Gay community contingent under our own banner!

All out May 17! Support the Black community's right to a decent education! Fight the racist attacks on desegregation!

Ken Withers

beware of the FBI

Dear GCN,

Early in February of '75, I was confronted by the FBI. Having been made aware of the possibility of them paying me a visit, was an important part of how I reacted when they did come. I want to make women aware of the possibility of the FBI visiting them; and therefore more prepared to deal with any harassment and intimidations which might befall them.

Because of the stepped-up investigating in the Womens movement, the possibility of women in the movement coming in contact with the FBI has risen to a high percentage; especially in the cities.

Women becoming more radical intimidates men — a radical woman has no boundaries in which to confine her

violence. Because she has no place in a man's world, when she escapes its definitions (which is all or most of what confines her) she has no respect for men; even the violence which man inflicts upon man has bounds. — She is castrating.

About half of the FBI's 10 most wanted list is women. Women who have eluded the FBI as successfully or more successfully than their male counterparts, making these hordes of federal agents look pretty foolish.

Because of this the FBI has attacked the Womens movement with a frightening ferocity, making grave examples of the SLA, Alpers and Swinton — holding up these heads to us and saying — go back to your knitting, stay out of men's fields — (radicalism, revolution, fighting, freedom) and don't sympathize with your sisters — turn them in — you can't win.

We must fight the FBI harassment; and the best way to fight is to REMAIN SILENT! Even an "I don't know anything" is evidence to them, evidence which may be used against you or a friend or a sister you may have never come in contact with.

Ask around about attorneys who are sympathetic to the injustices of sexism and circulate your attorneys' names. Talk to your sisters about the FBI and be prepared when they come. The biggest weight in the FBI's favor is surprise, totally knocking one off balance. Don't fall prey to their intimidations, their condescension, their big father image — you have the right to remain silent — exercise it.

When they came to my door, I did not remove the chain, but spoke to them through the crack — YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET THEM IN. After I had refused to talk, one asked in an indignant voice "You mean you refuse to cooperate with the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT in this matter?" I refused again, with trembling voice and hands I offered them my attorney's number. They took it and left.

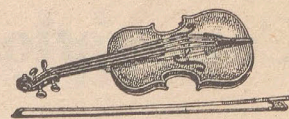
Don't think that if someone has talked, that you can because the FBI hasn't all the information you could give them — if they did, they wouldn't keep asking. They don't know everything until they catch up with our sisters in hiding and our sisters in fighting. Don't give them more heads to hold up to us as examples. BE PREPARED — REMAIN SILENT!

Diana Perkins

stars

To Gays everywhere,

With rare and exemplary exception, there are no stars within the New England Gay Movement. To take the position of a star within a civil rights movement calls for years of hard work in productive directions plus the charisma which creates a star. Our angel star shines brightly not only over



our six state area but above our nation.

Within the movement here there are, however, hundreds of dedicated workers without whose years of hard work behind the scene there would not be the progress we have seen so far. Those who have stuck it out are not looking to become stars. Their star-struck days, if they had them, passed years ago when they realized that serious work overshadows the glory grabbers.

The New England Gay Conference was, among other things, a time for many of those workers to meet together and with some American Gays whose years of hard work, personal commitment, expertise and proven abilities in working for gay issues have dubbed them stars.

Under the theme "Unity in Action" the body of that meeting was unfortunately subjected to a display of disunity within the Provincetown Coordinating Committee, a body of four, over an issue which did not belong on the floor of that meeting. Certain members of that Committee, while addressing the body of the convention on the issue of the support from the Crown and Anchor toward the Conference, lied openly and knowingly. During the conference planning the Crown and Anchor offered support in mass free housing and fund raising. Yet within a committee of four there were those who felt their personalities, their egos, their dominating selves, their personal philosophies were more important than the original goal of incorporating and utilizing all the available facilities of Provincetown toward making the conference a success.

The management, staff and patrons of the Crown and Anchor are no antagonists in the gay movement. Most are gay citizens within the Provincetown community and some of them worked long and hard in helping coordinate the conference. It is tragic that these efforts and the offers of cooperative assistance from the Crown's management were refuted by ego centered committee members.

Glory grabbers will come and go. Perhaps a few new stars will shine through in the future, but one fact remains. The body of committed citizens which braved a blizzard to attend this year's convention and the hundreds of other workers throughout New England who couldn't make it but lent their support in other ways are what will, ultimately, make the issues of our movement prevail.

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NEW YORK (NGTF) — The National Gay Task Force announced today the initial results of its "Corporate Project on Sexuality and Employment." Eight major corporations representing a total employment of more than 1.1 million persons have provided a clearly enunciated public policy of non-discrimination in hiring or advancement based on affectional or sexual orientation. They include AT&T, the nation's largest corporate employer; the Bank of America, the largest bank; and IBM, the acknowledged leader in computer technology. Other firms with equivalent supportive policy responses are N.B.C., American Airlines, Eastern Airlines, Avon, and Citicorp.

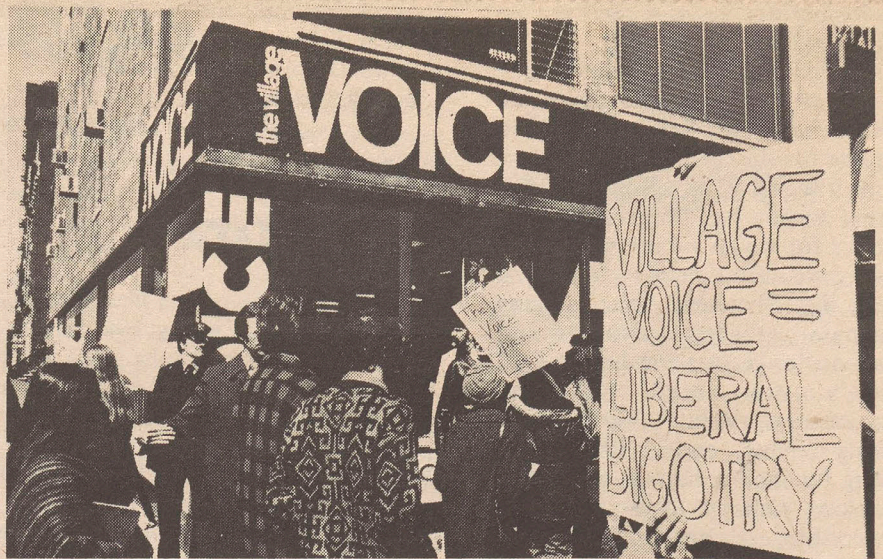
Typical of these affirmative statements was the policy cited by Mr. John D. de Butts, Board Chairman of AT&T: "The American Telephone and Telegraph Company's publicly enunciated policy barring discrimination against homosexuals in hiring and employment is as follows: 'An individual's sexual preferences are not criteria either for becoming an employee or remaining an employee of the Bell System. Job retention and promotability are based upon demonstrable job performance and behavior. An individual's sexual tendencies or preferences are strictly personal and information about these matters should not be sought out by company personnel.' A response from a bank indicated that it is not now nor has it ever been the policy or practice of this bank to discriminate in employment on the basis of sexual orientation. The bank looks for competence in the performance of its employees, and does not concern itself with or make decisions based upon their private lifestyles. Further, this bank respects the rights of

privacy of both applicants and employees by not making inquiries or assumptions as to private lifestyles.

Dr. Bruce Voeller, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force which initiated this corporate survey, said "We are encouraged and pleased by the response of these several firms. At the same time we realize a great deal of work remains to be done. Only eight of the 86 firms initially surveyed indicated they had public policy of non-discrimination against gay women and men. The 18 other firms which have responded have ranged from equivocation to apparent lack of interest," Voeller said. Several of these firms cite the absence of laws governing this area of discrimination. "It is for this reason the National Gay Task Force has initiated this corporate project while at the same time is pressing for supportive legislation at the federal, state and local levels. It is our goal not only to make it possible for openly gay women and men to secure and hold employment but also to reassure the hundreds of thousands of gay persons already employed who live in terror of being discovered."

The Resolution of the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches on March 6 calling for gay civil rights has led the Task Force to write to the Rev. Everett Francis, the Chairperson of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, requesting the assistance of the center in the continuation of this corporate project. The I.C.C.R. is an acknowledged leader in assisting minority groups in advancing their concerns with corporations.

"The potential assistance of positive corporate attitudes in this civil rights area is quite large," Dr. Voeller concluded.



Demonstration against the Village Voice, New York City, March 21st.

Gay Voices in the Village

By Phil Cappetta

NEW YORK CITY — More than seventy Gay women and men demonstrated outside the office of the *Village Voice*, a New York weekly newspaper, on Friday, March 21. They called for a halt in *Village Voice* stereotypic portrayals of homosexuals, for serious news coverage of women's and gay movement events, and for an end to Gay ad quotas and word changing. During the demonstration, the Gay Activists Alliance and Lesbian Feminist Liberation groups presented a list of demands seeking to right problems between the *Village Voice* and the gay community.

According to GAA, the *Village Voice* "trivializes homosexuality and sexual oppression." For instance, "Coverage of our fight for Intro 2 (NYC Gay Civil Rights Law) passage was minimal." Another example is an article by David Tipmore, "Homosexual Cult Figures: a Sunday Kind of

Love" (Jan. 27, 1975). GAA points out "stupid generalizations" in this article about popular personalities and their supposed gay following, and that it appears to have been written off-hand, without research, by Tipmore.

Judith Daniels, Managing Editor of *Village Voice*, has described *Village Voice* ad censorship and quotas to Mr. Goodman. The quota insures "balanced advertising," she said in a recent meeting between the editor and members of GAA and LFL groups. She admitted censorship of S&M ads. However, she would not commit the *Village Voice* to any demands presented at that meeting. The editor commented, "No matter what we print, someone will find it offensive."

The March 21 demonstration was planned as a result of this meeting. Its purpose, according to Arthur Goodman, was "... a very public approach ... without pressure on the *Village Voice*." Group members felt the demonstration was successful: "We aren't out to influence their printed content, but for a clear statement of policies on homosexuals and women," finalized Mr. Goodman.

Said David Thorstad, Secretary for GAA, while commenting on a particularly bad article, "GAA does not want to single out any writer. In the past many *Voice* writers have done very favorable articles on gay activities. However, the editors allow the writers to say things but don't follow them up themselves."

Lesbian Feminist Liberation member Eleanor Cooper agreed with all Mr. Goodman said. "The issue of discrimination by the *Voice* was very plain. *Village Voice* takes a condescending and insulting attitude toward women and gays. Their 'Husband Dumping' article, and another on female impersonators, do not connect to the problems women face in our society."

David Starr of GAA, commenting on the demonstration's outcome, said "People will know how they are being discriminated against, but if no one listens at *Village Voice*, we'll probably have to demonstrate again."

\$\$\$ For Lesbian Film

By Linda Lachman

BOSTON — The Homophile Community Health Service announced this week the awarding of a \$1,000 grant from the Women's Fund of HCHS. The grant will go to independent film maker Diana Rabenold towards purchasing the first year option rights to the book "Patience and Sarah" for film production.

The Women's Fund of HCHS was begun last spring with money donated specifically for the purpose of funding an educational artistic endeavor by and about women, as part of the basic aims of the Health Service's outreach educational program. All the women on the staff and board of HCHS have been responsible for the administration of the fund.

Last summer, the Women's Fund sent out more than 200 requests for proposals for the grant to various groups and artists. Eight proposals were received and the administrators screened these and selected two finalists. The two finalists made presentations and explanations of their proposals this past month and Ms. Rabenold's proposal was chosen as the project to be funded.

Diana, a former manager of the Orson Welles Theatre, is presently Program Coordinator for the Stanton Project in Cambridge. The Stanton Project holds a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to produce a series of films on women in American history intended eventually for national television. Last year, Diana was one of several women who

helped produce and film several portraits of women for the WBZ "Yes We Can" Day.

Diana explained that she hopes to be able to raise enough money to purchase the first year option on the book, "Patience and Sarah" so that the gay community, specifically in New England, can have the say in producing the film. She feels that the time is right for the book to be made into a film and that, if the gay community doesn't do it, then it will just be a matter of time before a straight commercial enterprise picks up the rights and uses it as they see fit. She feels strongly that this beautiful gay story should not be let go to be exploited by a straight studio; and hopes that the gay community of New England will be behind her efforts to get the first year rights. If enough money can be raised for the option — the \$1,000 is only a part of the money needed — it means that no one else can produce a film on the book for one year, and also, the first choice for second year options may be picked up, if necessary, for a lesser amount of money. Diana said that she is aware that there are others considering bidding for the rights and she, therefore, would like to secure the option as soon as possible.

The first benefit to raise the additional money needed to ensure receiving the rights may be as soon as the end of April or early May. Diana hopes to present the first Boston screening of the film, "Pit of Loneliness" (not to be confused with the book, "Well of

Loneliness"), a story of two lesbians, directed by Jacqueline Audran with a screenplay by Colette.

As soon as Diana secures the option, she hopes to immediately begin raising money for the production of the film so that it can be finished within the one year limit with no need to purchase a second year's option. The film is to be a professional production intended for commercial theatre distribution and using the skills of many highly respected and talented women in the film industry. It would be filmed on location in New England where much of the story takes place. Part of the profits from the film would be put back into the Women's Fund of HCHS to continue its endeavors in starting other projects.

Anyone interested in helping to plan fund raisers for this project of the Women's Fund or who wishes to make a donation towards the project should write to Diana Rabenold, Women's Fund of HCHS, Box 9500, c/o GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Ma. 02108.

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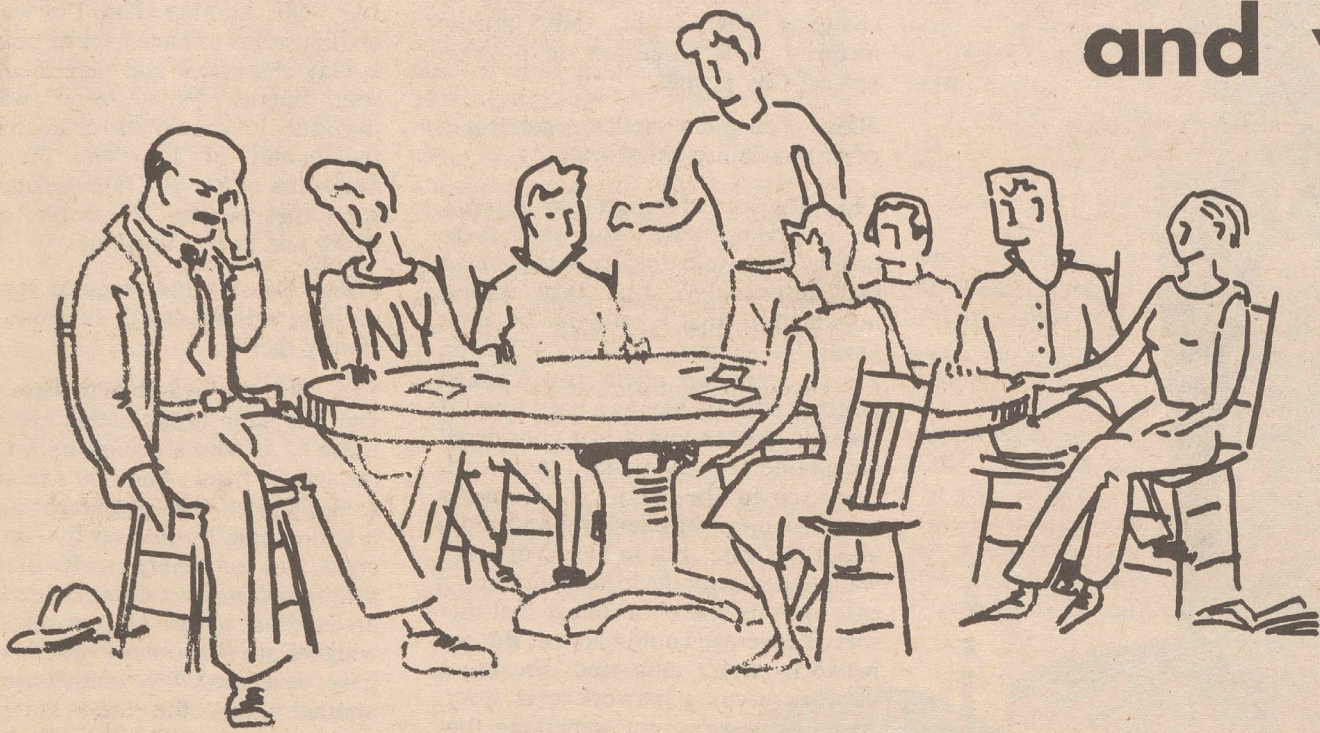
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By OWEN WILSON

Usually the Speaker's Bureau of the New York Mattachine Society travels to high schools, colleges, organizations, etc., to speak, answer questions, meet the people and, maybe, if we're open and it's a sunny day, learn something about ourselves. And usually we start about two hours early, take the subways and a bus, and then walk eleven blocks to discover we read the directions wrong, scurry back and try again. But once the speaking engagement came to the New York Mattachine office. Eight students and a teacher from a small Lutheran college in Fort Wayne, Indiana, visited us at 99 Christopher Street to talk with our president and speaker's bureau member Rich Wandel. The group was on a field trip to New York City — refugees from a sociology class — to explore victimless crimes. So the nine of them, Rich, and myself sat in a circle in a corner of the office, introduced our-

selves, and Rich began with his If You Are Gay And Known To Be Gay Speech:

If you are gay and known to be gay it is sometimes hard to get a job.

If you are gay and known to be gay it is sometimes hard to find an apartment.

If you are gay and known to be gay there are people who immediately hate you.

And so forth.

The nine students were a bit uneasy at first. There were three women and six men. They were all from the Midwest except for one fellow from Buffalo. The dress was from suit to football jersey with the women in skirts and sweaters and it seemed the backgrounds and personalities were as divergent. But many of them relaxed as we moved along. As in any group there were those who asked questions and

those who didn't say anything. Having been a monk for six years Rich Wandel often turned the subject to theology but we weaved in and out of the usual textbook quotes and questions and stereotypical information which Rich and I tried to eradicate and replace with human behavior no matter what the sexual preference. We discussed what New York Mattachine does (free legal and employment clinics, the speaker's bureau, an extensive library and periodical collection, peer counseling, crisis/information phone lines, etc.), what other movement organizations do and soon the note-takers put away their pencils and paper and we began to relate as eleven human beings trying to get to know each other a bit better. The students talked about their own feelings and sources of information concerning homosexuality and the conversation even wandered to unre-

lated topics such as what else they had done in New York, their and our other interests, and their life on campus and our life in the City.

As we talked a middle-aged well dressed man came into the Mattachine office and sat at a desk behind us. Suddenly he broke into the discussion: "Pardon me, I don't want to intrude, but if I may I would like to share something with you."

We said sure and he softly continued. "I've always been very liberal. Some of my friends have been homosexual and it has never bothered me. I have signed numerous petitions for

homosexual rights. But now I have a problem: I think very strongly that my son is homosexual. And no matter how hard I try or how many times I re-evaluate the situation I just can not accept this fate for my son. I just can not deal with it. When it was someone else I could easily handle it, but now it is just impossible."

His eyes began to fill with tears. "And I came here for help. For an answer. What can I do? My wife is on the brink of a breakdown. I am very fearful for her health. I've talked this over with my own doctor but I still feel I've done something terribly wrong. And I must help my son before it's too late. My son is having trouble coping. He is living at home and finishing his master's thesis. He is having a terrible time with it. He hardly does anything. He hardly goes anywhere. He is irritable. I've never talked to him about my suspicions but because of many of the things he does and because of a letter I found I am fearful for his sexual identity. I'm afraid if I confront him with my suspicions it will push him over to your side."

While he was talking the man took out a vial and swallowed a small pill. "I don't know how to talk to him. I want to help. I don't want my son to lead a half-life. I'm sorry if I'm being insulting but I must be honest about my feelings. What can I do? Can someone tell me?"

The students sat in a heavy quiet. This was more than a textbook. More than a rap session with a "real gay person." This was a father in deep pain with an intelligence pulling him in one direction and a heart dragging him in another. Rich Wandel tried to explain that although there are possible problems in being gay because of a sometimes hostile society nothing is worse than the closeted-repression of non-acceptance of one's self or hiding one's self from others. And if he thinks a gay life is a half-life a closeted existence is less than a half-life. And I added that his fears and anxieties were sure to be evident to his son and would

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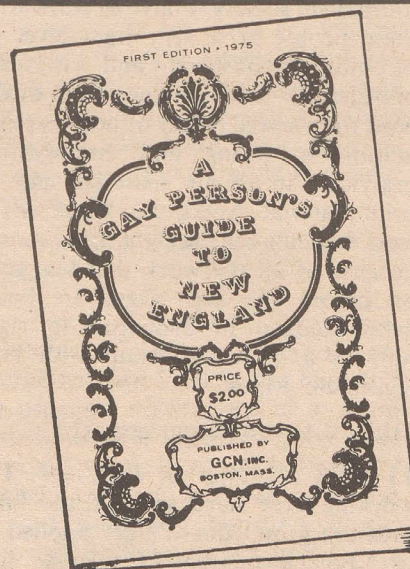
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LOTPERSON SPEAKS!

By J. D. SITLER

[I taped the following interview with Loretta Lotman on March 1st in New York. Before moving to New York to join the staff of the National Gay Task Force, she worked here in Boston on many important media projects for the Gay community. She established and directed Gay Media Action, now considered a model organization of its kind that is being emulated around the country. She began "Closet Space," one of Boston's Gay radio programs, and produced most of the early shows. She also used to write for GCN. Skinny as she now is, my friend Loretta will always be a Gay heavy to me.—JDS]

JDS: Loretta, now that you've joined the National Gay Task Force as Media Director, perhaps you can tell us what it is you people actually do. (Does that sound like a naive heterosexist question?)

LL: It does and I will, but not in that order. Actually, at the Task Force we operate with a very small staff. We have four staff members and an office manager. All of us have to work very closely with one another, because a lot of our duties overlap. My title is Media Director, but that doesn't mean I can concentrate on doing nothing but media work. There are other responsibilities that go along with the job. For example, I have to do public relations for any major breakthrough that happens in the Gay community that's connected with the Task Force. And I have to let our members know about fund-raising events we're having.

JDS: How do you work with the media?

LL: In media, the big difference from Boston is that I'm working on a national level. And that brings a lot of new concepts into play. For example, when I was in Boston I could worry about such things as trying to work on a weekly radio program, which was very important, and still is.

JDS: That's "Closet Space."

LL: Yes. And I had time to write for *GCN*. In my position now with the Task Force, if news is forthcoming, I've got to let people know at *GCN*,

The Advocate, the *Philadelphia Gayzette*, the *Gay Blade* in Washington and at other papers. I can't show any favoritism. My concern is getting information out as fast as possible.

JDS: From one direction you're giving feedback to the Gay community concerning the depiction of Gays in the media. From the opposite direction you're approaching the media on specific issues of contention and in specific areas of interest to Gay people. Is that a pretty good summation? Do I get a star?

LL: Yes, you do. What you said is a little formal for me to think about in those terms.

JDS: But, like so many people and things, it seems to go both ways.

LL: Right again. As concerns my media work, there seems to be two distinct areas. First, it's working directly with the networks; NBC, CBS, and ABC. It's working with the wire services; United Press International, the Associated Press and others. And it's working with the trade associations; like the National Association of Broadcasters or Sigma Delta Chi, which is the professional journalism society. I have to work with these people at a very high level — meaning publishers and network presidents — and convince them of the need for a stated policy of non-discrimination in hiring and employment practices, in on-air material and in print material. And that, I think, is the least difficult for me right now, simply because of all the work that has gone on before. At least Gays are being acknowledged in broadcasting right now as a minority group with very legitimate gripes.

JDS: Got any recent gripes?

LL: As a matter of fact, yes. I'm working very hard so that the label pressure group doesn't get applied to us. For example, *TV Guide* had something in it this week about the Task Force that really distorted our intent. They showed us as being happy, smiling morons jumping up and down because we got some TV stations to cancel a program. Then they proceeded

to take twice as much space speaking with the producer of "Policewoman." He explained why he thought his artistic integrity had been violated by changing the script. His artistic integrity was based on a position against Gay people.

JDS: You mentioned a second area of responsibility. What's that?

LL: The second thing I have to work on is making sure that once these people have said they're receptive to Gay information, that they receive information that's tailored to their needs. For example, let's say in Boston a case comes up about two Lesbian mothers who are having a hard time. If I was in Boston and it was considered acceptable to everyone concerned, there could be very good media coverage on local television and radio about this case. But in New York, if I want to deal with the local stations on a case like this, there's a chance that that sort of coverage could happen. But the networks aren't interested, because a network needs a network-level story. And unless we've got something that can compete with two plane crashes, the Middle East War, and the economic slide, we're not going to see things on national television. What I've got to do is sell concepts. I've got to point out that it's not one instance of a Gay rights bill being passed in Washington, D.C. or Portland, Oregon. It's the overall look at sixteen cities or eighteen cities having passed Gay rights legislation. Or it's having a look at the societal trends, and trying to get a story out of them that way. So I have to make sure these people have information they can deal with.

JDS: Do you now or have you ever manufactured or participated in the manufacture of situations which are on the larger scale which you mentioned? Careful now!

LL: Sure, everyone manufactures news situations. In my case, I don't want to manufacture something there isn't a call for already. For example, in a few weeks there's going to be the reintroduction in Congress of a Gay civil rights bill, a Federal bill, that is being submitted by Bella Abzug. I'm writing press releases and helping set up the press conference. If I can have people who've been discriminated against talk with NBC or CBS or ABC network national news, then I've got myself a story that can go national. Because not only have they got us standing up there saying we are oppressed and we want these laws changed and this is a civil rights bill; but we also show the various instances where people have been specifically oppressed. It comes down to human terms. People can relate to it better. And the networks have got a story. The NBC nightly news is 23 minutes. Everything else is commercials and introductions. So we're working with very little time, and it's difficult.

JDS: What inputs do you have with the networks in getting Gay lifestyles honestly depicted on television?

LL: I'm trying to foster the integration of Gay characters and Gay plots and subplots into the popular television series. Meaning, if "Policewoman" is going to do a Gay story, I want to see that they don't do it from the point of view they used before. They could show a Lesbian who is being harassed by a former male lover. Since she's come out, he can't hack it. It's too much of a threat to him. She tries to get protection from the police. And everyone is unsympathetic, except Angie Dickinson, who digs where she's coming from. That plot's a possibility that people haven't been exposed to in the past. This is just an example.

JDS: Are you just concentrating on the regular series, like "Policewoman"?

LL: No. Another thing I'm working on that seems to have a lot of potential is Gay characters and Gay themes in soap operas. What better way to introduce a sympathetic character into the homes of heartland America? Show him or her as a homosexual, and show the reactions of people: people liking and people disliking.

JDS: Doesn't that require someone on the writing staff, someone constantly there?

LL: No. We're assuming there aren't Gay people in broadcasting except for those of us who are slugging it out on the activist front. And that's in no way true. They're Gay people throughout broadcasting. I would say that on every crew and on every staff of every program done on a network level there are at least a few Gay people. Now whether they're out or whether they have developed Gay consciousness is another thing. But these are people who are potentially script advisors. And what I would like to do is form a kind of underground network I had in Boston: A network of all sorts of Gay people working in the media who would be feeding me information. Except I would like to have, in this case, people who are out on the job and serving as Gay consultants in their own job sphere.

JDS: Is it realistic to expect that of someone who is presently there? Or would you prefer to operate along these lines by getting someone on staff as a writer on a particular soap opera?

LL: Sounds like you're looking for a job. I cannot make employment demands on NBC right now. The whole area of employment is up in the air. But NBC has come across with an anti-discrimination statement for Gay people who are or will in the future be employed by the network and by stations owned and operated by the network. In broadcasting, most people know who's Gay anyway. So a Gay person could come out and say: I see something in this script that I don't like, or I see a potential here that you are not realizing.

JDS: Can that really be effective?

LL: If this is a person who's worked on staff, has worked on crew, or has been a writer or an associate producer or a regular player in a series; they'll generally listen to where this person's coming from.

JDS: Are you optimistic?

LL: I've had meetings with several producers of regular series, especially the soap operas. And I would say that there will be at least one openly Gay character on a soap opera within a year. There are certain individuals in the industry who are interested.

JDS: How do you answer the accusation that by overseeing the depiction of Gay people in the media you are acting as a censor? And this is an accusation that has been hurled down as a result of the "Welby" pressure and the "Policewoman" pressure.

LL: Censorship goes two ways. There is censorship by forcing something to be cut out of a certain play or program or whatever. And then there is censorship that comes from never depicting things as they really are. Now we have been the victims of censorship by the media — radio, television, newspapers, and magazines — ever since they first began. Gay people have not been visible. We have not been shown in a way that accurately represented who we were

and the diversity of Gay people. You can turn on television and flip from channel to channel, and you see various aspects of the heterosexual experience being played-out. And it's all in the television style of warped, plastic reality. But at least it's there. There's a wide-based view. Never have we been able to see gay people and gay relationships shown with that sort of variety. When a program comes up, it's a special program. In print, for example, if *Time* magazine runs something about Gays, it's in the behavior section, even if it has to do with laws, legislation, or Lesbian mothers. And that's a form of censorship, because that's denying us the reality of being totally integrated in society.

JDS: This has to do with the "isolation" of gay people. They can be compartmentalized and described as a group, often with vilification and with the ascription of sickness. It's stereotyping; and that's very often the image of Gay people that comes across in the media. Is that what you're trying to deal with?

LL: Well, that's taking it a step further. Right now we're being isolated because there's never been anything around. Usually people are basing their information on stereotypes. As Vito Russo says in his movie presentation: We found out about ourselves and about what we were supposed to be by what we saw in the movies. And the movies are based on stereotypes, because that's all the people in the movie industry cared to depict or knew about. But, yes, we have been isolated in the past.

JDS: Are you trying to get beyond that?

LL: What I'm working toward is an integration; so that nobody will be doing a "gay" story; so that there will be regular homosexual women and men as characters on television. Whether they're good scripts or bad scripts isn't important. As long as we aren't being stereotyped, and as long as we aren't being portrayed exclusively as a fast laugh or as a psychopathological group who're always out murdering people and molesting little kids, I'll be satisfied. I want to see gay people on TV.

JDS: Getting back to censorship: Aren't you saying that two wrongs make a right? Aren't Gays answering media censorship with a form of their own, to try to get things back in balance?

LL: Going back ten or fifteen years, Blacks were completely invisible on TV, except as maids or Step-n'-Fetch-Its. I think it was 1964 that the big breakthrough happened with Bill Cosby, the first Black as a co-lead in a series. Now at that time Blacks were very concerned with the way they were going to be portrayed on television. And the industry sort of sat back and said: We can see where you're coming from; you're fighting for your human dignity. So we'll be cautious, but we'll start and see what happens. That's how Bill Cosby got a co-lead. He was a very clean-cut, all-American character. I mean, after all, he was a spy for the U.S. Government. How "American" can you get? Then there was "Julia," showing that a Black actress could carry a commercial series. And all of a sudden you began seeing good Black people and bad Black people. A wide range of Black characters is being shown. But television exerted its own self-censorship in those early days, because they were dealing with more than just the artistic freedom to show something on the air. *Artistic freedom is bigotry if it harms peoples' human dignity.*

JDS: How does television deal with bigotry now?

LL: Television has particular rules for dealing with bigotry in programming content. Bigotry is not allowed to be unresolved on television. This is part of the National Association of Broadcasters' Code. A bigot can say something awful, but must be put-down for it. And these are standards that are used in situations with Blacks. When "Chico and the Man" got started on television, there was an uproar from the Hispanic community. And NBC really moved to make changes in that series, because it was a hit. It was funny. But at the same time there were people who were being depicted for perhaps the first time on a regular basis on television. And they had complaints. But NBC responded to that fast. Now all I want to see is the same level of respect given to the Gay community that is currently given to

around the country to drop the program altogether. And two were major affiliates, Philadelphia and Boston. For the first time, we didn't have to be apologetic. We didn't have to ask for things. We didn't have to be argumentative. We went to them and said look, you've got a network, we've got a network too. Our network consists of twelve hundred Gay organizations around the country. And it consists of concerned individuals, some of whom work within your organization, who are upset with what you are doing.

JDS: How did you stick-it-to-'em?

LL: We said if we get some good programming going, of course there's not going to be any difficulty. Of course you will be being fair, and we will be being pleased because you are fair. The rest of the country will have access to information that will lower their fear of homosexuals and that will dissipate



every other minority group as regards their portrayal on television.

JDS: You've spoken about the networks having come around with racial and ethnic minority groups. And to some extent this is also true of women as an oppressed group. Do you see this kind of trend emerging for Gay people as well? Is homosexuality becoming an in-thing?

LL: I wouldn't say it's quite in yet, but by next season it might be. We have to go back to "Welby" to pin this whole thing down.

JDS: Do you see "Welby" as a critical turning point?

LL: Yes! Definitely! Because in the past any programming concessions to Gays from the media organizations were made as a courtesy. We had no clout. But during "Welby" we infiltrated ABC to a degree they could not believe. We found out things before Executive Vice Presidents did. And we had the information out around the country in a very short time. We showed we have economic clout. We caused sponsors to cancel. We caused ABC to drop their advertising rates. We got six affiliates

their ignorance about Gay people. And everything will work out.

JDS: What's been the outcome?

LL: In the six months since "Welby" and "Policewoman" took effect, I would say there has been a complete about-face in some circles about gay programming. For example, look what's happened in the past month or so. "Hot L Baltimore" has gone on TV, and it has a gay couple as regular cast characters.

JDS: What's the name of the program?

LL: "Hot L Baltimore." It's a Norman Lear production, like "All in the Family." The program takes place in a worn-down hotel that's got two prostitutes and some people living on welfare and a teenage runaway as residents. It was the Hotel Baltimore, but the E on the neon sign fizzled out. It's based on a play, and is very funny. Anyway, there are two gay characters in it, a gay couple, George and Gordon. They're depicted as any couple that had been together for a long time and bickered a lot would be. One of the episodes actually had George and Gordon

having a fight and breaking-up. Everyone in the hotel worked very hard to get them back together again. Now there were some flaws in the way the characters were depicted: a little heavy on role-playing. But gay people were shown in a legitimate couple situation as having been together in a stable relationship for nine years.

JDS: Got any other good examples of progressive gay programming?

LL: The ABC program with David Frost, "Wide World Special," on homosexuality was a major step, because for the first time we were shown as being legitimate people on a national program of this stature. The people they had on were consistently excellent. It wasn't one of these dark and seamy views of HOMOSEXUALITY (in capital letters with a lot of echo around it). It was a look at a gay lifestyle: talking with Lesbians; talking with the parents of one of the Lesbians; talking with a gay man and his father; showing scenes from a play; showing Jade and Sarsaparilla as two women who are lovers and who sing love songs to each other. As programs like this become more frequent, and as the subject gets discussed more, we'll go beyond the preliminary stages of doing a "gay" program. It'll no longer be enough to be Gay to get on television. You'll have to be Gay and seriously involved in a professional discipline.

JDS: How about theater — commercial theater in New York and Boston?

LL: I have no power nor would I want any of any sort over theater, because theater is the most personal of the dramatic arts. Television goes out to millions of people. Broadway theater plays to perhaps as many people in two years as television does in one night. I don't consider it part of my area of responsibility.

JDS: Then perhaps you can report on the gay state of New York theater.

LL: In New York we're very fortunate in that there's some very good gay theater going around. For example, "Lovers," which is an off-Broadway Equity company. It's professional quality all the way. And it's very fine theater. I mean there are ads in the papers that are consciousness-raisers by themselves: "Lovers," the hit musical that proves it's no longer sad to be Gay. There is also a gay theater company in New York called TOSOS, which is an acronym for The Other Side of Silence. It was started to give a forum to gay and gay-oriented plays. It's where "Lovers" got its start. We're starting to recognize our own legitimacy and maturity in expressing ourselves to the rest of the world.

JDS: Is New York theater as a whole so enlightened?

LL: Unfortunately not. A Terence McNally play opened called "The Ritz," which is very stereotypical in its treatment of gay people.

JDS: Lastly, how can New Englanders participate in the work of the National Gay Task Force?

LL: The National Gay Task Force needs members. We need people to support us — emotionally and with contributions. It's very difficult to keep an organization alive today that is based only on contributions, memberships, and on the fund-raising things that we do. But that's the situation we're in. We have a staff of people who, if they were working on the outside, would be making large sums of money. But we all happen to be dumb, starry-eyed idealists who think we've got to get the gay movement



Lotperson Goes On

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together on a professional basis. We want to coordinate work between local groups around the country who are working on similar things. The Task Force stands for national cooperation and national support. And we need to know that the Gay people of New England are with us.

JDS: This is the end of the business part of the interview. Now, Loretta . .

LL: Yes, Jan?

JDS: I, like so many people in Boston, miss you very much. And we would like to know how you're fitting-in in New York, and what's happening with you.

LL: When I first came to New York it was after five years of swearing I would never live here. The first month was the hardest: learning to use the subways and finding an apartment. The people down here were very helpful. I've been here for three months, and I love it. I enjoy working in the Movement on a full-time basis. I

miss Boston, but I feel there's enough connection, that I haven't left anyone behind. As long as I keep getting my copy of *GCN* every week I'm fine. The joke around the office is that I need my weekly fix from the newspaper, because I read what's happening with all my friends. So keep those *GCNs* and letters coming in, folk!

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alienate him from his father knowing of the deep pain he (the son) was causing. We tried to explain to the man that he must make it known to his son (and believe it) that he will love him no matter what his sexual preference, and if he can do this the door will be open for an exchange and if not there was a good chance of a broken family relationship. We also mentioned that we were dwelling on the father's projected needs of the son but how did the son feel about his presumed homosexuality. The father didn't know. Finally the man said he understood BUT (and he raised his fist) if there was a pill his son could take to get rid of this plague he would buy it at any cost.

We talked a bit more about the possibility of change and Rich gave him the phone number of Parents Of Gays telling him they could probably relate to his immediate confusion and despair more so than we could and would be able to talk to him from another angle because of their personal experiences. He said he would call them but he hasn't given up hope that there can be a change. We went back to our discussion with the students. They wanted to visit a gay bar so we gave them the names of one or two warning them that ten people taking notes in a bar might not be appreciated. We warmly shook hands, thanked each other for the openness and honesty exchanged during the afternoon and they left. Rich Wandel and I then talked with the troubled father for a while longer.

Every once in a while I get upset about these clinical approaches to my lifestyle but I feel that these discussions — which is what the New York Mattachine's Speaker's Bureau is all about — are a good way for book learned stereo-types and home-spun prejudices to be broken down. And if, just for a second, all our defenses are dropped and we can relate person to person as equal human beings who just happen to have different sexual preferences, then our speaker's bureau is a success.

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More Notes from Inside

By ROBERT T. SCOTT (TINA)

Mr. Scott read GCN's "Sexism in Man's Prisons," (Vol. 2, No. 27). Then he wrote this story of sex as he sees it in his prison.

Sex plays a major role in prison life! That is so true it scares people. These are the sex/status roles in men's prisons, as I see them.

The "Man." The male (aggressive) role, is not always strong, competitive, superior and manipulative. Few men in prison want the responsibility of the "Man" role. This is why a Man will have more than one "punk" or "kid," and at least one "Queen." Most Men don't think homosexuality is abnormal. They accept it 100% better than outside society.

The "Queen." The "Queen," (drag or transsexual) is more respected than any other female sex role played in prison. A Queen is not claimed (forced, coerced, picked, etc.); a Queen picks a Man and usually stays with that Man.

Queens are more likely to rule over "punks" or "kids." A Queen usually takes care of the money for other people in the family (a group of people, usually four to ten). A Queen need not have sex with anyone but the Man (daddy, stud, old man) of the family. Not all Queens have or want a group to mother; some prefer just to take care of their Man.

If a Queen gets out of place or gets into someone's face, she will get treated as her Man sees fit! A Queen should know how to act (like a lady) and not disgrace herself or her man. A Queen should not and will not (if she can help it) disgrace her Man or herself by any act such as talking (sho-shoing, jibbing, etc.) or by committing an act that will reflect badly on herself or her old man. Such acts will make the old man lose face and he will have to do something to her, such as a beating (which is rare) or by chopping her up in front of everyone by saying things that will make her look bad like a "punk"

or "kid."

Rarely, he just grabs her, brings her out of sight of the others and tries to find out why she did it. Anyway it goes, her game will be to tighten-up! A Queen can have a beautiful relationship while in prison if she knows how to act, and the only way to act is like a lady! Queens have nice clothes, respect (most of all), good jobs (some of the best). They are well liked by both convicts and correctional officers who know what Queens are respect them for being themselves.

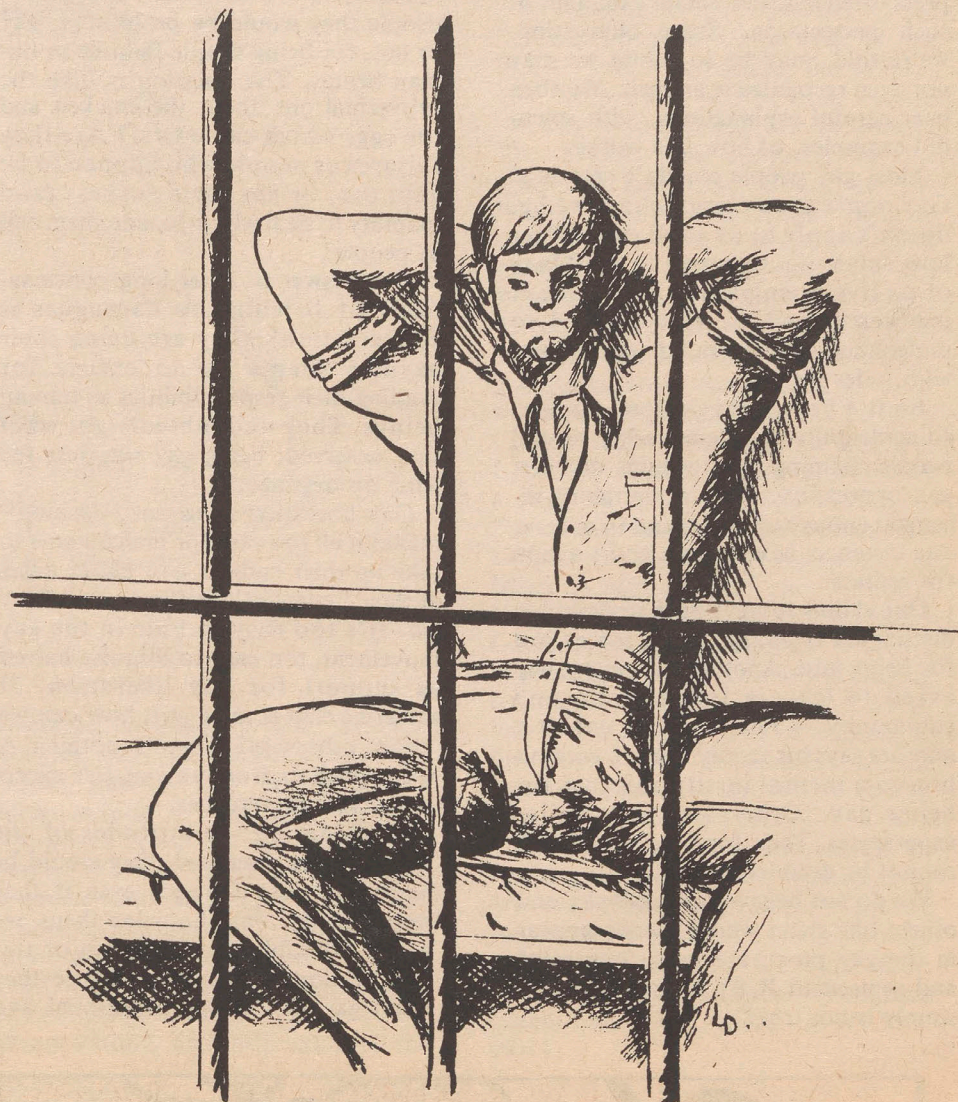
The "punk" or "kid." A punk, kid, bitch, whore, pussy, or whatever tag they have put on them, is just that, a punk! A punk is a straight who came to prison straight and then is turned-out (brought out). This is done many ways; forcing by beating, coercion, or by just telling him.

A punk is not in the same class as Queens or other gays. A punk must do what he is told or he will suffer in more ways than one. Most killing in prison is caused by punks. Why? A punk is forced into doing things that he does not really want to do. If one man treats his punk half-way decent then another punk will want the same treatment. Usually he goes about doing or asking for it in the wrong way.

A punk is talked to and treated not much better than a dog! But not all punks are treated like that unless they mess up, get off in a trick bag (sell themselves) or get the old man off in a trick bag. This is done in many ways. A punk serves as a sex object or as a ticket (money) or for the purpose of belonging to a Man. Some men only want a punk for that purpose. Prestige!

The punk's life isn't all horror and being messed over, not by a long shot. If he knows his place and acts right, he can live a comfortable life in prison. This writer has known some punks to gain the respect of everyone and live as well as Queens and other gays.

Many punks are bitter and think that



they have lost their manhood. That's bullshit! If a young man (17-25) comes to prison and is put in with older convicts he may be told or forced or coerced into getting himself an old man. This is prison life! But he has not lost anything. Many young men come to prison and are turned-out because they don't want time. Many punks this writer knows put their outside lives to one side in their minds and make the best of it by being a punk. No one has any signs hanging on them when they get out or when people visit them. Many punks have been schooled by this writer on how to act and how to

make life more easy for them.

As I said earlier, many put their outside lives on one side of their minds. If a person is turned-out while in prison, why not make the best of it? Tell me what is wrong with someone living comfortably and above all getting out alive. So don't cry about how young men get turned-out or killed for sex in prison! If they do get turned-out it is because they are not strong enough to fight or they are afraid to fight. This writer has known many people both outside and inside who are not strong and who are afraid, yet they make it!

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Speaking for Myself

THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

By ALLAN STEWART

A major goal of gay liberation, we're told, is stopping all oppression of gay people just for being gay. The gay press often has spectacular examples of such persecution. Some oppression, we're told, may be so subtle we may not even recognize it as such. We then hear careful explanations, with splendid examples, of how this works.

Most gay people couldn't care less. Gay oppression about which we hear doesn't apply to us at all, no matter how subtle it's supposed to be. Many of us live openly gay lives without problems, and we find it hard to understand, never mind sympathize with, tales we hear.

So it's been a revelation to meet, coincidentally in a few weeks, several people claiming to be victims of overt gay oppression. They're certainly vehement enough about it, and in at least one instance, have started court action for redress.

One claims to have been undesirably discharged from the armed forces just for being gay. Another alleges he was asked to leave a job, church, and community — just for being gay. Yet another says his family tried to commit him to a mental institution just for being gay. Others tell of similar experiences. Their fury, their sincerity, cannot be doubted.

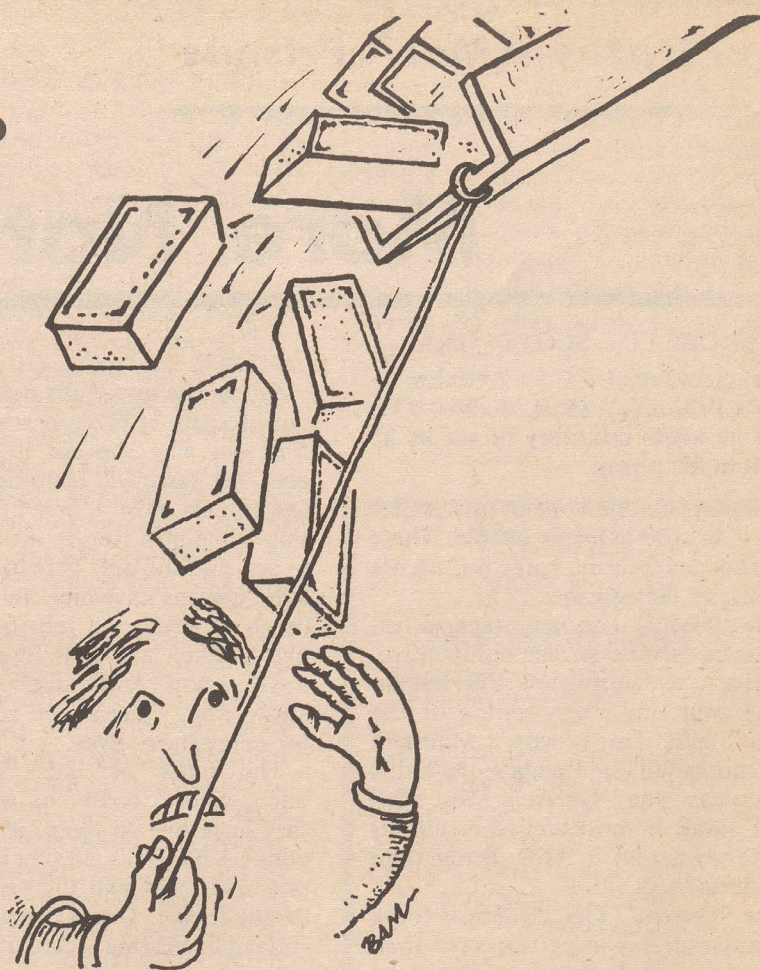
We do not believe these people, and others like them whose stories appear in the gay press, are being oppressed and persecuted JUST for being gay. It simply is not true.

The problem is, these people may or may not be gay; it's immaterial. The truth is, they are such abrasive, cynical, self-centered, obnoxious people they would be persecuted, gay or not, for being simple failures as human beings. The question is, like the proverbial one about the chicken and the egg, which came first? Are they failures as people who happen to be gay, too, or has their gayness (and inability to deal with it) made them fail as people?

Our answer is, after long conversations (if listening to harangues is conversation), they are using their gayness simply as an excuse for evading their responsibilities as human beings. They undoubtedly got what they deserved; being gay was just the icing on the cake.

Gay liberation's current "fashion" makes it all too easy for malcontents to take up their cudgels and batter away at their "enemies" in the name of gay lib. It's too easy to hide in the gay movement, too easy to disguise hatred as support for gay liberation. If someone claims to be gay, how can we know otherwise? There's nothing to distinguish us from anyone else except our sexual preferences.

Considering the attitudes of the people being discussed, they would be persecuted just as much even if they were not gay. And knowing them, we would probably be supportive of this "oppression," too. But because they claim gayness, we get emotional and

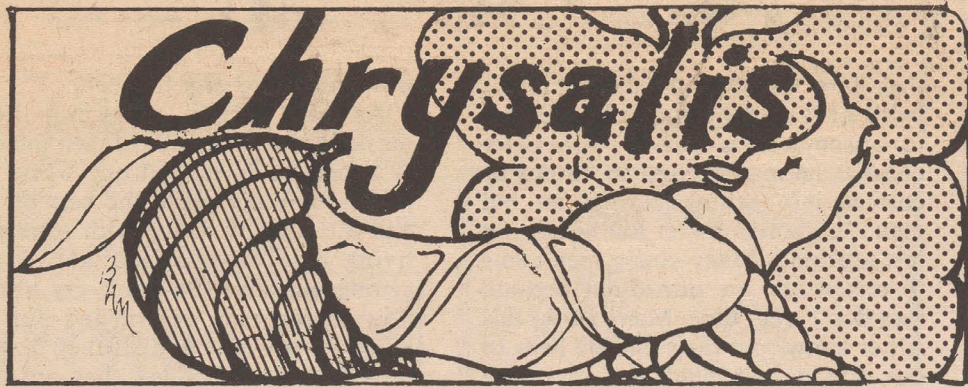


cry discrimination, persecution, oppression. We should be more judicious.

This is not to say people haven't been oppressed for being gay. Of course they have. But when someone claims oppression, let's first look at the person and the specific situation. Did the person's gayness really have anything to do with it, or is it just an excuse for being a failure as a human being? Did the person deliberately

force a confrontation in some kind of perverse martyrdom, or was it forced externally?

If the person forced it, then let's not make fools of ourselves by simply accepting it as oppression of gay people. It's not. Let's not waste time and talent on would-be martyrs, publicity seekers, malcontents, fools. Let's use the still too-limited energy and resources available to gay liberation for real liberation.



By K.

In third grade K. and Brian became fast friends. They were a perfect match-sort of an elementary school S and M — the powerful, already muscular Brian goading the meek, admiring K. into egging houses, making obscene phone calls with him (until some hick voice at the other end said, "I've got your number and I am going to come over and cut off your balls.") and trying, unsuccessfully, to get him into fights.

Brian was K.'s best friend. Brian was K.'s only friend. Brian had a way of torturing K. like only those who have been injured can. K. got the diarrhea-fear whenever he was asked to sleep over at Brian's but he went anyway. K. didn't want to disappoint Brian. Brian was the world.

In seventh grade the elementary school tribe was broken up and bussed off to the huge regimented city called junior high. K. reacted very maturely — he got plump and started thinking everyone was looking at him. Parka protected, head bent he scurried through the halls of school like a rat. Rat boy. Brian got more muscular and joined the in-group. K. didn't even know there was an in-group to be out of. Brian never told him.

The water in the tub was a stale luke warm, like the staleness of water that has been sat in. Alone with belly-body, K.'s thoughts wandered pathways of imagination through which he escaped

the ever-present halls of junior high. His thoughts meandered, innocently, it seemed, to greek nude wrestling, "It wasn't really queer, was it?" He had heard the word, he had seen its meaning scribbled on a hundred bathroom walls but he never really knew what it meant, not really. It was no more a reality then a 'twirp' (someone who cuts farts in the bathtub and then bites the bubbles) or a 'fruit' (someone who smells the warm seats of little girls' bicycles). Such being existed in some mythical-giggle-land that noone really believed in though everyone staunchly denied having any contact with. K. was no queer, no twirp, no fruit.

But the question he had asked sparked a hidden desire, tugging at the chain of associations and leading them to one conclusion, "but, but it was queer actually, I mean what would that have felt like — they touched — I mean their crotches must have — they must have felt each other's things."

K.'s imagination went bananas. Suddenly he was greek nude wrestling in the gymnasium. "It feels good, really really good." His penis cried for the feeling, sending its demands, in tingles, up his spine. But in the rush of events he had no time to answer it. Excited by this discovery, his memory plunged deep into his past, to an elementary school experience with Brian, that he had long forgotten. K.

sat in the tub, astounded, erect, as the memory unreeled itself before him.

K. and Brian just completed their own fourth grade fashion show for the mirror, with stuffed sock bundles for tits. Brian whispers in K.'s ear, "Let's compare boners." But K.'s shyness prevents him, so Brian obliges his own request, proudly displaying his from between the unbuttoned slit in his pajamas. Again K. refuses, on the excuse that at that moment he just couldn't get a boner. Humming, Brian helps him, his hardness pressing against K.'s hiding erection.

Fingers feeling with a clumsy desire, K. whispers his own proposal in Brian's ear, "Let's make out with each other's tushies." He didn't have any idea what that might entail but it did sound like a good idea at the time. But his first stab in the dark at a sexual act was rejected, perhaps because of the very oddness of the request. Brian, who had initiated the evening, ended it with a curt, "No."

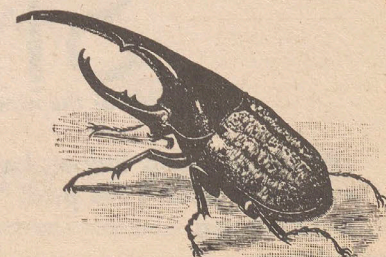
K. sat in the cold tub, his body pouring over the sweat and steaming sensations. In fantasy he unbuttoned Brian's pajamas to the luscious body beneath, pulled down the pajama pants below the knees and touched him everywhere. His fantasy life became populated with Brianettes, little homo-homunculi that kissed and hugged and said "Yes, yes, yes."

K. realized he had seen the face of

his desire scribbled in a nasty prose on a hundred bathroom walls; he had heard it whispered and giggled about in the lunchroom. He knew he was queer, but all that seemed puny, just one more thing to hide, as compared to the overpowering discovery of his sex. He was not yet completely queer (though he had no doubt that's where he was heading) for his feelings had not yet generalized to other males, but specifically he was a Briansexual.

He sat in the tub watching the dead water drain, and mourned the fact that when they had slept that night his sexuality had slept with them. He remembered the vague sense of shame the morning after but could not understand how, for all its intensity, the evening had seeped into the peepholes of the mind and was forgotten, until that day in the bath.

Once upon a time Shame won round one, unaware that years later it would be ritually slaughtered in a bathtub by its enemy Desire. Now it was Shame's turn to hide its battered head, wounded, but not mortally.



Hercules-beetle, about one third natural size.

National Lawyers Guild Gay Project

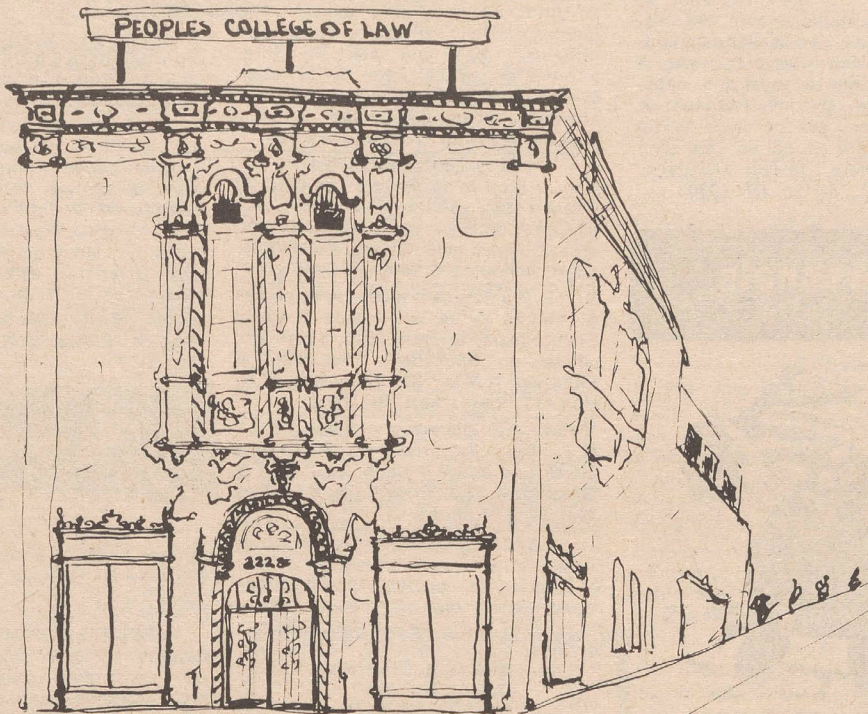
LOS ANGELES — This summer will be the site of much legal activity concerning the rights of Gay people to equality in public accommodations. The National Lawyers Guild (N.L.G.) and the Gay Caucus at the People's College of Law in L.A. will be funding from 5-10 law students and legal workers to file suits for equal rights under the Unruh Civil Rights Act (Section 51 of the California Penal Code). The act states:

"All persons within the jurisdiction of this State are free and equal, and no matter what their race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every kind whatsoever."

While the term "sexual orientation" is not explicit in the wording of the Act, the Supreme Court of California has held that the terms race, religion etc. are merely illustrative of the extent of the protections of the Act and its applicability not restricted to them. The court, in fact, has indicated that Section 51 would prohibit discrimination against Gay people.

So far, the act has not been applied specifically to a case of Gay discrimination, but the Project members will be bringing such cases before the court.

One target will possibly be "Barney's Beanery," an L.A. bar whose anti-gay policies are manifested in a sign over the bar stating 'Faggots stay out.' If the women and men on the Project are kicked out or in any other way discriminated against for being openly Gay in the bar, a suit will be filed.



Similarly the Summer Project will be focusing on discrimination against women and minorities by Gay business establishments. Cases against some Gay bars are already being documented and court action will be sought this summer.

In addition the Project members will work on Lesbian child custody cases, cases of housing and employment discrimination as they come up.

In discussing the project, Thomas

Coleman, a leading Gay activist attorney and legal coordinator of the Project stated, "Gay people are no longer willing to hide and segregate themselves from the mainstream of society. We want to have the freedom of choice to use and enjoy Gay as well as non-gay places of entertainment and public accommodation. Such a Project could help to raise the consciousness of Gay people about their rights in public accommodations and help educate the

community at large of the discrimination suffered by Gay people in this area. Finally, it would provide legal workers with the opportunity to develop legal skills in helping an oppressed group."

In keeping with the policies of the Summer Projects Committee of the N.L.G. which is funding the project, half the workers will be from outside the L.A. area and half will be women. The Project was approved by the National Executive Board of the N.L.G. at its meeting in San Francisco last month. The Guild is also sponsoring summer projects for the Wounded Knee defence and Attica defendants as well as providing legal services to the United Farm Workers.

Administering the Project in L.A. will be the Gay Caucus of the People's College of Law. This new law school at L.A.'s MacArthur Park is operated by a coalition of legal groups — LaRaza Natl. Law Students Assn., Asian Law Collective, National Conference of Black Lawyers, and the National Lawyers Guild. The School welcomes Gay people and members of other oppressed groups normally excluded from legal education. The Gay Caucus has been active in decision-making at the School and, in addition to the Summer Project, is actively recruiting Gay applicants to the School.

Women and men interested in working on the Project, regardless of previous legal experience, should contact Steve Schleifer c/o The Peoples College of Law, 2228 W. 7th St. L.A. 90057 or the Summer Projects Committee, 23 Cornelia St. N.Y.C. 10014.

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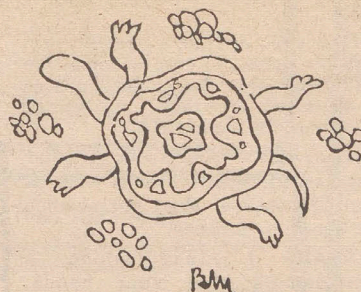
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pen pals



I would appreciate being able to correspond with any of the beautiful people who read this paper. Please write. Samuel H. Haywood III, 029737, P.O. Box 747-M-3-N-9, Starke, Fla. 32091.

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I am an uninhibited, non-prejudice male, 26, 5' 9" tall, 148 lbs., brown eyes, black hair. I am Asian/Spade, my nickname is Lemon-Drops! Will someone there in the studios of Amerikka write to me? Gay People, it is willed you cry before the owl! Franklin P. Brown, P.O. Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091.

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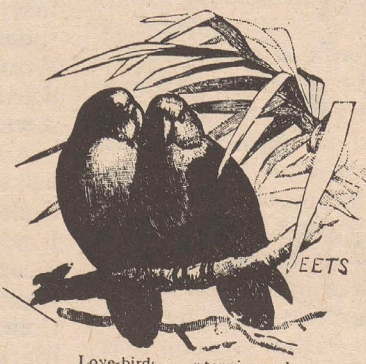
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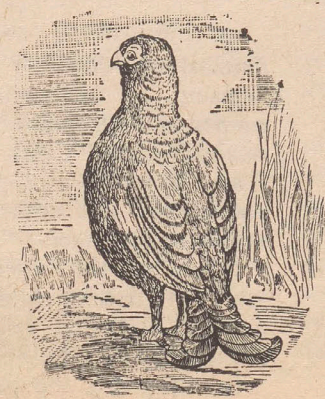
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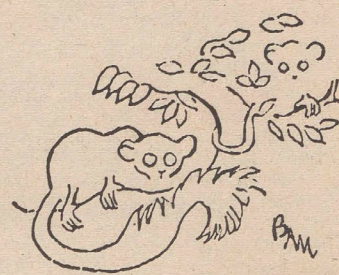
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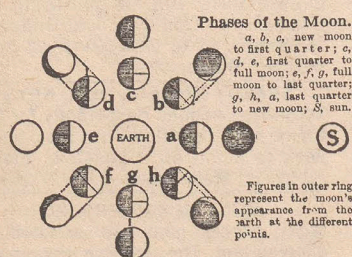
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Women's Switchboard 862-5504
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George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
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Women's Group, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261 (DO NOT use "gay" on any 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
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COMING... Apr 1 thru 12



1 tues

Other Voices — Other Poetry — Other Music. The Good Gay Poets, Freddie Greenfield, Bunny LaRue, and David Emerson Smith, will be featured in an evening of Poetry and Bee Bop at Other Voices bookstore, 30 Bromfield St., Boston, between Washington and Tremont streets, at 8 pm. Donation appreciated.

2 wed

Those interested in working on a Gay Theatre Production are asked to attend the meeting tonight at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, at 7 pm. For further information call (617) 426-4469.

The Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus will hold a meeting tonight at 8:00 p.m. at Sturgis Haskins'. For more information, call 227-6167.

At 7 pm in Partner's Cafe, New Haven, Conn., there will be music, free food and entertainment. This is a benefit for the Sexual Orientation Lobby. Donation is \$1; the money goes to their fight for the state's Gay Equal Rights Bill.

There will be a meeting of the Gay Recreational Activities Committee this evening at 8:30 p.m. All interested people are welcome to attend, at 22 Bromfield St., Boston. Plans will be discussed for April soccer, and May hiking.

3 thurs

There will be a meeting to discuss Gay support for the National Freedom March on Boston (called by the NAACP for May). The meeting will be held at Ken Withers' house, beginning at 7:30 pm. Call 267-5762 or 266-9665 for details.

4 fri

The 1975 Conference on Women and Health will be held at the Harvard Medical Area, the Boston Latin School, and Simmons College. Admission is free and all women interested in the issues affecting women seeking and giving health care are invited to attend. At the conference concrete projects and proposals for the improvement of health care and health care delivery for women will be developed for presentation to legislatures, hospitals and community organizations. For further information and registration forms please call (617) 232-4777.

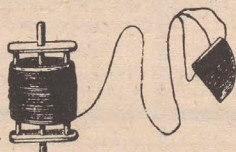
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An auction will be held this afternoon beginning at 2 pm by H.U.B. The items to be sold will consist mainly of office equipment such as desks, chairs, typewriters, shelves and supplies. The auction will be held in the H.U.B. office, 419 Boylston St., Boston, 4th floor.

The monthly meeting of the Boston Active Gays will be held at St. Clements' Student Center, 1105 Boylston St., Boston (one block west of Massachusetts Ave.). Representatives from each group, as well as unaffiliated individuals, are invited to bring the Boston gay community up to date on activities and needs.

The second Men's Sharing Conference will be held today from 9:30 to 5 pm at Cever Hall, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, Mass. Some of the workshops are: Sexuality, Men Relating to Men, Men as Fathers, Sexism, Men in Work, and Politics of Men's Consciousness. Besides the workshops there will be video tape presentations and exploration of other men's groups.

UConn Gay Alliance at Storrs will hold a dance at 10 pm at the Inner College Trailer, "R" lot, off North Eagleville Road, Storrs, Conn. Admission is free!



Log and Reel.

6 sun

Buffet sponsored by the Springfield Gay Alliance, at the Unitarian Church, Forest Park. Open to everyone. Admission will be \$1 with a dish or \$2 without.

William P. Homans, Jr., a director of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and one of the leading attorneys in the country in the area of minority rights, will be the featured speaker tonight at the Ford Hall Forum, to be held at Alumni Hall at Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston. Doors open to the public at 7:45 pm, and admission is free.

Gathering Sunday, the second anniversary of the first MCC worship service held in Providence. Come and celebrate with us at 7 pm, 37 Clemence St., Providence.

B'nai Haskalah is holding its monthly rap group at 7:30 pm. The subject this month is "Anti-Semitism within Judaism." For directions and more information call 265-6409.

Dignity of Boston will hold its Monthly Mass and Meeting, 1:30 pm at St. Clements Church, 1105 Boylston St. Looking forward to your participation.

Going to the Maine Gay Symposium? Make a weekend of it and join in the demonstration against harassment and burning of the Stage Door, a gay bar. Demonstration begins at 11 am at the site of the Stage Door, Rte. 1, Wells, Me. Requests for housing for Saturday night may be sent to Win Allen and Linda Groneng, 58 Profile Ave., Portsmouth, N.H., or contact a SAGA member at the Symposium.

7 mon

Come to the Otherfund Office Warming today from 6-9 pm at 80 Boylston St., Boston, suite 819. There will be coffee, tea, cookies and plenty of hospitality. Everyone is invited especially volunteers who wish to help during the campaign.

8 tues

Discussion of VD sponsored by the Springfield Gay Alliance, Unitarian Church, Forest Park, at 8:30. Ms. Coderre of the public health service will be the speaker.

10 thurs

The Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association will discuss the topic, "Coming Out... With Parents?!" Jan Goodman, who has done extensive research on the lesbian experience and has written a book entitled *Telling Mother*, and Bill Stackhouse, a student at the Harvard Divinity School, will reflect their own experiences in trying to break the sex-role barrier. 8:00 pm, Phillips Brooks House Parlor, Harvard Yard. Refreshments will be served. So come out and share your experiences as a liberated gay woman or man in the parental eye.

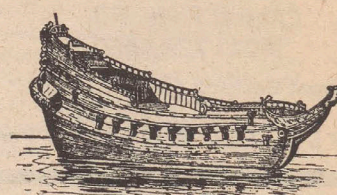
11 fri

In honor of our liberating lesbians and founding faggots, the Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association presents an American Bicentennial Dance! 9 pm-1 am, Harkness Commons, Harvard Law School, music by Stan Foote. Admission \$1 with an American flag (or reasonable facsimile), \$1.25 without. Help initiate the celebration of America's 200th Anniversary.

12 sat

Dignity of Boston invites you to join Hank for his Easter Egg Roll Party. What will be our mystery door prize this month? Come join us and find out! The time will be 1 pm, the place St. Clements student center, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.

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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.
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Rap, Exeter, N.H. (603) 772-6636
8:00 pm—Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., N.H.
8:15 pm—Gay bowling at 1260 Boylston St., Boston
8:30 pm—Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group (203) 522-2646

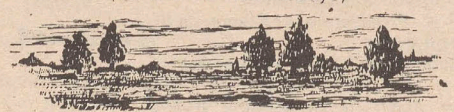
TUESDAYS

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
8:00 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 Tuesday)
8:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM

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
7:00 pm—Liberation Rap Group (617) 756-0730
7-10 pm—Salem Gay Drop-in Center; Sexuality Learning Rm., Salem State College.
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.
7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and sup (2nd and 4th Wednesdays), Box 7100, c/o GCN
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)



THURSDAYS

6:00 pm—Otherfund, Inc., meeting. Call GCN (617) 426-4469, 2-4 pm for place
7:00 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, Boston
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
8:00 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn., Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge
8:30 pm—Gay Alliance at Yale meeting in library of Dwight Hall on High St., New Haven

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—Alcoholics Together, Worcester, 756-0730
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
7:30 pm—MCC/Providence Health Clinic, 37 Clemence St., Providence, R.I.
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, WCUW 91.3 FM
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine
8:00 pm—East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530

8:30 pm—UConn/Gay Alliance Coffteenhouse, Student Union Bldg., Rm. 217

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—Dignity Rap Group (except first Sunday of every month when it will follow Dignity meeting at 3 pm), St. Clements Church, 1101 Boylston St., Boston
4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
4-6 pm—Gay Womens Group of Providence Rap (401) 831-5184
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, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
7:00 pm—"Burlington After Dark," bi-weekly radio show, WRUV-FM, 90.1 MHz
7:30 pm—MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, Conn.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
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