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## Unanimous Report on Conn. Bill

By David Walker

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut's gay rights bill 1607 was given an unanimously favorable report from the Human Rights and Opportunities Committee on Monday, April 7. The bill would protect gays in employment, public accommodations and credit ratings. Christine Pattee, chairperson of the Connecticut Sexual Orientation Lobby, told GCN, "First the bill will go to the Senate and then to the House. We are fairly confident of our support in the Senate, but we know we have work to do in the House." The bill is expected to be voted on in the Senate April 16.

When support for the gay rights bill was presented at a public hearing in the State Capitol April 3, it came wrapped up in a testimonial to gay teachers. Many of the speakers concentrated on education as a more sensitive area of discrimination against homosexuals than the other parts of the bill.

What the bill actually does is to add "sexual orientation" to the list of illegal reasons for discrimination, such as race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, or physical disability. Sexual orientation is defined as "an individual's preferred mode of sexual behavior including choice of partner without regard to sex."

During the hearing in the Hall of the House, Charles Allen, representing the Young Democrats, warned everyone present that consideration of this bill would make many people uptight. While he spoke, the Channel 8 TV cameras were panning the crowded hall, pausing for close-ups, and causing some uncomfortable moments. But the discomfort was flavored with laughter and applause often during the two-hour session. And the best response of the evening came when Allen put into words the irrational fears that will have to be faced. He said that he had talked with a legislator about this bill, and that person was convinced that if this bill passed, "hordes of sex-crazed teachers will descend on our schools." But this will not happen, he assured the committee.

Official statements of support came from the Connecticut Education Association, the National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers, and a group of mothers who support gay teachers who added that "anyone who relates well to children will have a beneficial effect on them." Also read into the hearing was a telegram from the Washington, D.C., school system where a non-discriminatory policy now exists. They report no

problems in Washington since the passage of that policy despite a small amount of initial resistance.

Lawyers, psychiatrists, and ministers related the plight of their clients because of job discrimination or fear of exposure and possible reprisal. Many individuals described being fired from one or more jobs after their homosexual lifestyle had been uncovered. Two persons told by their words and actions of the pain of being dismissed from the armed services, facing unemployment with a code number or reason for discharge that is severely restricting their futures.

The hearing was positive, and members of the Sexual Orientation Lobby — a statewide committee of citizens working for this bill — are optimistic that the bill has a chance to pass in this year's legislature. Much will depend on public reaction at this stage. Media coverage has been sparse, and many legislators who privately favor the bill have no basis on which to judge the will of their constituency. Letters to those legislators as well as to Gov. Ella Grasso from concerned and informed citizens are urgently needed now.

For further information, call or write: Christine Pattee, 174 Howard Ave., New Haven, Ct. 06519.

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## Boston Bar Burns

BOSTON — An \$80,000 fire of "undetermined origin" took place last Saturday morning at the site of two gay bars, Twelve Carver and Herbie's Ramrod Room, at Park Square in Boston. Twelve persons and three cats

from the adjacent apartments at 14 and 16 Carver St. were evacuated to the Trailways Bus Terminal across the street. The only reported injury was to District Fire Chief John Noonan, who

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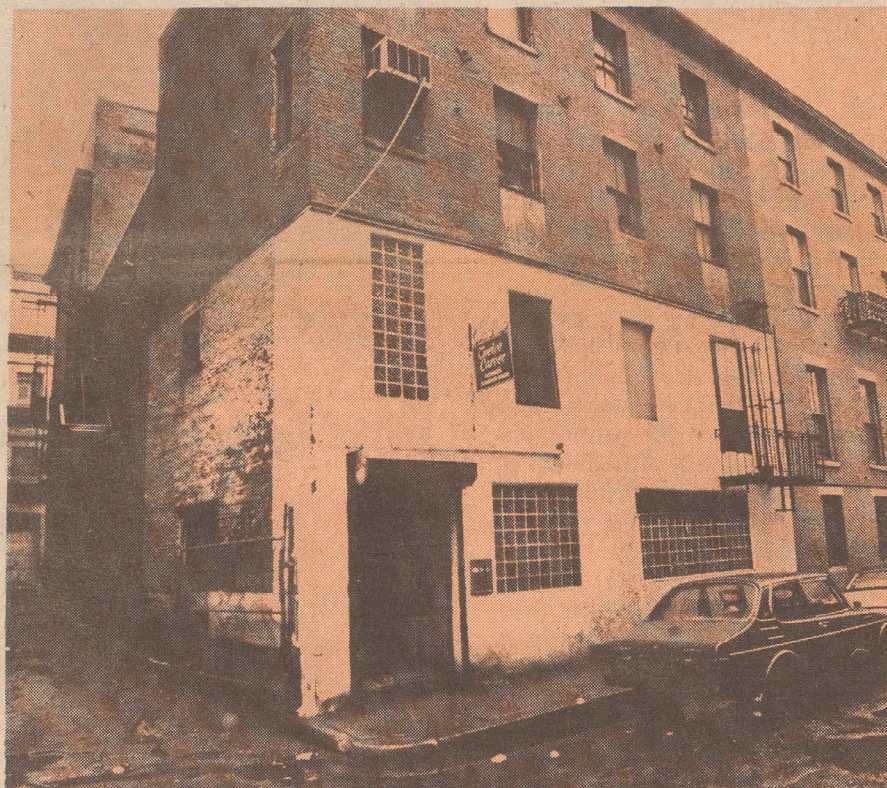


photo by Jim Ashe

**TWELVE CARVER** "will be open in six weeks," if Roland LaChance, owner of the two establishments, can have his way. The bars suffered extensive damage last Saturday after an \$80,000 fire swept all four floors of the building in Park Square.

## MASS. ATTORNEY GENERAL SURPRISES LEGISLATORS

By Linda Lachman

BOSTON — Attorney General Francis Bellotti turned a few heads on



Massachusetts Attorney-General  
Francis X. Bellotti

Beacon Hill last week by sending Senator John Conte and Representative Michael Flaherty (Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary) a letter supporting House Bill 2944. H. 2944 is part of the gay rights package and is the petition to repeal Ch. 272 of the General Laws which deal with certain sexual acts. The text of the letter follows this article.

The importance of such a letter is thought to have two reasons for impact. First, the Attorney General's office is generally considered as the top legal position in the state and the Judiciary Committee, the legal authors for the legislature, are thought to consider his statements most seriously. The other aspect is that the Attorney General's office, since Bellotti assumed the position, has become more strictly an enforcement office rather than a legislative one. Bellotti has generally

not mixed in legislative affairs, as his predecessor did, and has made statements in support of only a few bills which he considers to be important to the basic intent of his office as he sees it.

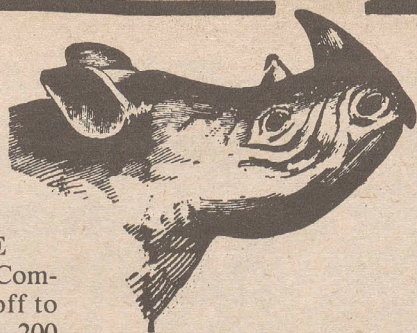
In addition to the letter presented to the Judiciary Committee, the Attorney General, also, phoned the two chairpersons to more personally express his support.

Bellotti has previously stated his support for H. 2848 and H. 2849, the anti-discrimination legislation before the Commerce and Labor Committee and the Public Service Committee. His support for the more controversial repeal bill, however, was a surprise to most of the legislators on the Judiciary Committee.

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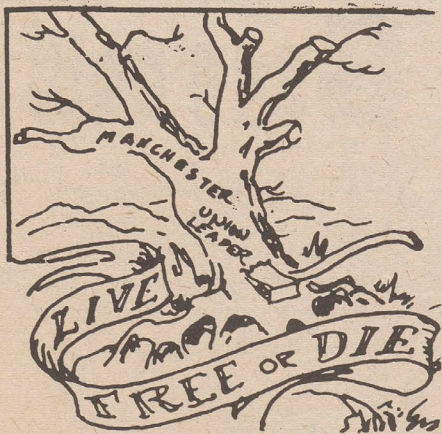
# news notes



## MEN WIN NH WOMEN'S AWARDS

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Four men have been selected winners in the Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow Scholarships, held in New Hampshire last week. The four men, Robert Hotarek, Paul Cynewski, James Parrott, and Timothy Tibbetts, will represent New Hampshire later this year in the national Betty Crocker finals, an event which has traditionally been exclusively female in nature.

Hotarek said he became "very interested in cooking while watching (his) mother prepare recipes," and that he does a lot of cooking now. The *Manchester Union-Leader* said that all four men "have been taking a lot of ribbing around the corridors of their schools lately."



By Su Borden

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Several members of the Seacoast Area Gay Alliance attended the gay symposium in Bangor, Maine, on Saturday, April 5. As well as enjoying the symposium, SAGA member Lila Couture gave a 20-minute talk about the circumstances surrounding the burning of the Stage Door and the actual destruction of the former gay bar. SAGA members also collected donations at the symposium.

Picketing, originally scheduled to begin on April 6, has been postponed until the end of April because Bob and Sue Boisvert's lawyer (Bob and Sue are the owners of the Stage Door) suggested that picketing might lessen their chance of getting a liquor license. A license will not be granted the Boisverts until the building is rebuilt.

DURHAM, N.H. — The University of New Hampshire's Gay Students organization held a meeting on Wednesday, April 2 at which members made posters for the speaking engagement of the following day, and decided after much discussion to try to get a loan from another university organization in order to be able to afford a dance. Future speaking engagements were also discussed.

## HCHS LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE

BOSTON — The Homophile Community Health Service Library is off to a respectable start, with over 200 circulating titles of interest to the gay community. Now the library has launched a spring book drive, and is offering chances for a \$10 gift certificate at Other Voices Bookstore.

Here's how it works: bring a donation of either books or money to the library, located at HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Room 855, Boston. You can receive any number of chances, depending on what you donate.

Book donations should preferably be titles of interest to the gay community, although they can represent any point of view and pertain to a wide range of topics, such as fiction, poetry, psychology, sociology, anthropology, law, religion, biography, etc. The drawing for the \$10 gift certificate will be held June 1st.

The HCHS Library welcomes members, who receive borrowing privileges for a \$2 yearly fee. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6-9 pm, and on Thursday from 3-9 pm, at HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Room, 855, Boston; (617) 542-5188.



GUTENBERG, JOHANNES (about 1400-about 1468), the inventor of printing,

## Mother Fights Custody Case

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — Two local lesbian women have been involved in a difficult court struggle for custody of their child. At the local Probate level, a Northampton judge returned the 10 year old child (over her protests) to her father in Chicago. She immediately fled from him to return home. The struggle continues as a Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice decides what to do with the case. A benefit will be held April 20 at Bread and Roses restaurant, 134 Hampshire St., at 3 p.m. for the Lesbian Mother's Defense Fund. Linda Shear, who performed with Meg Christian at the Saints in February, will be playing songs by and for women. A two dollar donation is requested.

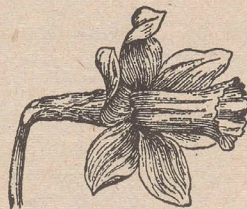


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## GAYS IN THE GARDEN

BOSTON — Community Gardening for Gays is now in the working stages of being formed. The Mass. Department of Agriculture is working with citizens planning the allocation of vacant public land for gardening plots. The 1975 season has no funding. Interested individuals must form gardening groups to work together planning garden projects.

If enough people are interested in the Gay Community Gardening, a location will have to be agreed upon and an application will be submitted. The possibilities are endless. An organizational meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th, 1 pm at the GCN office. Any questions or more information, call 426-0576.



Flower of Daffodil (*Narcissus pseudo-narcissus*).

## WEEKLY RAP FOR YOUNG GAYS

BOSTON — A weekly male adolescent rap session, facilitated by advocates from Project Lambda, will begin Wednesday, April 23. The weekly meetings will last from 4 to 6 p.m. each Wednesday thereafter and are open to any male youth between the ages of 12 and 18.

The focus of the group will depend largely upon the needs and desires of those attending, but will be based on the common difficulties experienced by the participants of the group as gay adolescents. The sharing of individual methods of coping with such hassles, conducted in a supportive atmosphere, will be emphasized.

Enrollment in the group requires no affiliation with the Project.

Join them at 70 Charles St., Boston, at 4 p.m. promptly, on any of the first three Wednesdays.

## WESTERN MASS. LESBIAN NEWS

AMHERST — The counselling program at the Everywoman's Center, Goodell Building, U/Mass, Amherst, now includes lesbian counsellors doing lesbian counselling for individuals, couples, and groups. Interested women should contact Carol Drexler at the Center (413) 545-0883.

"Lesbian Gardens," a large meeting space at the Valley Women's Union at 200 Main St., Northampton, will be open and available for lesbians who want a place to drop in, talk, and meet people as soon as enough volunteers are found to staff the room evenings and weekends and take responsibility. If you are interested in helping to make this space available for yourself and your lesbian friends call the center at (413) 586-2011 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

A Pioneer Valley Lesbian Conference is being planned for early May. It will consist of several days of workshops and meetings for the purpose of discussing local lesbian needs and issues and political interests and goals. Women interested in helping to plan the conference should contact Carol Drexler at Everywoman's Center.

## Bellotti

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The text of the letter read:

Senator John J. Conte  
Representative Michael F. Flaherty  
Chairmen, Judiciary Committee

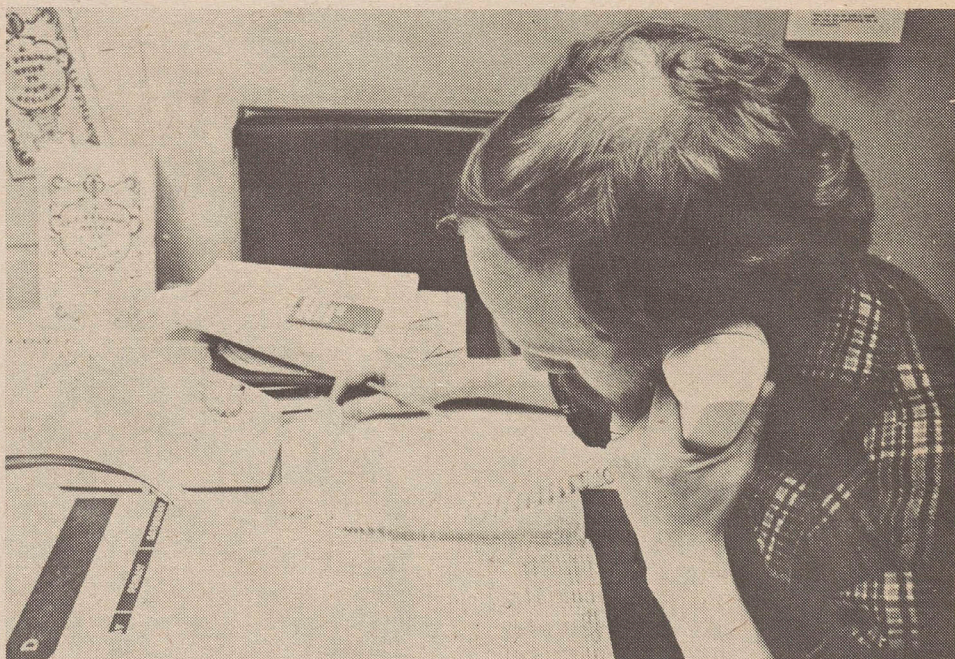
Gentlemen:

In *Commonwealth v. Balthazar*, 1974 MA. s. 2001, 318 NE 2d 478 (1974), Mr. Justice Wilkins called upon the Legislature to amend certain provisions of General Laws Chapter 272. For the reasons contained in that Opinion, I support the legislative effort to modify Chapter 272 embodied in House Bill 2944.

Sincerely,  
Francis X. Bellotti



Meander.



TIM GREATHOUSE, Publicity Coordinator of Otherfund, personning the phones in the new Otherfund office.

OTHERFUND OFFICE WARMING: Pat Everling, executive director of Otherfund, and Charles, a volunteer in new offices at 80 Boylston St., Suite 819, on Monday, April 7.





photo by Jim Ashe

**VARA BARS MUST GO** was the theme of the rally and the subject of the placards last Thursday, as more than 150 members of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association staged a protest of the violence in their neighborhood, which they attribute to two bars, Jacques and The Other Side.

## BAY VILLAGE BARS BLASTED

BOSTON — More than 150 angry residents of Boston's Bay Village section gathered at the WMEX park at the corner of Fayette and Carver Streets in the Bay Village, last Thursday, April 3, to protest the crime and violence in their neighborhoods, which they claim is the direct product of the two bars, Jacques and The Other Side. The rally was precipitated by the death of 20-year-old Caludio Pascacio, who was beaten and stoned to death by about ten men near Jacques on March 30.

"Close the bars! Close the bars!" were the chants heard, while some of the placards carried said, "Vara Bars Must Go!". Bay Village Neighborhood Association President Leonard Phillips stated, "After thirteen formal hearings, all we've got to show for it is a killing!"

Rep. Barney Frank (D-Boston), in whose district the Bay Village is located, said that "It's time we realize that this is not an attack on any people's lifestyles."

Frank said that the Varas' defenses are "nothing but smokescreens" and that the city's licensing board is "playing ball" with the owners while the police "look the other way." Frank made two demands: 1) a police saturation of the Bay Village, and 2) that the city do a "competent job" of defense in the hearings before the various

liquor licensing boards, and that there be no "collusion" with the police.

Stu Robbins, manager of the Back Bay Little City Hall, said that the killing was the "last straw" and that the city is prepared to act. Boston Mayor Kevin H. White announced on Friday that he is asking the BLB to order both bars to roll back their closing hours from the present 2:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. In making the announcement, White said that "murder and violence in the Bay Village area has to be stopped."

Although three members of the bars' management — Frank Cashman, Donald Richards, and Gary Dotterman — were among those in the crowd last Thursday, none of them addressed the group.

Frank Cashman told GCN later, "This demonstration has no more to do with The Other Side than the original murder did. There have been a high number of murders in Boston this year, and why this murder is linked to Jacques and The Other Side is beyond me."

On April 23, the BLB will hold another hearing to determine whether either bar's liquor license rules have been violated. If the BLB does find violations and they are sustained, they have the authority to revoke the liquor licenses.

## Saxe Arraigned

By Rose Flower

PHILADELPHIA — Despite the spectre of Kentucky, Connecticut, and New Haven, about 50 women came to the courthouse Monday morning to see Susan Saxe's arraignment. It is already decided that she will be tried first in Philadelphia for charges of the armed robbery of a loan company there in 1970. At an arraignment a magistrate reads the defendant the charges against her, asks for her plea and sets a trial date. It all takes about 10 minutes.

Three GCN staff persons and three friends were at the courthouse by 7:30 in the morning. We heard that they would be bringing Saxe in early and we hoped to see her. We covered all the entrances that we could find. About 8:00 two vans full of federal security guards arrived. All the officers were Black, 6 feet tall or more and all carried a gunny sack with a weapon in it and a suitcase. They all were visibly armed with handguns. They disappeared into an entrance of the post office next door to the courthouse.

Two of us watched, standing in the post office. A short, bald man in a trench coat watched us. Finally he asked, "Who are you waiting for?"

"Susan Saxe."

"She's already in the building," he said.

We wondered why a federal employee would question anyone standing in a public building at a reasonable morning hour.

There was a stir in the crowd. David Rudovsky arrived with Catherine Rorabach, the woman lawyer who was retained over the weekend to defend Saxe. She and Rudovsky chatted with some of the women and went up in the elevator. We remained behind.

"I've been on jury duty all week," a gray-haired woman remarked. "This is the first time that I've seen any policemen in the lobby." She went up in the elevator.

Mardirosian, the Boston attorney who was to handle the case, came in. "I will stay on if needed," he said. "But Catherine Rorabach is a good attorney." He went up in the elevator.

It was after 10:00 by the time the guards gave us any reason to believe that some of us might be allowed into the courtroom. They told us that we

would have to show identification to the guards at a table to our left and sign a list. Then we would be given visitors' passes.

I was very near the table, by accident. But when I turned to sign up there were six or eight men in business suits suddenly in front of me. I don't know where they came from; they were not standing with the crowd.

Women showed their identification and signed the list. "Please sign legibly," we were asked. And behind a glass partition stood a photographer taking everyone's picture.

We were all passed through a metal detector and let into the courtroom. The room was filled with men in business suits. Women were allowed in only until the courtroom was full. Maybe 15 of those that had waited were seated.

The magistrate took his seat and Saxe was brought into the room. She smiled and waved a feminist power fist to the audience. Rather than confer with her staff of lawyers, she turned to the room to smile and nod at the women in the back. All the women stood, and they remained standing throughout the arraignment proceedings.

The clerk began to read the indictment; Attorney Catherine Rorabach waived the reading.

"Do you understand the charges being brought against you?" the magistrate asked and then informed Saxe of her right to legal counsel and to remain silent. Saxe answered for herself that she understood.

He asked for the plea.

Saxe stood up next to her lawyer. She held her head high and spoke clearly. "Isn't she strong and self-confident?" someone said. "She's so charismatic," another said. She pleaded "Not guilty."

Outside the courthouse a group of women stood together and sang. They sang, "Give us Bread and Roses." They sang a song written for the occasion that warns all not to speak to the FBI, to band together and be strong. While they sang reporters ran around with tape recorders and pencils, but all they heard was the singing and "no comment."

## Taking Control of Our Bodies

By Xenia Williams

BOSTON — Several thousand women attended the 1975 Conference on Women and Health April 4-7 in Boston. Waiting in line to register, I noticed that the place was crawling with lesbians. The first of twelve lesbian gatherings was a panel in a large crowded room. I heard about the recently founded American Lesbian Medical Association (another project of Ambitious Amazons, who else?), and much, much, more:

- **The Gynecological Examination & Hospital Experience for Lesbians** [Gail Goldstein]. People shared knowledge on how to pick a doctor, be positive about yourself during a GYN exam (it helps to bring a friend along), answer questions about why you don't use birth control, how to obtain your hospital records, the least painful way to piss when you have herpes sores, and what the Gay Nurses Alliance is doing to raise consciousness in hospitals.

- **Mental Health & Therapy for Lesbians** [Laura Rood]. Like many of the lesbian workshops, this one was so crowded that it had to split into two groups of 30 to 40 each. Therapists were present as well as persons presently in therapy, ex-mental patients, and others. Orthodox therapy, co-counseling, feminist therapy, dance therapy, and talk-to-your-friends therapy were discussed, as well as homophobia in therapists, coming out, whether therapy should be free, and if a straight psychiatrist can understand a gay client.

- **Lesbians: Sex & Sensuality** [Peggy Lynch]. This workshop split into a verbal group, a sexual identity group, and a drawing group. Given paper and crayons, the artists were asked to draw a picture of their sexuality. The results were unique, colorful, and at times strange, as well as decidedly queer. Some explained their drawings to the group, others not. The verbal group

talked. The sexual identity group ranged from a woman seeing lesbianism as the next natural move beyond having close women friends, to a woman who was definite about being a lesbian but was "not in the closet but in the cellar."

- **Lesbian-Related Research** [Kathleen LaChance, Beverly Reiss]. Some wanted to concentrate on purely medical research (parthenogenesis, etc.), others on sociological and genetic research on lesbians (how do we differ from straights?), while others felt that straight researchers should be researched to find out why they are obsessed by researching lesbians. People were urged to be careful into whose hands research results are delivered. People exchanged information sources and agreed to keep in touch.

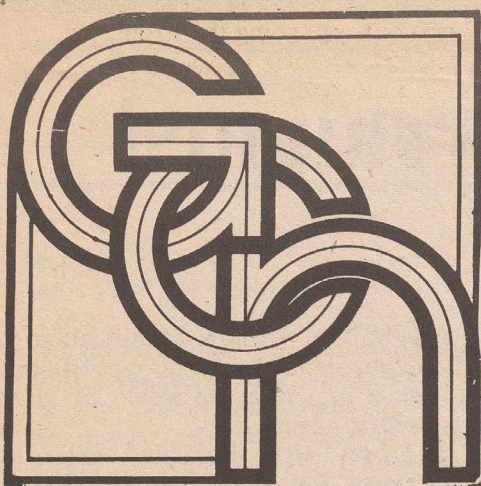
- **Lesbian Motherhood** [Paula Bennett]. A variety of lesbian mothers, plus others, gathered to exchange information and experiences. Some

had been gay since their children were very small, others came out when their children were older. Many felt that a difficult time is when children reach the age where they are conscious that their families are different from the families of their peers, and that it eases the situation to know other gay families. The special problems of boys in lesbian families were also discussed.

- **Lesbians: Infections & Sexuality** [Gail Goldstein]. Why don't lesbians get gonorrhea? What is the treatment for venereal warts? The answers to these and many other questions were revealed in a very informative workshop. Women from the St. Mark's clinic in New York City (which has a lesbian night every week) contributed much, as did women from Santa Cruz, Detroit, and clinics closer by.

- **Lesbians: Artificial Insemination at Home** [Helen Donaldson]. It's really easy: take a condom full of semen (Continued on page 8)





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## EDITORIAL

Susan Saxe busted. A lesbian hits the front pages of newspapers all over the country. Suddenly the eyes of the world are focussed on lesbian communities. We feel that coverage of the case by GCN is important because we can provide a forum for the gay community to speak to an issue that so directly affects us all.

We want to encourage people in the gay community to use the newspaper to discuss the question of support for Susan Saxe. Many people feel that Susan Saxe is a revolutionary hero, that her acts were acts of heroism and that all gay people should support her. Others feel that she is damaging the image of lesbians and gay men by identifying herself with the community. Still others feel that the issue is a civil rights issue and that it is up to the community to make sure that one of its citizens, innocent or guilty, should receive all her rights before the court. GCN feels that all valid viewpoints should be represented. We will run many articles on the case as the trial and other developments unfold. We want our readers to realize that statements of point of view will be attributed to the speakers, not to GCN. Thus, Byrna Aronson's point of view is found in quotes attributed to her. Our editorial viewpoint will only be expressed in the space reserved for editorials.

One of the most important issues is the fate of the women being held in Kentucky and Connecticut for refusing to talk to the Grand Jury.

The women were called before the Grand Jury to investigate whether or not there is enough evidence to prosecute them for harboring a fugitive. They would not answer questions. They were granted use immunity (the information could not be used against them, but against anyone else that they implicated). Once they are granted use immunity, they must answer. They still refuse to answer. Now they have infringed the law for the first time. They were found in contempt and sent to jail. They walked into court merely as suspects, charged with no crime. They walked out criminals. They must remain in jail until the Grand Jury is

GCN would like to inform its readers that contrary to the report given in the story on Mardirosian (GCN Vol. 2, No. 42), as of the present time, no legal defense fund for Susan Saxe has been established. Byrna Aronson informed GCN that Susan Saxe welcomes support but advises that writers should not include their names and addresses.

over, maybe 18 months. Then they may be called before the next grand jury. They can go through this process forever (there is no definite sentence), or they can talk.

This way the FBI has teeth in its investigation and the person caught up in such an investigation can be innocent of all crime one moment and a criminal the next, merely for exercising her/his right to refuse to incriminate herself/himself.

GCN feels that this is misuse of the grand jury and voices its support of the women in jail now, those that may be jailed in the future and all citizens who have suffered in this way.



Red fox

### Mishima

Dear Editors:

Re: John Mitzel's review of the Mishima biographies.

I am constantly amazed by the gall of reviewers, straight and gay, who not only make the error of not separating the artist from the art, but who then dismiss a whole body of creative invention (and in this case, an *oeuvre* which the reviewer has not read in the original) with such a shallow and stupid statement as: "Much of his prose can be dismissed as Ladies-Magazine-Serial-Dreck." (May this haunt you forever, Mitzel.)

Mishima's literary reputation is hardly endangered by such inanities spewed forth by someone whose main claim to creativity is his ability to snoopsize two biographies. But the impudence reflected in this review is too commonly encountered to escape comment. What, after all, is the aim of the reviewer? To give the reader some idea of what the book or play or film is about. The *critic*, as distinguished from the *reviewer*, may also give a *knowledgeable* and *reasoned* opinion of the artistic worth of a work. The world is not over-populated with either.

As for passing judgment on the life of a man, even most critics leave that to Higher Powers.

Paul Nagano

**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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## Quote of the Week

"I'm not anxious to do anything to promote homosexuality. The people on that kick should look elsewhere. They're missing something in life."—Rep. John Sieberling (D-Ohio), in a meeting with three Akron gays in February.

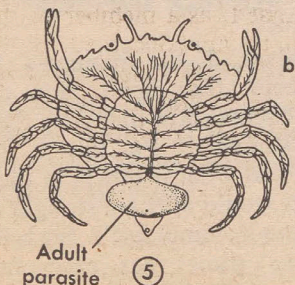
## now FOR now

Dear GCN:

You are to write on the board until all of your respective hands fall off: National Organization for Women National Organization for Women National Organization for Women

There is a significant difference between the propositions "of" and "for." Men have been active members of NOW since its inception — you are discrediting their contributions by constantly getting the name of the largest feminist organization incorrect. It's not easy being a woman no less a feminist in this world so please stop contributing to my ulcer.

Deborah Jamison



## bay village

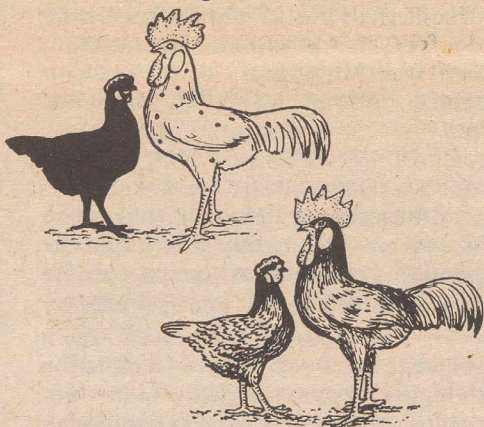
Editor, GCN:

The residents of Bay Village for many years have been living in the shadow of two bars, Jacques and The Other Side, that have become the havens for some people with very violent inclinations. Much has been recorded during the past few years about the neighborhood problems that stem from these two bars: shootings, stabbings, fire danger because of illegal parking, etc. The waiting for "Due

Process" solutions to these problems seems interminable, and now once again we have been thrown into a state of shock by this past weekend's "incident."

During the 2 a.m. bar-closing after Saturday night's normal disturbances, a young man was stabbed and brutally bludgeoned to death on a street corner that is crossed many times day and night by Bay Village residents. For years we have told the City authorities that these bars generate an atmosphere which attracts violent people, amongst others, to this neighborhood. They (the bars and their patrons) are just not compatible with this historical residential area. We ask for the help of all Bostonians in demanding that they City respond to the public good for a change, instead of the special interests that the bars in question represent. Your letters and phone calls to the Mayor and the Governor may finally convince those who have the power to act in behalf of the neighborhood to do so.

Braley Gray  
Leonard Phillips  
Susan Straight  
Presidents, Bay Village  
Neighborhood Association



## violence

Dear Friends:

It seems that the staff of GCN are heading toward a direction that can only be dangerous and destructive, not only to gay, but to everyone. We are making reference to your repeated pleas of cooperation with the Boston Police Department. Police have never been friends of the gay community, and never will be. Not satisfied with having your first three pages filled with police reports, in your editorial, you urge "all future victims to report the incident to the police." Once again you quote Sgt. Daley (quite a celebrity among you). This time he talks of the fear gays have of coming forward with information in aiding the police. Daley points out that gays fear for their safety by doing so. Well, he's right. There have been too many imprisonments, killings and beatings by the police of gays, to dare cooperate any longer.

The only solution to violent homophobia is for the gay community to be made aware of these people, and be on the lookout. Examples of effective tactics are

- 1) self-defense groups
- 2) posting posters around the community
- 3) community hotlines

These and other tactics will lessen the degree of violence. We repeat the police are no friends of the gay community.

Committee to Free Political Prisoners

## Who Next!

To the Editor:

Early Monday morning, March 17 around 2 a.m. I was returning to my apartment on Revere Street from 22 Bromfield St., where I had been working on layout for the upcoming issue of *Fag Rag*. I was stopped on Myrtle Street about a block from my apartment by four guys in a 'sixties nondescript vehicle and was asked for directions to Revere Street.

Though I thought the question strange, after six hours of layout, my mind was a little hazy, and I directed them back to Cambridge Street to turn left on Cambridge Street and back up one of the side streets to Revere, as the section of Myrtle Street they were on

was one way going the wrong way.

"Why don't you get in the car and show us, then we'll leave you off at your apartment," urged the driver. I told him I was tired and that I didn't think that they needed me to find Revere St. Again the driver tried to coax me into the car, reassuring me that they meant no harm. I refused, said goodnight and walked the last block to my apartment and bed, experiencing odd, ambiguous but ominous feelings about the early morning encounter.

This encounter has rolled over and around in my thoughts since that morning. I did not get a totally clear picture of the driver who was leaning over another young man on the passenger side, in order to speak to me. In the sometimes quaint gaslight of a corner lamp I remember high cheekbones of a rather tough facade which reinforced my good judgment.

This morning I saw, for the first time, a photograph of Robert M. Shaughnessy, the accused murderer of John Asinari, 20-year-old MIT student. The gossamer image of a candlelit face struck me, right to my backbone, a somewhat vague but no less poignant recognition registered. I now believe, am certain, though I'm sure I can not prove it, that I was a mark, a target, of the macho, homophobic murderers whom Boston Homicide Det. Sgt. John Daley believes are responsible for violent attacks on gays over the last two years, including the infamous 1973 Arboretum murder.

Early Monday morning, March 31 at 2 a.m., exactly two weeks to the hour after my experience, Juan Claudio Pascacio, a 20-year-old gay male from West Newton, was killed at the corner of Fayette and Charles Street South. According to the *Globe*, "Five men in their early twenties, one brandishing a knife, cornered him after a 100 yard chase. He was stabbed and his throat slashed . . . another according to a witness, 'picked up a boulder weighing 20 or 30 pounds (a cobblestone), raised it over his head in both hands, and smashed it down on his head. It was brutal'."

Gay murders don't make the front pages of newspapers. The above article entitled, "Gang of 5 hunted in cobblestone killing," was on the third page. Such murders are often considered the normal reaction of members of a psychotically homophobic culture at the breaking point. How long are we going to accept the dictates of a sick society? How long are we going to accept President Ford's feeble fumblyings and the nonsensical rumblings of bureaucracy as more important and of more concern to the people than slain brothers and sisters?

Some of the younger gays coming along have never heard of the Stonewall Revolution. The oppression which cries another death knell, needs another revolution. Gay is no longer slipping by on the greased planks of liberalism. The worst oppression of all has returned in full bloom, and our lives are on the line.

Where is Gay Media Action? Where are the sit-ins at city hall and the Boston Police Department? Where are media zaps? Where is Juan Claudio Pascacio????

I declare passive acceptance as complicity. How long will my Gay Brothers and Sisters relax in Bourgeois complacency in the face of such striking injustice?

It took drag queens to initiate the Christopher Street vanguard; drag queens who refused, at one point, the Stonewall Bar, 1969/who refused to accept the inane, insane, demands of senseless, mindless brutality.

How long will we wait/what will it take/who will be next?? A Brother/A Sister/A Lover/You.

Adamantly Yours,  
David Emerson Smith

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# Symposium II : A View

By Mike White

BANGOR, Me. — Allen Young introduced himself at Logan Airport in Boston. We have met once before — breakfast at Howard Brown's last November, a sad thing to share with an almost stranger. But no one remains a stranger long with Allen. He set the tone that would prevail throughout the conference: warmth and a total lack of elitism.

Arrival: Steve Bull met us (thank God!). We go to the student union. Poetry reading and music was great.

## The Conference Itself

Susan Breeding's keynote speech was on the Maine rural movement. She is a feminist, but no separatist. She reminds us that the latest gay liberation literature is almost all urban-oriented. "The problems and the joys of Maine

are often very different. Lack of community supportiveness is one problem — however limiting the gay ghetto of a big city may be, support can still be had. The first thing in Maine is not even acceptance, but recognition of our existence as gays, of the gay lifestyle as a whole and valid alternative."

I notice that she and other women here use the words "gay" and "homosexual" freely to describe themselves. Those words are controversial in New York; like the lambda, they are accused of meaning only males. A theoretically interesting point, but Maine is more interested in action.

Allen Young talked about his personal history in the radical wing of the movement, and about his current life

on a mostly-gay communal farm in rural Massachusetts. He discussed how he deals with the straight community and local gay people he has met. He emphasized the importance of sex, how gay liberation loses energy and commitment when it belittles sex. He talked about gay liberation as an extension of human liberation; he dislikes hostility to the objectified "Hets." The importance of both radical and conservative elements and how they are learning to work together. But his heart is with the former, "Let's not seek to end our status as outcasts, but to join with other outcasts."

## Workshops

Steve Bull starts the workshop on **sexual monogamy for men**. He is against it, "How can just one person satisfy and nurture forever any human being? The need for confidence and security with another person is particularly important in rural areas, but why not more than one? Support is of many kinds and is more available from a group of friends."

What about sex with others in a relationship? "Third party" therapy for sick marriages was discussed. Sex as just (just!) "another way of relating to people," and not the thing "trotted out for special occasions" was felt by some members of the workshop.

What about aging alone? Probably not so bad, although Allen Young said it is dangerous to assume that sex drives necessarily decrease with age.

"A relationship should only last as long as the growth process is going on for all parties."

The rural gays workshop was much more practical. Communications on a personal level, social events, coming out in a small town, how to stop self-hate were discussed. The phenomenon of "turning gay" at twenty or so, versus "always have felt gay" was shared.

"You shouldn't look for reasons, excuses, scapegoats for what you are."

A man talked about the time when he was so far in the closet that he couldn't even imagine coming out. He is so beautiful to me: he is growing so fast. To sit in a room and watch someone you may have conflicting thoughts about, suddenly shine out such a radiance of expectation, is an experience not to be forgotten.

## Good Moments

The controlled tiff over child care. Some of the women ask for men to take the responsibility.

A little later, when men's hours for watching the children are set, one of them smacks her head against a wall, a man picks her up and caresses her. The little girl is fine in a minute. Later I learn she is a little boy. The revolution comes closer with each passing day. The child-care problem is resolved — let other conferences learn from this — with grace and good feeling.

Women and men are laughing and talking to each other in the lounges. The sexes are fairly integrated, and nobody seems to want it any other way.

A woman in Marilyn Monroe drag in the kissing booth. Women enjoying it, paying their quarters. What would they say in New York?

THESE PEOPLE ARE REALLY ACTING OUT WHAT THEY WANT TO BE. There is no theory here that its maker is not practicing, not that I have seen, and my eyes are sharp from too many of these conventions.



GEORGE ELIOT

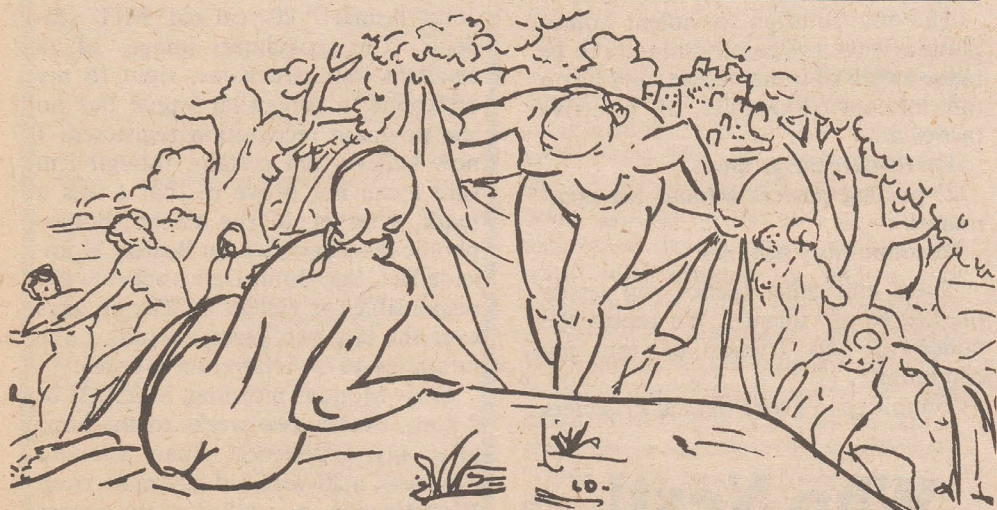
## Women's Health Conference

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(kept in a thermos at 98.6F.), inject with a syringe within six hours after it was donated. To increase chances of a girl, inject the semen a few days before ovulation, or else centrifuge it (whose male Y chromosomes are frailer and lighter than the female X chromosomes). Psychologically, it's best not to know the donor. Be sure you have a good home for the child, and that you are comfortable with the method: the mind-set is more important than the mechanics.

• **Lesbians & the Women's Health Movement** [Judi Stein]. How do you let gay clients know that your clinic has gay awareness? Put up a lesbian poster. But what if others in the clinic feel this would alienate straight clients and "the community"? Such knotty problems show that even feminist health organizations are not paradise for lesbians.

The culmination of all the lesbian workshops was at Sunday evening's session entitled "Writing a Lesbian Health Pamphlet." People struggled to collect coherently the tremendous amount of information which had flown back and forth all weekend. The upshot was a continuing project to produce the first edition of a lesbian health pamphlet by June or July. Judi Stein is coordinating the conference notes with further information to be sent by out of town women. Local women are urged to contribute useful knowledge to the project, and should call Gail Goldstein at the Women's Community Health Center, 547-2302.



## Lesbiansex in the Wild West!

By XENIA WILLIAMS

AMHERST — Ten women attended a day-long workshop on lesbian sexuality and relationships, March 29 at the Southwest Women's Center on the UMass-Amherst campus. Moderate attendance was probably due to postponement of the workshop from an earlier date and a relatively high (\$12) fee. The frank attitude which prevailed throughout the day started immediately, when one of the facilitators said, "We'll start by each of us telling her name, when she last had sex, and how it felt," and then gave all those particulars about herself. After choosing a few questions from the N.O.W. questionnaire on female sexuality to launch discussion, we broke into small groups of three or four persons.

My small group took the question "Can you remember your sexual feelings during childhood? grade school? high school? What were they?" It was fascinating and educational to compare my own sexual history with the others. I realized things about myself that I might not have learned for a long time without this open and serious discussion. We recounted everything in our personal sexual odysseys: early sexual feelings riding bikes and swimming; playing "pull-down-pants" with the boys; being told by your older sister how to masturbate; the pain of not being allowed to sleep in the same bed as your brother any more; punishment for being caught masturbating; religion-induced guilt feelings about sex; being molested by a male relative while a young child; having a mad crush on, and eventually making it with your Girl Scout camp counselor at age fifteen; being popular (and unpopular) in the straight high school scene; heterosexual phases and their causes; discovering your gayness and coming out (or not) to your parents; using men sexually to relieve horniness and being

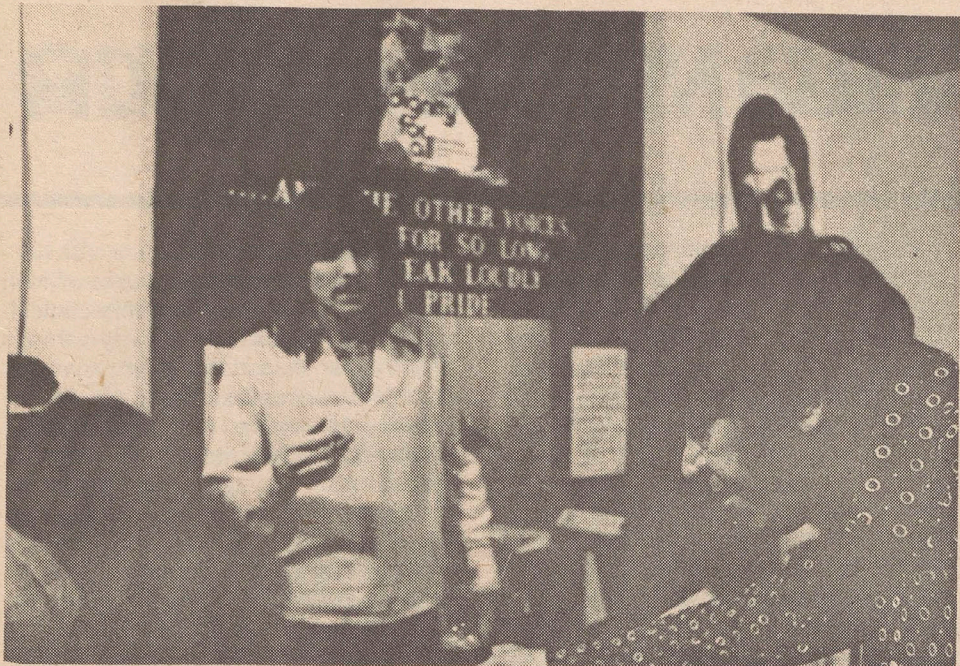
used by them for their own purposes; and on up to our present sexual lives. The morning's discussion left us with positive feelings about ourselves, our sexuality, each other, and our sisterhood as women and lesbians.

After eating lunch together, we spent the afternoon as one group, and talked mostly about relationships. Six people were involved in monogamous relationships, two felt strongly that monogamy was not for them, and two were unsure and still working out their lifestyles. Our backgrounds included the various experiences of: heterosexual marriage, parenthood, prostitution, unmarried heterosexual relationships, communal living where sex was shared (and not), one night stands, nuclear family, menage a trois, having two lovers who dislike each other, meeting one's emotional and physical needs from a small group of close friends while living alone, and celibacy (voluntary or otherwise). Nobody tried to push her lifestyle on others, or denounce their choices, but explained in a relaxed manner why she preferred her present way of relating. The ins and outs of jealousy were discussed, along with the often considerable gap between what you think you *should* feel and what you actually *do* feel. Towards the end of the day, we talked about a wide range of subjects, from the how-to-do-it of tribadism (nobody seemed quite sure) to the popularity of cunnilingus (everybody loved it) to being pressured to give up a dildo (sad) to counseling groups for pre-orgasmic women learning how to have orgasms (lesbians are by no means immune from sexual dysfunction, nor are we born expert lovers). Although the afternoon's discussion was relaxed and informative, it was felt that the small groups of the morning had been more valuable, with a higher level of trust and a greater level of intimacy.



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David Emerson Smith: "enormous human dimension"

## Poetry and Bee Bop by the Good Gay Poets

A Review by TOM MYLES

An evening of poetry was enjoyed on Tuesday, April 1 at the Other Voices Bookstore. The reading was sponsored by Good Gay Poets.

The first reader was Bunny LaRue, an anonymous person with a mourning veil over her face, like the character in *The Minister's Black Veil*. Unlike her literary prototype, however, Bunny sports a tube of toothpaste hanging around her neck as well as pink pants and a necklace around her hips. Bunny's poetry was all quite bad, but it wasn't meant to be taken seriously. Bunny's reading was a satire of most gay poetry by overemphasizing its frequent preoccupations, rebellion against social norms, and the male anatomy. Bunny finished with a choreographed version of "Over the Rainbow" sung in pig-latin from a tape recorder. Bunny's performance added humor to the evening.

David Emerson Smith was the second reader. He was featured in *Mouth of the Dragon*, a first rate gay literary publication. David is an excellent poet. His poems have an enormous human dimension to them. His feelings for people are the basic subjects. David's style is complicated. His poems contain long series of images quickly thrown at you for a multiple sensation effect. His lines have an excellent metrical quality, with much alliteration and internal rhyme. The

words do not overcome the sense of the poem, however. Best of all, his tone was never at variance with his topic. The style of each poem was appropriate for its subject matter.

Smith's poems — many of them — have political overtones. One poem stressed horror in a strong sense of social consciousness in memory of the young man murdered last week. Smith's "L Street Poems" criticized ugly, open promiscuity.

The final reader was Freddie Greenfield, who read poems to the music of a jazz band which accompanied him. While the rhythm of the words kept nice pace with the musical rhythm, I had difficulty in understanding this speaker, whose diction was poor and whose accompaniment was too loud. He read only three of his works, however, and then David Emerson Smith returned. He then read, also accompanied by the band.

I was disappointed that none of the readers was a woman — which must be an oversight on the part of those who planned the event. Women made up about half of the audience; I don't feel that those who read were insensitive to women, however.

Everyone sat on the floor in the bookstore. This arrangement was uncomfortable and hot. It sounds nice to read poetry in a bookstore, but there were too many bibliophiles present to seat everyone comfortably.

## John Wieners, poet of despair, ornament and love

Selected Poems, by John Wieners.  
New York, Grossman, 1972. \$3.95  
paperback.

A Review by CHARLEY SHIVELY

*A butterfly inside you died  
in my dream. It had orange wings.*

Here in a two liner ("Our Unborn Child") John Wieners gets down part of the magical, mysterious quality of his poetry — a quality which has made him virtually the poet laureate of gay liberation, explorer and navigator through the country where faggots and cocksuckers have long lived. To us he has been a continuing inspiration since publication of *The Hotel Wentley Poems* in 1958. To the public his *Selected Poems* should come like a discovery, a first book.

John Wieners' work does not repudiate the long heritage of gay ghetto life (as some would — insisting to the man that we're just like him: clean, happy, respectable — unadorned). His work works right out of the bar/park/frustration/life of our/his past/present; and through it all, he celebrates and points the way out, through the door of love, gay love, human love. As we see in the celebrated "A Poem for cocksuckers (when first printed the publisher straightened the title to read "A Poem for Suckers"):

Well we can go  
in the queer bars w/  
our long hair reaching  
down to the ground and  
we may sing our songs  
of love like the black mama  
on the juke box, after all  
what have we got left.

On our right the fairies  
giggle in their lacquered  
voices & blow  
smoke in your eyes let them  
it's a nigger's world.  
The gifts do not desert us,  
fountains to not dry  
up there are rivers running,  
mountains  
swelling for spring to cascade.

It is all here between  
powdered legs &  
painted eyes of the fairy  
friends who do not fail us  
in our hour of  
despair. Take not  
away from me the small fires  
I burn in memory of love. 6.20.58

The vein of despair and desperation runs deep through this poetry. "I speak of suicide," the poet sings, "men dropped to tide/sleeping pills that still our aching mind/ lovers murdered because they are too kind." (p. 102). Besides despair, John Wieners also perfects that other typically gay

vein — camp & ornament — in both his word work and content. Perfume ("can be bought at Patou/ for 12.50 1/8 of an ounce." p. 87), "the furs and homburgs," "diamonds," "gowns," and all manner of glamorous accoutrement runs through the poems. Beyond despair and ornament there is always love where the poet/soul/self relaxes entirely offering him/her-self onto the floating flux of life and the universe. "In love,"

A simple song  
to long for home and him  
lounging there under the moon.  
What is he? Who is my heart  
he should mean this much to me?

Is it sex, or grass stains on my shirt?  
night, or sight of flesh  
lying on its side in the Pine Grove? (p. 43)



This is not the love of *Love Story* or of sweethearts at the prom — those fake facades of orange juice and licorise deodorants we are told to exist; these are the actual lives of us. We can recognize ourselves, our loves and lovers. Long denied, hidden, disguised, despised, hated and fled — our love has at last found a worthy champion, spoke, voice, poet and celebrant.

[John Wiener will be reading his poetry for *The Good Gay Poets*, April 15 at 8:00, at Other Voices Bookstore, Boston.]

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# THE VIEW FROM THE COUCH -

(The first half of this article was published in *GCN*, Vol. 2, No. 37.)

By J.D. SITLER

It's Tinker Bell time again, all you fairy dusters out there. Time to crawl back on the couch and tell Big Daddy all about your vile, obscene, festering perversions. You know how to crawl, of course; the way your flitty forebears crawled into the confession box . . . to kiss the pontifical ring . . . on the hand that slapped them down, the hand that bore the torch that set the faggots ablaze. The torch was passed along to Big Daddy just like in the relay races . . . from cleric to psychiatrist. Let's see what he did with it.

## Auto da fe Anyone?

Guessed what the torch is yet? (Heavy metaphors abounding . . . groan.) Here's a hint: It's social control of nonconforming behavior. (Oops! . . . slipped out.) That's right, from Savonarola and Calvin to Freud and Pavlov, the established church and now establishment psychiatry have throughout past and recent history attempted to exercise control over non-normative behavior, perceived to be a threat to authority.

Non-normative equals abnormal equals homosexuality — among other aberrations, dysfunctions, neuroses, or whatever. (Heterosexuality is normal, of course.) To justify the persecution of homosexuals in past centuries, the church labelled them as heretics, just as modern psychiatry has labelled them as sick. Szasz in *The Manufacture of Madness* elaborates the continuity of this persecution: ". . . the psychiatric perspective on homosexuality is but a thinly disguised replica of the religious perspective which it displaced . . . This connection . . . between unorthodoxy and sodomy, was firmly established during the late Middle Ages, and has never been severed. It is as strong today as it was six hundred years ago."

The Jew, the Moor, and the homosexual were all persecuted as heretics during the Spanish Inquisition. Szasz draws a parallel between the homosexual in contemporary America and the Jew in fifteenth-century Spain: "The Jew, by virtue of his Jewishness, refuses to authenticate Jesus as the Son of God, and the Roman Catholic Church as the unquestionable representative of God on Earth. The male homosexual, by virtue of his homosexuality, refuses to authenticate woman as the desirable sex object, and the heterosexual as the unquestionable embodiment of sexual normality. . . . In both cases, the individual is denied recognition as a human being in his authentic identity and selfhood — and for the same reasons: each undermines the beliefs and values of the dominant group."

As we'll be talking about religion and homosexuality in a subsequent article in this series, there is no need to dwell here on the concept of homosexual heresy and its historical development. Suffice to say that a most curious trend has started to emerge. As Szasz points out: "In one of those ironic reversals of roles which occur every so often in human history, the homosexual is now persecuted by physicians and defended by clergymen." Since the torch has been passed from vicar to shrink, can it be that the church mourns the passing of its former glory? Can it be that with the

emergence of a Gay consciousness in Western society, the church wants to get on the bandwagon and rekindle the flame? Is the monkey Catholic? Do Popes swing from the treetops?

## The Power and the Glory

Someone (no doubt a libertine) once said the only unnatural act is one which cannot be performed. Narrowing the libertarian limitations of consensual sexual acts . . . between adults . . . in private . . . to Victorian dimensions, the essential controversy revolves around a confusion of nature and convention. Modern psychiatrists perpetuate this confusion to their advantage, ala Szasz: "By pretending that convention is Nature, that disobeying a personal prohibition is a medical illness, they establish themselves as agents of social control and at the same time disguise their punitive interven-

pretensions; for in the current lexicon such words reflect the nonconformism of their referents — and nonconformism is the major, perhaps the only, sin of our time."

And if the war is over social conformity, what is the prize of war? It is the consolidation of authority by the few in order to regulate the many. Power is the name of the game, as it has always been. Acting as an agent of authority, the psychiatrist exercises power conferred by the secular state just as in an earlier time the inquisitor had exercised power conferred by the church-state. Recognizing this, Szasz has argued eloquently for a separation of Medicine and State like the principle of separation of Church and State on which this country was founded. And he argues for the same reason: to take the power out of the hands of the few

condoned?)

Menninger knows the source of evil: ". . . as we see homosexuality clinically and officially, it nearly always betrays its essentially aggressive nature." Szasz replies: "Like the devout theologian seeing the devil lurking everywhere, Menninger, the devout Freudian, sees aggression and the death instinct." As the pinnacle of circular reasoning with which this brand of modern psychiatry feeds on its own excrement, Menninger tells us: ". . . there is no question in the minds of psychiatrists regarding the abnormality of such behavior." Fortunately, there is considerable doubt in the minds of many psychiatrists, like Szasz, who replies: "Menninger seems to believe that entertaining no doubts about one's opinions is a special virtue, a sure sign of psychiatric grace."

## You Local Neighborhood Ratfink

Conveniently, the homophobic psychiatrist assures himself of a large clientele, and thus makes a good living, by defining homosexuality as an illness. But why stop there? It's obvious, as Szasz points out, ". . . that psychiatrists have a vested interest in diagnosing as mentally ill as many people as possible, just as inquisitors had in branding them as heretics."

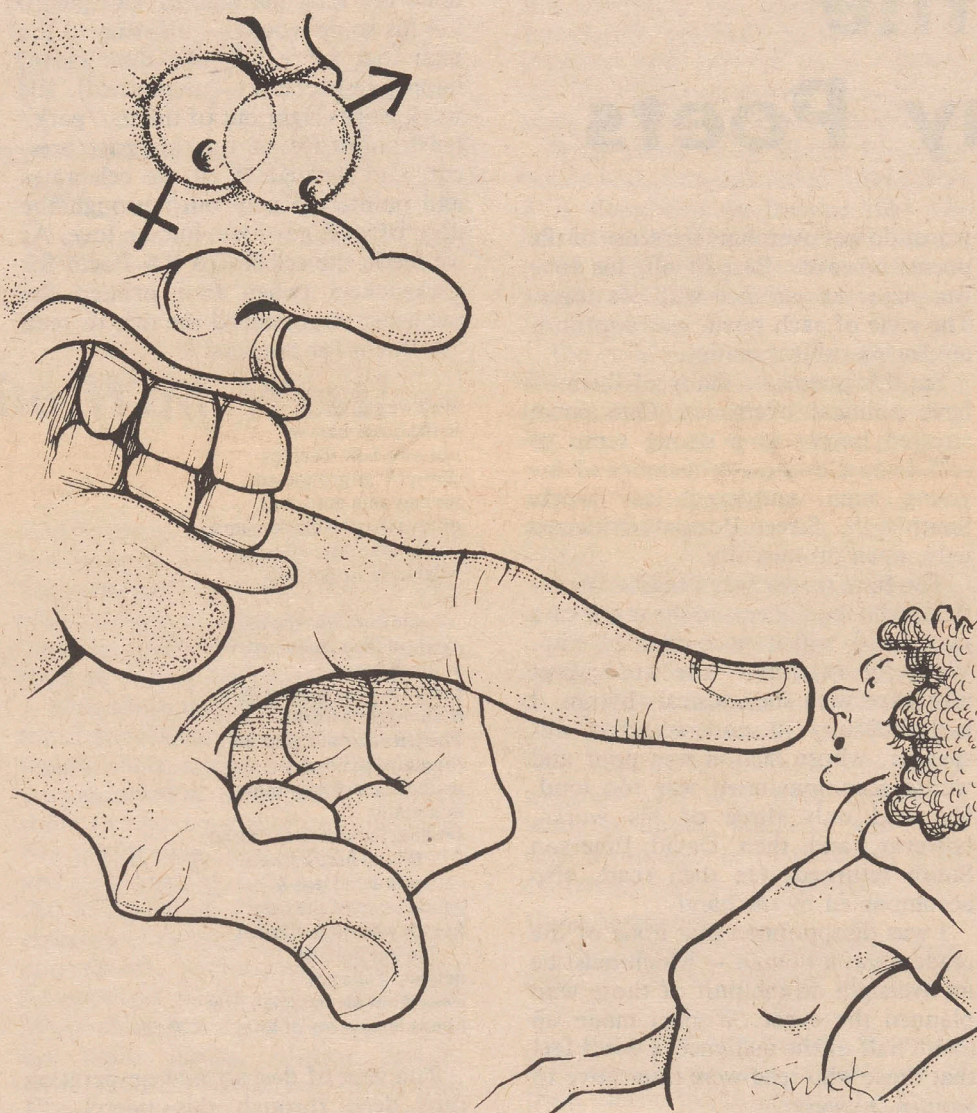
For example, Bieber, not satisfied with the homosexual male alone, casts a wider net to include all unmarried males. In *Time* magazine he tells us: "There is increasing recognition that bachelorhood is symptomatic of psychopathology." But Menninger pulls out all the stops by defining everybody as a sickie: ". . . all people have mental illness of different degrees at different times . . ." That's a sizable population of potential clients.

Presumably he includes himself and his homophobic colleagues in his definition, which is, of course, no definition at all. For like the blind leading the blind, this is a case of the sick leading the sick. But then the distinction may be in degree and frequency of illness rather than quality. Menninger and Bieber would be less sick less often. And their sickness would only be of the highest 'quality' as befits their exalted station in the hierarchy of social authority. There, there, we understand. Without witches, what would be the need of witch hunters?

## Feeding the Mouth that Bites You

In their recently-published study, *Male Homosexuals: Their Problems and Adaptations*, Weinberg and Williams, who are sociologists, randomly sampled over a thousand Gay males in San Francisco and New York. Their survey ranged over a wide variety of social attitudes and adaptations relating to their respondents' socio-sexual orientation. Eleven percent agreed or strongly agreed that homosexuality was an illness — and this in two of the most fertile places in our country in which a Gay consciousness has bloomed. Seems Bieber, Menninger and Company have been doing a thorough job. Many homosexuals seem to be willing participants in their own subjugation and regulation by psychiatrists.

Pillard, in *Psychiatric 'Treatment' for the Invisible Minority*, shows us where this leads: "Psychiatrists, by reason of their selection and training, tend to be committed to prevailing social values and to support the institutions which nurture those values. . . . Psychiatry is important to these institutions because psychotherapy fre-



tions in the semantic and social trappings of medical practice." Likewise in *The Ethics of Sexual Acts*, Guyon says psychiatry equates normalcy with mental health, and contrary-wise: "The distinctive method of its system is that every time it comes across a natural act that is contrary to the prevailing convention, it brands this act as a symptom of mental derangement or abnormality."

But normal/abnormal and healthy/unhealthy are only battles. The war is conformity/nonconformity, as Lindner says in *Must You Conform?*: "That we now employ such terms as 'sick' or 'maladjusted' to the homosexual appears to me to make little difference so far as basic attitudes and feelings are concerned. As a matter of fact, I suggest that precisely these designations reveal the ugly truth of our actual animus toward homosexuals and the sham of modern social-sexual

and create a truly pluralistic society. He is *not* optimistic!

## The Voice of Authority

Menninger, the venerable psychoanalyst of Kansas and dean of American psychiatry, is a notable embodiment of middle-American, straight-city repression. No friend to the faggot fraternity or sapphic sorority, he's got that old-time religion, combining the father-knows-best attitude of the paternal shrink with the religious zeal of the inquisitor. In his Introduction to *The Wolfenden Report* he tells us, "Prostitution and homosexuality rank high in the kingdom of evils." There's no mistaking that for an objective scientific conclusion. That's a moral value judgement. In his *The Vital Balance* he speaks of 'not condoning' the 'symptom' of homosexuality. (Symptoms can be recognized, used in the diagnosis of a disease, or treated directly as an aspect of a disease syndrome. But



# YOU MAKE ME SICK... part 2

quently makes individuals more tractable — increases their sensitivity to the forces of socialization — but especially because the psychiatrist becomes a party to the thinking of social dissidents. The psychiatrist, even if he does not reveal specific case material, is able to give the institutions' leadership some idea of what the troublemakers are up to and . . . may help to legitimize actions which are not in the patients' interest. Psychiatry is thus more often in the position of providing support for culturally normative positions."

## The Homosexual as Non-Person

Even the most homophobic psychiatrists like Bieber and Menninger will claim they bear no hostility for the homosexual. Compassion and understanding, they will tell you, motivate them to minister to the unfortunate little beasties who are different from 'normal' folks, and therefore must be considered as separate entities entirely; entities, not persons. That their 'understanding' is specious should be obvious by now even to the village idiot. (No offence intended, idiots!) But what of their purported 'compassion'? Sartre, in *Saint Genet: Actor and Martyr*, beautifully explicates the philosophical dichotomy between person and thing: "The homosexual must remain an object, a flower, an insect, an inhabitant of ancient Sodom or the planet Uranus, an automaton that hops about in the limelight, anything you like except my fellow man, except my image, except myself. For a choice must be made: if every man is all of man, this black sheep must be only a pebble or must be me."

Translated into practical terms, this 'compassion' is seen as an obscene joke. Szasz: "... by treating him as a defective thing, we demonstrate through our actions that what we want him to be is a useful, rather than annoying, object for us; and that what we will not tolerate is his wanting to be an authentic person for himself." So the dehumanization and debasement of the 'sick' and 'heretical' has been the means to the end, which is a homogeneous group of souls prepared to cooperate with authority. Szasz: "Thus the physician replaced the priest, and the patient the witch, in the drama of society's perpetual struggle to destroy precisely those human characteristics that, by differentiating men from their fellows, identify persons as individuals rather than as members of the herd." Straights beware! Don't think you're overlooked in this process.

## Freud-ulant Reasoning

The influence of the church waned in the second half of the nineteenth century, but homosexual repression did not. Taking up the torch was that man from Vienna, the father of psychoanalysis. He was an appropriate torch-bearer for the clerics, for his psychoanalytic theory of human personality was parallel to the Judaeo-Christian tradition prohibiting all sexual acts save those with procreation as their aim . . . and then only in the missionary position . . . and then only between man and wife. He and his disciples were also appropriately the new agents of social control, for the sexual acts he called perversions (like homosexual acts, for instance) were the same acts prohibited by law. The authorities were satisfied. He served their purpose.

His psychoanalytic theory holds that sexuality has inherent aims: heterosex-

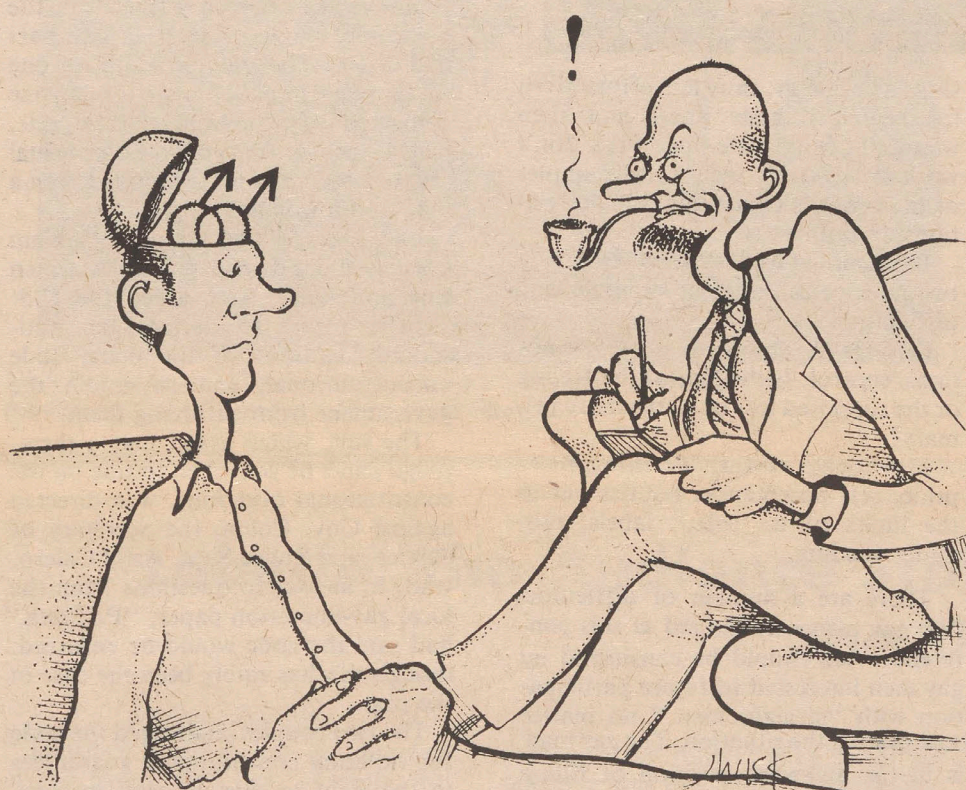
uality and parenthood. It says that the best sex act is coitus, and failure to accept that signifies arrested psycho-sexual development. So all you homosexuals out there are under arrest. Oral-genital relations are OK as foreplay if they lead to coitus. So you straight folks make sure you don't poop-out in the middle of a hot session; otherwise, you're under arrest too. The rest of you: Keep your mouths shut!

## Sigmund was a Dirty Old Man

The Ol' Doc said there were four ways homosexuals got that way. (Get out your pencils and papers, boys and girls.) The first is called *fixation*. That means that somewhere along the path to full heterosexuality, you all jumped

mommies, and you girlies want to be like your daddies. In our sexist society, that's upward mobility for you girls — an admirable goal in any other context. For you boys it's voluntary self-abasement — worthy of ridicule in any context. So ship-up or shape out! Don't want no uppity wimmin 'round here, dyke patrol take note. And you pansies'd better get wrist splints fast! 2 + 2 = 22

Since Ol' Doc's heyday, psychoanalysis has been the theoretical foundation for the sickness theory of homosexuality. Clinical studies purporting to demonstrate the efficacy of methods for curing the sickness have abounded in the psychiatric literature, thus perpetuating the psychoanalytic fraud



the track and are continuing to fiddle around with non-coital sex. Straighten-up, you pubescent perverts!

The second is called *castration fear* for boys and *penetration fear* for girls. Gay boys are afraid to stick their diddly-was in girls' joy-boxes, because they might get chopped-off. The girlies, contrapuntally, are afraid to get stuck by the boys' diddly-was. (How this all explains hetero- and homosexual fellatio and cunnilingus is a real mystery, boys and girls. But let's not ask too many annoying questions. The Ol' Doc has terminal logorhea, and can't stop for questions.) Anyway, cut it out, boys! They won't cut it off. And put down those coke bottles, girls! And don't anybody sneak up from the rear either!

The third path to fairydom is called *narcissism*. That means you love yourself . . . a lot. And by extension, you love people who look like you and have the same genital equipment you do. So your mirrors will all be confiscated at bed check! (And remember not to touch yourselves or else your teeth will rot, your hair will fall out, and Santa Claus will pass you bye.)

Your fourth and last hang-up, boys and girls, is *identification*. This means you boys want to be like your

while at the same time being supported by it. It's CATCH 69 time again, because Gays are put in a peculiar position vis-a-vis their 'treatment'. Kameny, in *Gay Liberation and Psychiatry*, has said: "An allegation of sickness . . . has to be substantiated by those making it, not refuted by those against whom it is made. A reading of the psychiatric literature demonstrates how abysmally psychiatry fails to make its case."

We have already seen how nonconforming social behavior is defined as pathology. So there's an obvious problem with terminology and definitions of sickness. And we've seen how starting assumptions are turned into empirical conclusions through faulty logic. But there's more; there's bad science.

The perversion of scientific method is the real perversion here. The construction of slipshod experiments belies *narcissistic* ego gratification on the professional treadmill. And it's obviously a case of arrested development and *fixation* at the level of undergraduate mental masturbation.

First, virtually the entire literature is based upon studies of psychiatric patients, mentally disturbed people

who happen to be homosexual. To extrapolate from this group to draw conclusions about the Gay population at-large is patently absurd. Also, small samples do not justify complex analyses of the data even within the group studies.

Second, there is a problem of selectivity within the study sample. A therapist can arbitrarily choose when to report evidence of cure. The most appropriate time to do that is when the patient is conforming to the prescribed behavior, since the evaluation time is rarely specified before the experiment is begun. The therapist can also select a few successes out of many failures. Likewise, the learned journals are only interested in publishing accounts of successful cures, not failed attempts.

Third, corruptions of experimental design abound. They include lack of control groups, inept statistical analysis, and multiple variables not separated-out and accounted for.

## Where It's At

Certainly many homosexuals are in need of psychotherapy, just as many heterosexuals are. But the question of the client's sexual orientation should not be an issue unless he/she is uncomfortable with it. If the question arises in this way, the therapist should not indulge in what amounts to consumer fraud by promising conversion after long, painful, and expensive therapy. For while it is possible in some cases to help a patient modify her/his behavior for a time, the psycho-sexual drive remains intact, though suppressed. And this can lead to far more painful conflicts than those which drove him/her to seek therapy in the first place.

The case for the nonmaleability of sexual orientation has already been made. Homosexuals do not choose to be homosexual any more than heterosexuals choose to be heterosexual. Homosexuals cannot choose to change their sexual preference (though it is possible with great difficulty to modify sexual function) any more than heterosexuals can. And nobody knows what causes homosexuality or, for that matter, heterosexuality. Even Freud, in his mellow, later years, recognized this: "To try to convert a developed homosexual is hardly more promising than to try the reverse, only that for good, practical reasons, the latter is never attempted."

Instead, the therapists' objective should be to help their patients adjust to a maladjusted society. The patients should be helped to tap into those inner psychic resources that will enable them to achieve a measure of self-respect and self-confidence and to live a harmonious life, fulfilling to self and productive to society.

There are many nonjudgemental psychotherapists who do work this way. They are true helpers, the champions of reason and the friends of the Gay community. Many are in private practice. And some work in clinical settings, especially in clinics set up to serve the mental health needs of Gay persons; for example, Homophile Community Health Service in Boston, Homophile Community Counseling Center in New York, and Eromin Center in Philadelphia. Wherever they are, they deserve support, just as the homophobic psychoanalysts and others of their ilk deserve to wither away to dust — like the handful of dust they've offered their homosexual clients for years.



# Men's Sharing Day



photo by Jim Ashe

By Ian Johnson

While organizing thoughts and feelings about this story, I commented to a friend that the subject was "Men Sharing." His response was "They don't."

Saturday, April 5 at Harvard, on the occasion of "Men's Sharing Day," approximately 300 men met to continue a process started last February. Perhaps we came to prove we could share, or perhaps to learn how to, but it seems we all did both. Through the almost banal process of workshops, presentations, and assemblies, something far from usual emerged.

The feeling generated is hard to translate — a certain sense of understanding, learning, human empathy, similarity, all in a context of a lack of tension. Three hundred people, much less men, together, with such little tension, was an incredible accomplishment alone. I was left with an expectant yet hesitant feeling of potential — that my friend's typical terse reply would no longer be just laughed off nervously by men.

With perhaps one-third of the men self-identified as gay, the potential for incredible tension certainly existed. Not that all was perfect. Some gay men attending had negative feelings, but they would have to explain those themselves. The "straight man" stereotype will not die easily. But were these really typical "straight" men? Gay or straight, these men hardly seemed "typical."

Although the workshops had many titles, the areas discussed always returned to the same basics: masculinity, roles, fear of sexuality, expressing feelings, and fear/need for closeness. Rather than talk about the workshops, the following are examples of individual conversations:

**Fantasies** — men expressing fantasies for both sexes, similarities, implications, and ways of dealing with fantasies.

**Sexism** — both roles oppressing each other, getting in touch with our oppression.

**Commonality** — growing up male, pressures of roles, acceptance of masculinity, individual examples of the way men deal with this.

**Relationships** — need, trapped, control, insecurity.

**Primary/Secondary Relationships** — men's training to view female relationships

as primary, thus less effort given to secondary male ones, and then wondering why male-male ones don't work. "Straight" men gave examples of the rewards of making a male relationship primary.

**Dynamics of Male-Male** — effects of two male roles, inherent strengths and difficulties.

**Feelings** — ability to express emotions/control. Is the fear of the feeling or the supposed loss of status more primary?

**Identifying as Gay or Straight** — pride, self acceptance, politics versus the limits of a "role," labels, misunderstanding.

There are a number of difficulties that gay men encountered at this conference, and should be considered by gay men interested in future participation with "straight men," no matter how sharing the situation. The gay man is in the awkward position of filling two roles, the basic one of "just" sharing, which takes tremendous energy, and also the role as a "teacher." The most open and sensitive "straight" male will suffer from a lack of understanding of at least the subtleties of the gay man's situation, and few gay men could ignore this. To feel forced to challenge naively offensive comments is different than an equal sharing. The energy necessary to be adamant yet not defensive is draining, and this is happening at the same time that you must "just" share. Juggling these roles is not easy.

The dilemma of "why devote my precious energy to straight men?" needs to be faced, the situation being very similar to that of gay women allocating energies between the women's and gay movements.

The energy created Saturday seems to strengthen the tenuous base of a "men's movement," and plans continue for a third conference, this time for two days, to be held in about two months. A newsletter will continue, and a group is forming to lay plans for a Men's Center to encourage the sharing on a daily on-going level.

If you feel that this process may be for you, or want to give it a try, write to Men Sharing, c/o Campus Free College, 466 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. They offer a clearinghouse for the formation of men's groups, and will send you the newsletter which will keep you informed of coming events.

## 12 Carver

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suffered a lacerated left wrist at the scene of the incident.

The owner of the bars, Roland LaChance, told GCN that he believes that the fire started in back of the building. According to LaChance, it was an ignited mattress used for sleeping by homeless men that provided the impetus for the blaze. "What does the city have to say about the winos?" he asked. LaChance also noted that this was the fifth and most serious fire to hit the Twelve Carver complex in recent months, and he held the persons using the building's back

alley for sleeping quarters responsible.

Twelve Carver is one of the most established gay bars in the city, and was known for its live entertainment, including song stylist Ellie Boswell, for many years. Herbie's Ramrod Room, which was located upstairs, was formerly called the Lion's Den, and had recently been renovated into one of the city's most popular leather-western bars.

Kenneth Bruynell, director of public relations for the Boston Fire Department, told GCN that the fire is still under investigation by the arson squad.

## Legal Setbacks for Puerto Rican Gays

By Abe Haruvi

SAN JUAN, P.R. — On July 22, 1974, in spite of receiving more than 150 signed leaflets in the first public petition by gays that their rights be protected, the governor of Puerto Rico, Rafael Hernandez Colon, signed into law a new penal code with stricter anti-gay clauses. The penal code went into effect Jan. 22, 1975.

The new code, for the first time, prohibits sex between women and the operation of places such as gay bars and discos. The code provides for one to 10 years imprisonment for anyone convicted of "unnatural" sex acts, which include not only homosexual sex, but sodomy and fellatio between a man and a woman.

Last Dec. 3, two couples, William Cieslak and Edwin Ruiz and Carmen Roe and Luisa Roe, asked the U.S. District Court to declare the anti-sodomy sections of the penal code unconstitutional, and to enjoin the government from enforcing them.

The suit, which asked that a three-judge panel be convened to rule on the constitutional questions, was directed against Gov. Colon, the Secretary of Justice, and Police Supt. Astol Calero, who, in answer to questions from the local gay-liberation paper, "Pa'fuera," had said the code would be enforced, though this has rarely been the case in the past.

The two couples challenged the code for violating constitutional guarantees to the right to due process, privacy, and equal protection under the law. The plaintiffs also said the law imposes cruel and unusual punishment and violates the prohibition against a state established church.

They said they were afraid of criminal prosecution, and thus sought an injunction prohibiting the government from enforcement of the article until the constitutional questions could be aired.

The U.S. District Court in Puerto Rico has refused to review the constitu-

tionality of the penal code because no "real or immediate" threat of prosecution existed against the two gay couples.

Chief U.S. District Court Judge Jose V. Toledo ruled March 11, "It is clear the mere existence of a penal statute would constitute insufficient grounds to support a federal court adjudication of its constitutionality in proceedings brought against a state's prosecuting officials if real threat of enforcement is wanting."

In an appeal by the two gay couples filed March 17, attorney Santos P. Amadeo argued a case of controversy does exist because the two couples have publicly admitted they engage in homosexual relations. "Therefore," he added, "they are liable to arrest and prosecution at any time."

In a related development, the U.S. District Court was asked, for a second time, to prevent enforcement of several sections of the new penal code.


In a memorandum filed March 10, two gay bars, the Gay Pride Community and seven individuals claimed that, if injunctive relief is not granted, as originally requested Jan. 22, they are liable to suffer "irreparable harm and injury in their commercial activities and in their private lives."

The Gay Pride Community was organized by the gay militarists who had sent more than 150 signed leaflets to Gov. Colon shortly before he signed into law the new penal code. Shortly after the bill was signed they held their first public meeting of Puerto Rican gays on Aug. 4, 1974, with about 100 persons attending.

The mailing list of the organization, which meets regularly twice a month, now surpasses 300. About 25 persons are working regularly on community projects, including the publication of a bilingual monthly, "Pa'fuera," lectures at several universities, radio, television and newspaper interviews, and challenging the laws in the courts.

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# Playhouse Goes Madhouse

A Review by DON SHEWEY

If someone told you that in the course of an evening at the theatre you would probably be playfully molested by a horny male beast, leave your seat mid-show to go outside into the street, run in place, and be asked to inspect the private parts of a daredevil stuntman, you would probably listen with a healthy measure of doubt.

But that's what I'm telling you, and I have proof that it's true. But don't take my word for it: see the Madhouse Company of London's *Wild Stunt Show* now running at the Charles Street Playhouse Cabaret.

The five-piece loony British outfit runs amok for two full hours, performing a bona fide carnival-style stunt show for all the breathless "sensation seekers" in the audience. Some of the corniest jokes in history sneak in amid the brilliantly executed stunts and skits, all of which receive the same ferocious attack of showbiz energy and Madhouse humor, which races along on that narrow line between the hilarious and the vulgar.

Oscar Oswald MCs the show with exemplary dry British 'umor, and his mates are Marcel Steiner, wildman/transvestite/man of 1000 disguises; Hamlet McWallbanger, the tiny, cartoon-faced stuntman; Professor Tommy Shand, who adds the musical portion of the program, and Nina Petrovna (with a peculiarly British accent for a Russian girl).

I don't want to spoil the show by giving away all the tricks the Madhouse



Nina Petrovna and Hamlet McWallbanger "levitate" Marcel Steiner in the "The Madhouse Co. of London's Wild Stunt Show."

Co. does (most of them are unspeakable anyway), but they are terrifically comic sideshow attractions, such as a man driving a three-inch nail up his nose and a fairly impressive Houdini-esque escape act.

Hardly a cultural showcase, the Madhouse Company's exuberant, unsophisticated comedy stunt show bears little resemblance to anything previously produced in improvisational/comic theatre, although a cross-breeding of Doug Henning's *Magic Show* and Monty Python's *Flying Circus* might approximate an appropriate comparison.

McWallbanger, bopping through the audience after the performance, was quick to assure me that the show induces extreme reactions — "they either love it or they hate it." According to McWallbanger, the company used to be a three-man group and occasionally played dates at gay clubs in London, which sounds reasonable; their material conveys a healthy and refreshingly non-sexist attitude toward sex. "We don't treat sex in a sexy way," explained McWallbanger, who drops his pants at a strategic point in the proceedings, "we don't simulate sex, we just take a piss with it!"

After extended engagements in New York, Philadelphia, and Atlanta, *The Wild Stunt Show* will be at the Charles Playhouse Cabaret for an indefinite run. For an evening of lunacy I suggest that you sign yourself over to the Madhouse Company and prepare to have a good time.

## music

### Labelle: The Audience Stole the Show

By Bob Connors

Labelle's performance last Sunday at the Music Hall was virtually the same as the one many of us saw at the Orpheum in December. Unfortunately, especially for anyone who hadn't seen the group perform before, the spectacular effect of their show was all but lost at the Music Hall. Labelle's act is highly theatrical, relying on absolutely precise timing and physical as well as vocal interchanges between the three women on stage. Sarah Dash's incredible sensuality, Nona Hendryx's cool, almost severe, yet compelling air, and Patti Labelle's sheer insanity combine to make the visual impact of their performance as important as the sound. That part of their act was effectively destroyed by amazingly inept light work; throughout a good part of the first act, the spotlights were unable to locate Ms. Labelle on stage, and when they finally did find her

(often in the middle of a song) the audience was treated to some spectacular views of her from the neck down and once from the knees down.

In addition to this, many people missed much of the first act when they were delayed getting into the theatre because of hassles between a large number of would-be gate-crashers and police; when some of these people did reach their seats they found them occupied by some very stubborn people who refused to move until confronted by police. Such hassles occurred repeatedly in various parts of the theatre, making it difficult for others in the vicinity to see what was happening on stage.

The low point of the evening occurred during intermission — there was a judging of the "best silver costume" for a prize of dinner with Labelle after the concert, paid for by WRKO; that in itself may sound tacky enough, but the whole thing was emceed by disc-jockey Dale Dorman, who must be seen to be believed. It's difficult to imagine him fitting in with the atmosphere of any kind of show, but his appearance at the Labelle concert was too absurd to even be amusing.

As the second act began, with the group singing the beautiful "Nightbird" and making a breathtaking entrance in feathered costumes beyond description (Patti herself literally flew onto the stage from above, looking like the Great Thunderbird coming to carry us to the other side of the sky), it looked as though the show would

really pick up. Then the mood was completely shattered. There had apparently been a fight in the lobby during the intermission in which someone either ran or was pushed into a glass door; for some unknown reason, a woman in the audience ran to the stage after the first number and told Ms. Labelle that the police had "thrown a man" through the door and that he had been killed. The performers were understandably upset and were unable to continue the show for some time; the tension in the audience after this point could almost be felt. After Patti was informed, during the next number, that the story was completely false, her only comment was a rather angry, "Y'all stop lyin' to me and messin' me up." By this time the already tense audience had been brought down from whatever high each person was on and the mood didn't begin to pick up again until the last song of the evening, "What Can I Do for You?"

Labelle and their back-up band do put on a great show, at an incredibly high energy level from beginning to end. When the audience can let themselves go and give back the same energy, the show works; when there is tension permeating the theatre as there was Sunday night, the feeling is one of discomfort. Perhaps the show that took place at the Orpheum was something that could never be recreated under any circumstances; the difference, however, between that and last Sunday's show was entirely with the audience, not with the performers.

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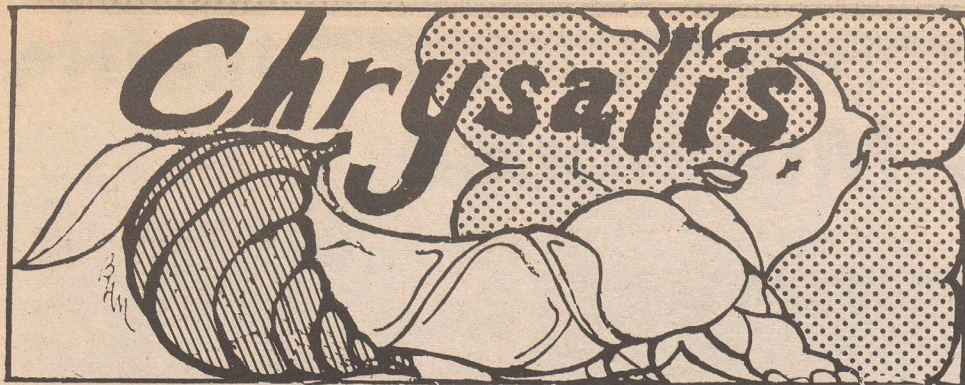
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## COILING IN

By K.

His nose, his odour, his laugh, wove into The Feeling. I exhausted Brian's image, the moments of the evening we touched were frozen like porno poses in my imagination. Somehow desert islands crept in and it was just the two of us stranded naked. Then there was the nuclear holocaust phase in which only two could survive. I had the choice between Brian and another male. I chose always Brian, though sometimes I kept him waiting.

Meanwhile the flesh and blood Brian and I were growing apart. I remember the last evenings I slept over at his house. Once he emerged from the shower all Tantulus, to greet me, smiling naked except for the towel with which he loosely dried between his legs, revealing fragments of his hanging youth as the towel swayed from side to side like the last undiscarded piece of a strip tease show.

Our last evening together, he massaged it gently through his pants as we sat at opposite ends of his bedroom talking, his basket puffed up like a stuffed pocket. Then I knew that he too was caught in the memory of what we had done years before, that he too desired to begin where we had left off. For the first time I realized that I was an active member of his fantasies as he was in mine. But there was no window to see what I had done in them. The innocence which had freed us to act out our desires when we were ignorant of them was gone. Now that we knew what we wanted, neither of us dared ask.

This time he did not say "let's compare boners". He just sat there with the trace of a knowing look on his

face as I pretended not to notice, my heart pounding, engaging in meaningless conversation like an automaton, all my attention riveted on the puffed basket that I dared not look at. His hand moved gently over the contours, following them lovingly, one finger at a time, as each of us pretended it was a meaningless gesture, like fingering trinkets. But it stood there, large, hard, and hidden, growing in my field of vision until it practically filled the entire room. My hand unzipped the metal doorway and slipped inside, only in my fantasies, a world which itself had no zipper I could reach through. I sat there frozen, unable to return a gesture or sign.

Brian only dared such blatency because I had become unimportant to him, a plaything, the twig on a branch of his life that was breaking off. And so we lost each other into our own worlds, he outward into sports, school, politics and popularity with all its ritual paraphernalia of Gant shirts with pearl buttons, bass weapons and conquered women, and I folding inward on myself like an injured snail, lost to the world for years, coiling into my private universe of fears and fantasies.

But everywhere, inside and out, there was the boy in the hardware store in the tight jeans, the boy in the hall, the boy in the showers in no jeans at all, boys, boys everywhere, the world was swarming with boys, their crotches queering me like a giant tease. But I got back. I recruited them all into my fantasies, a vast phalanx of boys their weapons stiff between their legs, ready to shoot.

My plots were strange but deathly dull by modern pornographic standards. My fascination was only with the act of seduction itself, which Brian and I had never got beyond. My fantasies were a series of first takes shot over and over. I don't know if I ever made it into bed. I didn't seem to wonder until much later what one did after the first caress. It was the acknowledgement, the act of initiation that I longed for.

And so I lived within myself, unable to imagine what it would be like to actually become one of Them, never believing I would make the leap. It was not my desire that seemed unnatural but Them as revealed to me by the warnings of my parents, the murder-molested boy in the warning film at school, the magazine article in *Life* or *Look* about the gay marriage in which one partner dressed as the bride. I was lousy at football but would I have to dress like a bride.

Oh, there were moments in which I briefly unzipped for a quick touch: the boy I quickly felt up in the overcrowded hall who suddenly always had something important to do in the other direction when he saw me, the blond pledge in the Jewish fraternity I joined, who I got to molasses and feather on

hell night, forgetting all about the feathers as I smeared the sweet syrup all over his naked body, my fingers wiggling like tongues.

But the moments were far between. A desert whose mirages could not quench my thirst stretched before and after me. Seventh grade passed, eighth, ninth, tenth clicked away like the changing calendar shots in old movies. Lo and behold I was in eleventh grade with hair between my legs, a Jewish virgin by anybody's standards, beating my meat and then beating it again.

At long last the fruit was ripe and ready to fall. It was the evening of Christmas vacation. Dissatisfied with everything, I decided I would go out and do something that would change my life. It was just that vague. I jumped in the car and let it drive me. I drove into my future, suspended between two lives, restlessly awaiting my miracle, the car unwinding me out of my coil. Only my unconscious knew where I was going and it wasn't about to tell me until I arrived.

The fingers which could not reach out to Brian four years before were itching to unzip the sky. The evening was warm and moist, about to burst with rain.

## Connections

By Avi

"You're idealistic".

"No I'm not. I'm just emotional".

"That's true. You're a Pisces".

"I don't want to be scared to say that I love you".

"I'm glad you can say that".

"Do you like me".

"Yeah".

"Why".

"Because I can have a friendship with you and it's not just for sex".

"I'm glad".

"But I can't give you what you want".

"I don't want to put a leash on you. I just want you to know how I feel about you".

"I care for you too".

"That's what I feel".

"But, I have a lover. You know that".

"I know. I just hope that I'm giving you something your lover doesn't".

"You do make me happy. We can talk to each other".

"I feel that too. We're good with each other".

"We are".

"I love you".

"I can't give you what you want".

"You've made that understood".

"I mean, I do have a lover".

"You forget. So do I".

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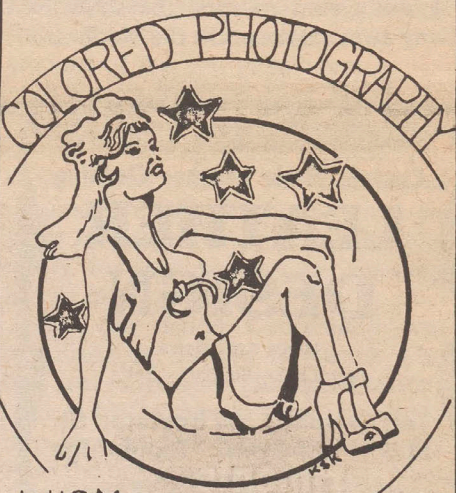
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## Speaking for Myself

### 'Ageism' as a gay issue

By ALLAN STEWART

(Ageism, racism, and sexism/feminism, no matter how hotly debated, may not be as relevant to gay liberation as their proponents would have us believe. In a series of three columns, of which this is the first, these issues will be discussed from this particular, perhaps contrary, point of view. Your response is invited.)

The concept of "ageism" is as absurd as the made-up word used to describe it. It's supposed to be the oppression of older people in a "youth-oriented" gay community. Older people say they are not "appreciated" by younger ones, that they are frustrated by growing older in a community which is not responsive to their needs. I suspect it's very often just frustration over no longer being "young and desirable," as a choice sexual object.

Ageing is a very natural, so far irreversible process. There seem to be two ways to do it. One is to grow older gracefully; the other is to just get older, fighting it all the way. The key words in there, of course, are "grow" and "get."

Everyone knows people who are just getting older. Their frustrations and insecurities are as obvious as their futile attempts to retain their lost youth. I suspect they are the people who are most vocal about gay ageism. Even though they're visible and vocal, I'm sure they're a tiny minority among older gay people.

Most gay people grow older gracefully. As they do, they become less visible in the gay community. It simply has nothing to offer them anymore.

They are secure and comfortable with themselves as human beings. They lead rich, full, rewarding lives, often with a lover of many years. They see no reason to involve themselves in the "youth-oriented" frantic cruising and hassles of the gay community. And they're right: there is no reason.

Two of my best friends are now in their mid-seventies. They've been devoted lovers for over forty years. They're not closet cases. They do not flaunt their gayness or their relationship, nor do they try to conceal it from family, friends, professional associates. When they see a real need, they are supportive of gay causes. They have been incredibly supportive of me for years, though I must confess it is often tinged with wry humor and a certain tolerant bemusement over the vicissitudes of youth.

These people are GROWING older gracefully, joyfully, zestfully. Each year is a fresh new experience, not a re-run. They are growing as human beings by savoring and, above all, using their experiences. They are not stuck in the rut of some remote "golden" year. They are alive, dynamic people, and I love them dearly. Though they are more than old enough to be my parents, I can never think of them as old. They are super friends, as much as any of my contemporaries, and maybe better.

Once I asked them if they would like to be in their teens or twenties again and have their lives to live over. The answer, predictably, was an emphatic No. Having reached an age where I'm no longer young but not yet old, I can truthfully answer the same question in the same way. If I can grow older half

as gracefully as they, and many other people I know too, I'll count myself fortunate indeed.

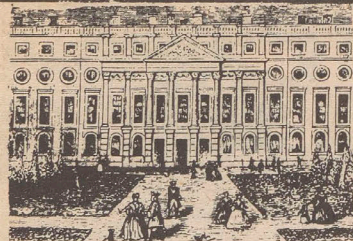
The problem with most gay people who complain so bitterly about "ageism" is that they can't seem to bear growing older. They just *get* older. While we should sympathize with them, I do not believe the cause of gay liberation is furthered by letting them make a community issue out of it. There are supportive gay social agencies — in Boston, the Homophile Community Health Service, for one, and perhaps the Metropolitan Community Church — which can provide expert assistance for victims of gay ageism, so it can't be said the gay community is entirely deaf to their needs.

In the end, however, gay ageism is a personal problem, not an issue for the gay community at large. But as long as a few people are permitted to make it a political and community issue, they are selfishly dissipating energies which are badly needed elsewhere.

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(NOTE, to Billy in Alabama: The Greek word *Anarchos* simply meant a year in which the Polis didn't elect an *Archos* or *Leader*. The result was usually chaotic. So, today, *anarchy* connotes political disorder and confusion and a lack of a cohering principle as well as a lack of civil authority. In my column on gay churches I used *anarchy* in both its archaic and modern senses. It was, quite literally, precisely the word I wanted for the context in which it appeared.)

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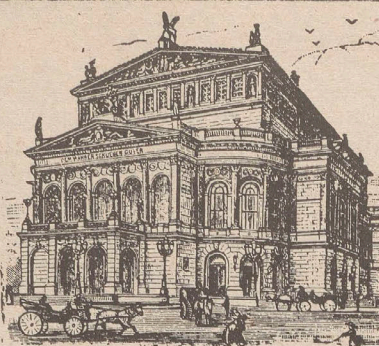
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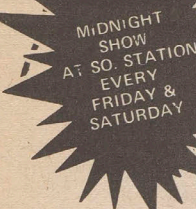


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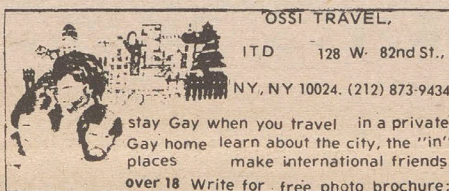
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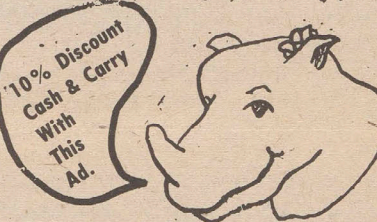
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Boston Gay Youth 266-4338  
Boston College Homophile Union 277-8096  
Boston University Gays 353-3635  
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group) 265-6409  
Cambridge Hotline 876-7528  
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807  
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368  
Charlestown Gay Neighbors' Assn. 241-8357  
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469  
Closet Space (WCAS, 740 AM) 492-6450  
Daughters of Bilitis 262-1592  
Dignity of Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215  
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts, Rm. 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108  
Fag Rag 536-9826  
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573  
Fengay, c/o Tom Nyland 267-1066  
Gay Hotline (3-9 Mon-Fri) 426-9371  
Gay Academic Union of New England, PO Box 212, Boston 02101 266-2069  
Gay Alert (for gay community emergency only) 523-0368, 267-0764  
Gay Media Action, c/o GCN, Box 5000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108 523-1081  
Gay Community News 426-4469  
Gay Media Action Advertising 783-1627  
Gay Nurses Alliance 232-6323  
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x2396  
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451  
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9 FM) 353-2790  
Gay Legislation '75, PO Box 8841, JFK Sta., Boston 02114 491-2787, 661-9362  
Gay Youth Advocates, 70 Charles St. 227-8587  
Gender Identity Service 864-8181  
Good Gay Poets 536-9826  
Hang In There Hotline (H.I.T.) 738-0486  
Homophile Community Health Service 542-5188

Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn. 498-3705 or 498-5787  
Lesbian Liberation c/o Women's Center 354-8807  
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807  
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807  
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge 661-0450  
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664  
MIT Student Homophile League 253-5440  
National Organization for Women 267-6160  
Other Voices Bookstore, 30 Bromfield St., Boston 267-9150  
Project Place 267-0764  
Fr. Paul Shanley 227-8587  
Project Lambda 227-8587  
Tufts Gay Community (ask for referral) 628-5000  
Waltham-Watertown Gays, c/o GCN, Box 7100 547-2302  
Women's Community Health Center, Cambridge 547-2302  
**EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS** [Area Code 617]  
Clark Gay Alliance, F.O. Box 2118, Clark Univ., Worcester, MA 01610, Dignity/Merrimack Valley, PO Box 348, Lowell 01853  
Homophile Union of Massachusetts, PO Box 262, Fitchburg, 01420 756-0730  
MCC/Worcester 487-0387  
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 999-1070  
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657 745-0594  
New Bedford Women's Clinic 8-10 pm (Tues. Only) 752-8330  
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747 545-0154  
Worcester Gay Union 545-0883  
**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS**  
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-2876  
Everywomen's Center, Amherst 545-3438  
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM 91.9) 545-3438  
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst

Dignity/Springfield, PO Box 488, Forrest Park Sta., Springfield 01107 542-4889  
Hampshire College Gay Friends 253-2591  
Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Amherst 545-0626  
Southwest Women's Center 583-3904  
Springfield Gay Alliance 545-0154  
UMass Student Homophile League 586-2011  
Valley Women's Center, Northampton  
**RHODE ISLAND** [area code 401]  
Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown Univ., Providence 02912 863-6878  
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861 831-5184  
Gay Women of Providence 274-4737  
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 792-5817  
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817  
MCC/Providence, 37 Clemence St., Providence 863-6878  
**VERMONT** [area code 802]  
Counseling for Gay Women & Men, c/o Vt. Women's Health Center, 158 Bank St., Burlington 05401 863-1386  
Counseling for Gay Women & Men, Gay Student Union, Billings Student Center, U. of Vermont, Burlington 05401 658-3830  
Goddard College Gay Students Organization, PO Box 501, Plainfield 05667 454-7174  
Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237  
Women's Switchboard 862-5504  
**CONNECTICUT** [area code 203]  
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530  
Gay Alliance/Yale, 2031 Yale St., New Haven, 06520; 3:00 pm-9:00 pm Mon-Thurs. 436-8945  
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646  
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 523-9837  
MCC/Hartford 522-5575, 523-9837  
UConn/Storrs 745-2359

Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281  
Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford 568-2656  
MCC/Hartford 522-5575  
Wesleyan Gay Alliance, c/o Wesleyan Women's Center, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown, Conn. 06457  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE** [area code 603]  
Gay Women's Rap Group 772-6636  
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance, Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801  
Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824  
Women's Group, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261 (DO NOT use "gay" on any mail to this group)  
**MAINE** [area code 207]  
Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, PO Box 1046, Bangor 04401  
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011  
Gay Community Center/Gay Support and Action, c/o Bangor Tenants' Union, 23 Franklin St., Bangor 04401  
Gay Rights Organization (GRO), PO Box 4542, Portland 04114  
Hancock County Gays, PO Box 275, Ellsworth 04605  
Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011  
Maine Freewomen's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011  
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667  
Maine Gay Task Force/MGTF Newsletter, Box 4542, Portland 04144  
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901  
Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono 04473 581-2571



# Coming... April 15 thru 27



## 15 tues

John Wieners will give a reading of selected poems this evening at 8 pm at Other Voices Bookstore, 30 Bromfield St., Boston (between Washington and Tremont).

Otherfund will hold a press conference today, followed by a speech featuring Rep. Paul N. "Pete" McCloskey, Jr., one of the sponsors of Bella Abzug's bill on gay rights. This marks the beginning of the fund-raising campaign, *Otherway '75*. For further info call (617) 426-0412.

## 16 wed

Eric Bentley will be giving a free concert at 8 pm, Morse Auditorium, Boston University. Sponsored by the Student Activities Committee.

~~"Female Trouble," starring the one and only DIVINE, and the whole "Pink Flamingos" gang will be shown as a benefit for GCN at the Garden Cinema, 16 Arlington St., Boston. Rated X (to say the least). Call 536-9477 for show times.~~

The Gay Recreational Activities Committee will have a meeting this evening at 8:30 pm at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All interested peoples are asked to attend. A spring outing and hiking will be discussed.

The Rhode Island Feminist Theatre returns to the Caravan Theatre, 1555 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, April 16, 18 and 19 at 8:00 and 10:00 pm. Tickets are \$2.50. The Wednesday performance will be a double benefit for Ann McCurry and Joan Little. For reservations call 868-8520 or 354-9107.

The Organization of American Historians will be meeting at the Statler Hilton Hotel, rm. 414 from 4:30-6 pm. They will be discussing "teaching/research in gay history and the problems of homophobia in the profession". Interested students and scholars are welcome to attend. For further information contact Charley Shively any afternoon at 536-9826. April 16 thru 19

## 17 thurs

All West Fenway Gay Residents interested in forming a social organization

are asked to attend a meeting this evening at 8 pm. For information as to location please call 536-3896 or 247-3595.

## 18 fri

Tonight Otherfund presents "Cabaret 75," a NYC disco-dance, from 9 pm to 1 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Your \$2.50 donation for "Otherway 75."

GOLDEN GAYS, a new group for men and women will have a social meeting Fridays 7-9 pm, at the Charles St. Meetinghouse Coffee Shop, 70 Charles St., Boston. Come make new friends in a relaxed, congenial atmosphere. All welcome, even if you're young and beautiful.

"One Struggle Many Fronts". There will be a gay contingent of the "Peoples Bicentennial Commission" demonstration Friday night and Saturday morning in Concord. We will be gathering Friday at 10:30 pm. at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Bring your car for a very important midnight ride. Be a part of the gay shot heard round the world.



## 19 sat

A dance to benefit the Lower Cape Women's Center will take place this evening at the Provincetown Inn, Commercial St., Provincetown, Ma., 9 pm to 1 am. Come dance to Liliths ten piece band. Admission \$2.00. Call the Center at 487-3075 for info

People who want to learn and people who already know how to play soccer are invited to come together in front of the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade at 2 pm. For further info, call Gay Recreation Activities Committee (GRAC), (617) 241-8357.

Gay community gardening will hold its first meeting to try and apply for public land for vegetable gardens this summer. We need people interested in raising and eating their own. Call 426-0576 for more info, or come to the GCN office at 1:00 pm this afternoon.

A Gay Moonlight Cruise and Dance, for the benefit of HCHS Hotline, will be leaving from Rowe's Wharf this evening at 8 pm and returning at 11 pm. There will be live entertainment, and refreshments on board. All tickets are \$5.00 in advance. Please mail a check or money order, plus a stamped self-addressed envelope, to HCHS, Rm. 855, 80 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02116. For more information call 542-5188.

## 20 sun

Linda Shear will be featured in a benefit for the National Lesbians Defense Fund. The benefit will be held at Bread & Roses restaurant, 134 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Ma., at 3 pm. There will be a \$2.00 donation asked; children free. An event by and for women.

Otherfund presents Jade and Sarsaparilla, this afternoon, 2 pm at the Citadel, 22 Avery St., Boston. A \$2.50 donation will be asked at the door. For the benefit of "Otherway 75."

"Lesbians and Health Care" is the title of a four week self help group which will be held at the Women's Community Health Center, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge. Some initial topics may include cervical self-exam, lesbians and VD, infections, and others. The group direction will be determined by the women who participate. The group will meet from 7 to 10 pm for four weeks, and will be limited to 12 women. A donation of \$15.00 will be asked. To sign up call the WCHC at 547-2302.

Volleyball outdoors on the Esplanade this afternoon at 2 pm. Meet in front of the Hatchshell, bring refreshments and energy. For further info 241-8357.

## 23 wed

There will be an important meeting of the SMUGA in the Student Senate Chamber on the 2nd. floor of the campus center to discuss the future of the alliance. If there is not enough response the alliance will close.

## 24 thurs

Jade and Sarsaparilla will be appearing on the Pat Mitchell Show, Ch. 4 WBZ-TV, this afternoon from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Robert Goodman, a student at the Harvard University School of Education, will discuss his dissertation research at the 8:00 pm meeting of the Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association. The research is an examination of social and moral issues confronting and relating to gay people, analyzed from a developmental perspective. To be held at the Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard.



## 25 fri

Ron Schrieber, Charley Shively and other gay poets will be reading at the Boston University Book Fair this afternoon at 4 pm.

All couples (women & men) are invited to the monthly Couples Pot-Luck Supper Forum, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston. This is a great chance to relax and share with other couples. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share. That's 7:30 pm at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

## 26 sat

A "Feminists and Therapy" conference will be held at the Harvard Science Center, sponsored by the Feminists Studies Program at Goodard-Cambridge Graduate Program in Social Change. Interested women should contact Goodard-Cambridge for pre-registration forms. Mail to 5 Upland Rd., Cambridge 02140, or call (617) 492-0700.

## 27 sun

The Tufts Gay Community is sponsoring a Boston Spring Gay Picnic to be held at Tufts, on the hill by the library facing College Avenue, from 2 pm-6 pm. It is open to the entire peoplehood, just bring a picnic basket and a friend or two. We'll supply the hill, grass, trees, ants, music and some food and drink. Come join us and greet the spring with a Gay heart!

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

## everyweek

### 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  
6:30-9:30—Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573

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

8 pm—Brown Univ. Gay Liberation, 88 Benevolent St., Providence; 2nd floor;  
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

### THURSDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine  
7:30 pm—Pioneer Valley Gay Union, basement meeting rms., Grace Church/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—Golden Gays, social meeting, Charles Street Meetinghouse Coffee Shop

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.

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

### SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 88 Gainsborough St., Boston

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 Coffeeshop, 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

2:00 pm—Gay Volleyball. Call 241-8357  
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, 11Q1 Boylston St., Boston

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

4-6 pm—Gay Women's 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

9:00 pm—UConn Gay Alliance Coffee House, Inner College Trailer, "R" lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Ct.

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