

inside:

rites of spring, p. 6

alcoholism, p. 8

jay foote, p. 10

stewart on sexism, p. 13

the gay weekly for the northeast

Vol. 2, No. 47

May 17, 1975

Deputy Mayor Accused

By Kevin J. McGirr

BOSTON — The third week of hearings before the Boston Licensing Board culminated with testimony from Frank Cashman, manager of Jacques and the Other Side, who charged that Deputy Mayor Robert Kiley had solicited a bribe. Cashman testified that on the night of February 7, during a visit by both Mayor White and Deputy Mayor Kiley to the bars, Cashman approached Kiley to inquire about the purpose of the visit. Cashman quoted Kiley as saying, "There are votes in this neighborhood . . . this is an election year . . . fags don't vote and we won't be getting any precincts in South Boston . . . If you can get Vara to bring \$50,000 to the Mayor we can straighten this out and if necessary we'll get Byrne (chairperson of the Licensing Board) up there to guarantee it . . . get the money or you're fucked . . ." Kiley's reference to "fags not voting" was a response to a query from Cashman about the votes of the people in the bars.

Cashman's words came back to back with testimony from Henry Vara, owner of the bars, who also recounted

the visit of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. Vara reported overhearing the Mayor commenting to one of his companions, "I don't see anything wrong here." Vara also reported overhearing the Mayor commenting to Kiley, "These are normal people here. These are controlled premises. I don't know what people are talking about."

"We've Got the Power"

Kiley asked Vara if he was aware of crime in the neighborhood. Vara asked if he were to be held responsible for all the crime in the area. Vara testified that Kiley stated, "We're going to make it look that way . . . We're going to blow this up so big . . . We're going to make you look like assholes and drum you out of business, and you better believe we've got the power."

Vara consistently testified that he felt police surveillance was "victimizing and harassing," adding that he would observe fifteen plainclothes police on a given evening watching the bars and management, rather than "fighting crime on the streets." He cited resistance by police to his

(Continued on page 6)



Afternoon fire, May 3 at Jacques in the Bay Village (photo by John Kenneth Cowhey) (story p. 3)

Gay News Commentator

NBC Outlet Scores National First

By Jack Armstrong

BOSTON — WBZ-TV has selected Ellen B. Davis as a resource person for gay news.

The new position is the first of its type anywhere, according to Davis and Loretta Lottman, media co-ordinator for the National Gay Task Force.

Davis, who is chairperson of Gay Media Action, said she will occasionally appear on "First 4 News," 5:30-6 p.m., which will debut May 26. She will advise the station's news department of events of importance to gay people, and she will go on the air to comment on the news.

"I don't know how often I'll be on the air, but at least this is a positive first step," she noted. "It's important that the gay community has input into broadcast news programs so that gay people can identify positively with someone and so that straight people can hear how the gay community feels and reacts to certain issues."

Since former Gay Media Action chairperson Loretta Lottman moved to New York, Davis has headed the organization and has produced Closet Space, a gay radio program heard Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on WCAS-AM. But she pointed out that over the past two years Gay Media Action has concentrated many of its efforts on television stations and networks in hopes of promoting an accurate representation of gay people on TV.

"More people watch television than read newspapers or magazines," Davis explained. For many people television is their primary link with affairs outside their own homes and jobs," she said. And it is through television



Ellen B. Davis, Chairperson, Gay Media Action (photo by Jane Picard)

that the greatest number of people can learn of the struggle for gay civil rights.

She added that few gay people realize television stations have an obligation, as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission, to serve the needs of their local community.

"Gay people are as much a part of the whole community as anybody else," she said, adding that stations which ignore or distort news about gay people "are not fulfilling the needs of their audience, some of which is gay."

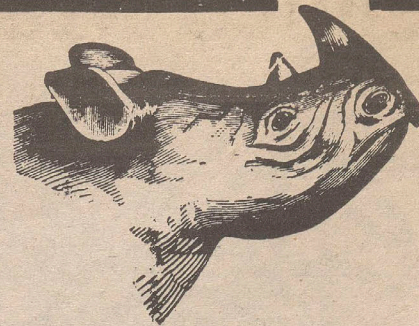
Davis also promised to retain close ties to average gay people in order to portray as broad an array of gay opinions as possible.

Contacted in New York, Loretta Lottman, said Channel 4's action is "the single most spectacular thing that's happened" in the gay movement's dealings with television executives.

The idea for the gay consultant position originated by GCN managing editor Marion Tholander when she first learned of Channel 4's plans to expand its news program. She contacted the station and arranged for several gay people to meet with station executive. After a series of interviews and auditions, Davis was chosen for the job.

Davis, 25, is a native of Philadelphia and has travelled extensively in her involvement with Volunteers In Service to America (VISTA) and other social and political movements. She came out politically and sexually as a lesbian in Boston in 1973, and was GCN's first news editor.

news notes

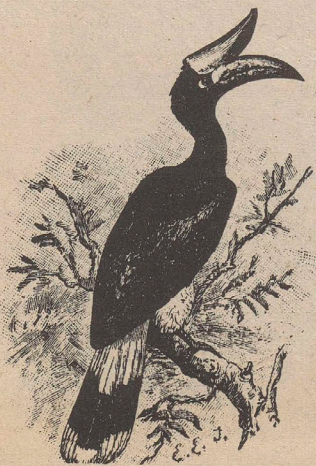


ANTI-GAY CLEAN-UP

MONTREAL (*Gay Times*) — A source close to the Montreal Urban Commission Police Department claims that there is a master plan to clean up gay activity in the city prior to the Olympics. According to the source, police are now undergoing special training for the campaign.

As the plan presently exists, there would be a weekly series of raids on baths and bars, with the aim of questioning and harassing patrons rather than winning court convictions. A two or three month quiet period would then follow over the summer and harassment would resume with large numbers of simultaneous raids on one weekend in the fall.

In the last few months there have been several raids on gay establishments and areas in the city, including a February raid on the Aquarius Baths which was destroyed by fire April 12 (GCN Vol. 2, No. 45), two raids on the popular men's bar the Rocambole, and the arrest of 40 men in a washroom in Place Ville Marie, a Montreal high-rise office building.



Rhinoceros Hornbill (*Buceros rhinoceros*).

NYC PICKET FOR GAY RIGHTS

NEW YORK — The Gay Activists Alliance held a week of demonstrations outside New York City Hall Monday, May 5 through Friday, May 9th from noon to 2 p.m. The demonstration was held to demand the passage of Intro 554, which would prohibit discrimination against gays in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

The bill was introduced last fall by city councilperson Carter Burden and fifteen other co-sponsors. The bill is currently in the General Welfare Committee awaiting scheduling of a hearing date by chairperson Aileen Ryan. A "sponsor's privilege motion" to require the General Welfare Committee to consider the bill has been filed with Chairperson Ryan, which is responsible for sending the bill to the full city council. Ms. Ryan has to act upon this motion and schedule a hearing on the bill no later than May 13.

Intro 554 has a long history. It was first introduced in 1971 as Intro 475; it was reintroduced in 1974 as Intro 2. Intro 475 was defeated four times in committee, and Intro 2 once by the City Council, after being passed by committee.

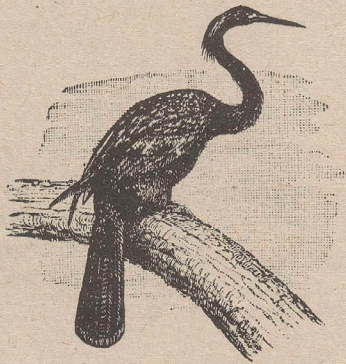
SHAPP GETS FLAK

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Governor Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania, who recently signed an executive order banning discrimination against gays (GCN Vol. 2, No. 46), has been receiving mail 60% against and 40% for his decision. Everyone is urged to write and tell him that he made a wise decision to support the rights of gays. Write: Gov. Milton Shapp, c/o State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

HARVARD ENDS HARASSMENT

CAMBRIDGE — The members of the Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association have exonerated the administration of Harvard University of charges of instituting anti-gay police practices at the Lamont Library men's rest room. The GSA voted on May 1 to send a letter to the administration stating that the gay group is convinced that "no effort is being made to harass gay members of the Harvard community."

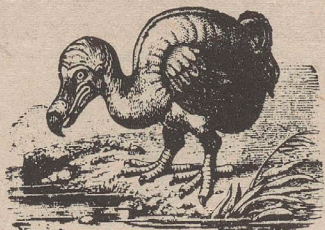
GSA President Lewis Lasher, who signed the letter, expressed his thanks to Sgt. Smith and Mr. Fennelly of the Harvard Campus Police for directing their efforts only and "accurately towards the criminal element."



American Snake-bird (*Pituophis annectans*).

VERMONT COVERED BRIDGE

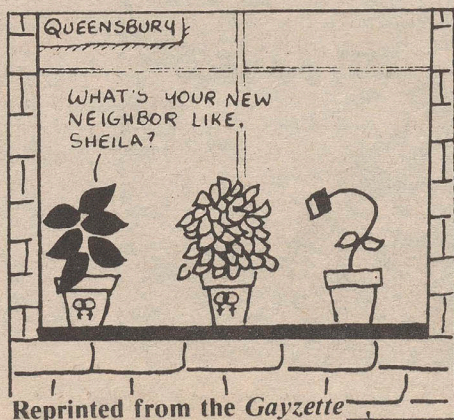
PLAINFIELD — Due to lack of interest by students and native Vermonters and due to the fact that this reporter will soon be leaving the Plainfield area, the Goddard College Gay Student Organization's post office box and phone number will be discontinued. Organizations with mailing lists please take note in order to avoid waste of postage money. Enquiries concerning gay events in Vermont should be addressed to any of the other Vermont addresses in the Quick Gay Guide.



Dodo. — From a painting in the Belvedere, Vienna.

GAY VETERANS

Veterans interested in ending discrimination and harassment against service personnel are asked to get involved with a new group concerned with the needs of gays in the services. Did you have a security clearance? Would you be willing to testify to the fact that you were gay while in the military? The group is interested in hearing from all veterans, wherever you may live. Write to Gay Veterans, Box 4500, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.



Reprinted from the Gayzette

PROTECTION FOR GAYS

MADISON, Wis. (*Contact*) — Madison's Equal Opportunities Ordinance now covers gays, transvestites and transsexuals from discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, public facilities and credit. Madison becomes the seventeenth city in the U.S. to grant some kind of protection to sexual minorities.

PROJECT SELF IN W. MASS.

AMHERST — A series of weekly courses are being offered this summer by the Everywoman's Center, including a course entitled "About Your Sexuality." More information can be obtained by writing Everywoman's Center, Goodell Hall, U/Mass 01002.

Roll Call on Mass. Bill H.5868

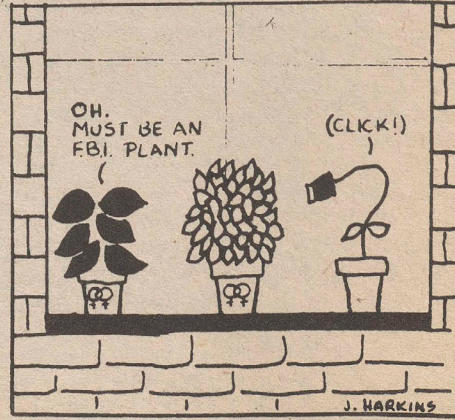
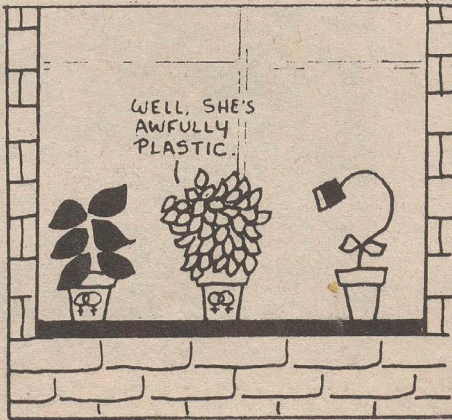
(This is the roll-call vote on ordering H.5868, a bill banning discrimination against gays in public employment, to a third reading. This vote, on which the bill passed 129-96, was taken on the original bill before it was amended.)

DEMOCRATS FOR—

Speaker Bartley
McGEE (Lynn)
ALMEIDA (Plymouth)
AMICK (Bedford)
BALTHAZAR (Hudson)
BEAUCHESNE (Methuen)
BERTONAZZI (Milford)
BEVILACQUA (Haverhill)
BOLLING (Mattapan)
BROWNELL (Quincy)
BUGLIONE (Methuen)
BUNTE (Roxbury)
BURKE, K. (Beverly)
BUSINGER (Brookline)
BUXBAUM (Sharon)
CAHILLANE (Springfield)
COHEN (Andover)
COLLINS (Amherst)
COLO (Athol)
COUNIHAN (Concord)
CUSACK (Arlington)
DALY (Brighton)
DELAHUNT (Quincy)
DELLO RUSSO (Medford)
DEMERS (Chicopee)
DONOVAN (Chelsea)
DUFFIN (Lenox)
FARLAND (Southbridge)
FILOSA (Wrentham)
FINNIGAN, Richard (Dorchester)
FITZGERALD (Mission Hill)
FLAHERTY, C. (Cambridge)
FLYNN, B. (Amesbury)
FLYNN, W. (Hanover)
FRANK (Back Bay)
GALLUGI (Wakefield)
GALOTTI (Belmont)
GARCZYNSKI (Chicopee)
GOODE (Roxbury)
GOULSTON (Stoughton)
GUILLMETTE (Lawrence)
HARRINGTON, P. (Newton)
HENDERSON (Hull)
HURRELL (North Andover)
JOHNSTON (Marshfield)
JONES (Middleboro)
JORDAN (Springfield)
KEARNEY (E.B.-Chsn.)
KEEFE (Worcester)
KENDALL (Falmouth)
KENNEDY (Lowell)
KEVERIAN (Everett)
KHOURY (Lawrence)
KING, J. (Danvers)
KING, M. (South End)
LAFONTAINE (Gardner)
LAMBROS (Dracut)
LANDRY (Waltham)
LAPOINTE (Chicopee)
LAWTON (Brookton)
LYNCH (Westfield)
MAHONEY (Cambridge)
MANNING, D. (Waltham)
MARKEY (Malden)
MAROTTA (Medford)
MATRANGO (No. Adams)
McGRATH, R. J. (Newton)
McLAUGHLIN (Billerica)
MEAN (Stoneham)
METAYER (Braintree)
MOFFENSON (Newton)
MULLIN (Maynard)
MURPHY (Peabody)
NAGLE (Northampton)
NAVIN (Marlborough)
NICKINELLO (Natick)
NOBLE (Fenway)
O'DONNELL (Salem)
PECK (Dartmouth)
PINA (New Bedford)
PINES (Newton)

PIRO (Somerville)
POKASKI (Dorchester)
SAGGESE (Winthrop)
SCELSI (Pittsfield)
SEGEL (Brookline)
SERRA (East Boston)
SMITH (Lynn)
STARZEC (Webster)
SULLIVAN (Norwood)
SWANSON (Brockton)
SWARTZ (Haverhill)
TEAHAN (Whitman)
VOLTERRA (Attleboro)
WEINBERG (Allston)
WETHERBEE (Pepperell)
WETMORE (Barre)
WHITE, T. (Worcester)
WHITE, W. P. (Dorchester)
DEMOCRATS AGAINST—
AGUIAR (Swansea)
ALEIXO (Taunton)
AMBLER (Weymouth)
ASIAF (Brockton)
BASSETT (Lynn)
BOFFETTI (Taunton)
BOHIGIAN (Worcester)
BOURQUE (Fitchburg)
BRETT (Quincy)
BUFFONE (Worcester)
BURKE, W. (Natick)
CAIN (Wilmington)
CAMPOBASSO (Arlington)
CAREY (Easthampton)
CATALDO (Revere)
CERASOLI (Quincy)
CHMURA, R. (Springfield)
CHMURA, S. (Ludlow)
COFFEY (W. Springfield)
COLLARO (Worcester)
CONNELL (Weymouth)
CONNOLLY, M. (Rosindale)
CONWAY (Malden)
COPPINGER (W. Roxbury)
CORAZZINI (Shrewsbury)
COURY (New Bedford)
CREEDON (Brockton)
CREIGHTON (Uxbridge)
DORIS (Revere)
EARLY (Lowell)
ENGDAHL (Worcester)
FALLON (Clinton)
FANTASIA (Somerville)
FINNEGAN, John (Dorchester)
FLAHERTY, M. (South Boston)
FLYNN, P. (Bridgewater)
FLYNN, R. (South Boston)
GRENIER (Spencer)
HOGAN (Everett)
HOWE (Somerville)
JOYCE (Woburn)
KELLEHER (Jamaica Plain)
KITTERMAN (Pittsfield)
KUSS (Fall River)
LaPLANTE (Bellingham)
LAPPIN (Springfield)
LOMBARDI (Cambridge)
LONG, J. (New Bedford)
LOPES (New Bedford)
MacLEAN (Fairhaven)
MANNING, M. J. (Milton)
McBRIDE (Adams)
McCARTHY, P. (Peabody)
McGOWAN (Dedham)
McGRATH, R. M. (Watertown)
McKENNA (Springfield)
McNEIL (Leicester)
MELIA (Brighton)
MORIARTY (Abington)
NORTON (Fall River)
O'BRIEN (Fall River)
ORLANDI (Boston)
PERRY (Monson)

PHELAN (Lynn)
PICKETT (Somerville)
PICUCCI (Leominster)
RAPOSA (Somerset)
ROHAN (Holyoke)
RONAYNE (Canton)
ROURKE (Lowell)
RUCHO (Worcester)
SCACCIA (Hyde Park)
SEMENSI (Randolph)
SHAGNESSY (Woburn)
SHEA, C. V. (Worcester)
SHEA, P. (Lowell)
TOOMEY (Cambridge)
VIGNEAU (Burlington)
VIVEIROS (Fall River)
REPUBLICANS FOR—
AMES (Easton)
BLISS (No. Attleboro)
CARD (Holbrook)
COLE (Lexington)
CURTISS (Sheffield)
DICKSON (Weston)
FREEMAN (Chelmsford)
GANNETT (Wayland)
GILLETTE (Pembroke)
GRAY (Framingham)
HATCH (Beverly)
HEALY (Charlestown)
HOLLAND (Longmeadow)
LANE (Essex)
MANZELLI (Watertown)
McDOWELL (Dennis)
NATSIOS (Holliston)
NORDBERG (Reading)
ROBINSON (Melrose)
SALTMARSH (Winchester)
SILVA (Gloucester)
SIMONS (Montague)
SPRAGUE (Sherborn)
TRUDEAU (Wilbraham)
VELIS (Westfield)
WALKER (Salisbury)
ZEISER (Wellesley)
REPUBLICANS AGAINST—
BLY (Saugus)
BUELL (Boxford)
CAHOON (Harwich)
CONNELLY, E. (Agawam)
COX (Needham)
DRISCOLL (Northbridge)
HARRINGTON, E. (Holden)
HARRIS (Marblehead)
LONG, C. (Dover)
MacKENZIE (Wareham)
REYNOLDS (Northborough)
RODHAM (Lynnfield)
ROGERS (Westborough)
SHORTELL (Greenfield)
WILBER (Barnstable)
WOODS (Franklin)
YOUNG (Scituate)
INDEPENDENTS FOR—
GAFFNEY (Tewksbury)
McCARTHY, T. (Oak Bluffs)
PENTA (Medford)
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING—
CRAVEN (Jamaica Plain)
DONNELLY (Dorchester)
DWINNELL (Millbury)
FEENEY (Hyde Park)
FOTRES (Mattapan)
GAUDETTE (New Bedford)
GRIMALDI (Springfield)
LOMBARD (Fitchburg)
NOLAN (Ware)
PERRAULT (Westford)
RUANE (Salem)
SCIBELLI (Springfield)
DANOVITCH (Norwood)
DFSROCHER (Nantucket)



Amended Mass. Bill Passes

By David Brill

BOSTON — By a margin of only 7 votes, the Massachusetts House of Representatives last week voted to adopt an amendment to H.5868, a bill banning discrimination against gays in public employment. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Charles W. Long (R-Dover), makes the bill virtually useless.

The scenario began last Monday when Rep. Richard E. Landry (D-Waltham), head of the House Public Service Committee, made a motion to reconsider the amendment to the bill which the House had passed the previous Thursday by a vote of 113-102. Landry called the Long amendment "a cruel hoax" and that it would "Kill the whole guts of the bill."

Long insisted that the amendment would simply protect state workers from what he called "Personally offensive, overt conduct." Rep. Gary D. Jones (D-Middleboro) and Rep. James E. Smith (D-Lynn) each interrupted Long during his remarks to criticize his logic.

Jones wanted to know what Long saw as the difference between "illegitimate and legitimate" sexual behavior. Smith, one of the House's more outspoken liberals, asked Long how he would differentiate between a 50-year old straight man making sexual advances to his 23-year-old secretary and a gay man propositioning another man. "Wouldn't they be equally offensive?" Smith asked.

Rep. William A. Connell (D-Weymouth), who was the object of a pithy editorial in Monday's *Boston Globe* criticizing him for using the words "Dykes, queers, and fags," in his remarks on Thursday's debate, took the floor again to debate against the bill. Connell attacked the *Globe*, the *Quincy Patriot Ledger*, and *Boston Herald American* columnist Bob Creamer (who said Connell was speaking "gutter remarks" and that he was "an embarrassment to the entire House.") for trying to run the legislature. "The press does not deter me," he said.

Connell continued, "These people are predatory. They are recruiting, and the only thing that they are looking for in this bill is our endorsement of their actions." For twenty minutes, Connell rambled on, insisting that the bill was both worthless and dangerous.

"This is not a license to annoy another person or group of persons," replied angry Rep. Barney Frank (D-Back Bay) to Connell. Frank said that the bill is needed because gay people are already suffering because of the attitude Connell espouses.

Rep. Bruce H. Zeiser (R-Wellesley), said that the bill deals simply with discrimination. "There is no basis to logically discriminate," Zeiser said. "The Committee is not endorsing any social behavior. We should pass the bill the way we voted for it, and reject the amendment."

The til-then noisy House chamber quieted down when Rep. Elaine Noble (D-Back Bay) took the rostrum. In a rare display of detectable anger, Noble blasted Connell, argued that the bill had nothing to do with soliciting, and said that she did not like being referred to as "a blank" — which is the term Connell substituted when he did not want to use the word "dyke."

Rep. William F. Hogan (D-Everett) then took the floor to read the present civil service statutes, insisting that there was absolutely no basis for such legislation. Hogan told the House that he had spoken to a gay woman, whom he said was a state employee, earlier that day, and that she could provide no positive case of discrimination against her.

Hogan then sought to bring up the subject of violence among and directed at gays, stating that he was worried about what would happen if there were homosexuals working close by, and quickly found himself in the middle of an argument with Rep. Frank, who said that the subject of gay-related beatings has nothing to do with discrimination in public employment.

The most confusing support for the amendment came from Rep. Nils L. Nordberg (R-Reading), who, ironically, voted in support of the exact same bill during the 1974 session of the legislature. Nordberg, who appears as a co-sponsor of H.2944 (the Mass. sodomy-law repeal bill) said that he support Section 1 of the bill, which he called "long overdue," but that Section 2 was "totally unnecessary."

Rep. William Mullins (D-Maynard) a supporter of the original bill, then tried to close debate on the amendment, but was interrupted by Rep. David J. Swartz (D-Haverhill), who is serving as the floor sponsor of H.2848, the broader anti-discrimination measure that was recently reported out favorably from the Commerce and Labor Committee. "There are people who are celibate," Swartz said, and that "this bill deals with (sexual) preference, not actions."

After over an hour and fifteen minutes of debate, House Speaker

More on Grand Jury

Ky. Talks, Conn. Balks

The U.S. District Court of Lexington, Ky., this week, ruled that the grand jury was acting within its proper scope when it called the six students to testify in the Saxe-Power investigation. This was a damaging defeat for the four women still in jail. They had argued to the U.S. Court of Appeals, had won bail and a required review of the grand jury. But the District Court ruled that the grand jury was acting within its scope of power. So once again they were to be subpoenaed, questioned and, possibly, returned to jail if they refused to answer. Three of the four women agreed to testify. Only Jill Raymond returned to jail.

Although the bail had been set, the

people could not raise the money. Therefore they were still in jail when the ruling was handed down. Those that agreed to testify were allowed to leave jail by signing an agreement to return on the appointed day to testify. Raymond returned to jail, still unable to pay her bond. Marla Seymour, Gail Cohey, and Linda Link are now out of jail.

Meanwhile, in Connecticut the fight is beginning again for two women who were found in contempt of the grand jury in the Saxe-Power investigation. Ellen Grusse and Terry Turgeon of New Haven had been released from jail when the grand jury disbanded, but they have been subpoenaed to appear before the newly-convened grand jury. Hartford woman Diana Perkins has been called for the first time.

On Tuesday of last week the three women appeared before the grand jury and refused to testify. They were asked nineteen questions that included: did you know Saxe and Power's aliases and who else knew them? When they did not answer on the grounds that they might incriminate themselves, they were granted use immunity.

When the court grants use immunity it means that the evidence collected will not be used against the person testifying; however, the testimony may be used against others. Also, the person may later be prosecuted. Once use immunity is granted, the witnesses are ordered to talk to the grand jury. The Connecticut women were so ordered. Again, they refused to answer on the grounds that their testimony could still be used against them, that the investigation was an invasion of privacy, that the grand jury was being used as a tool of the FBI and misused to investigate, not the flight of fugitives, but the actions of the women's movement. They also claimed that the FBI's use of wiretapping abrogated their privacy rights as set forth in the Fourth Amendment.

The contempt hearing will be held on Monday. If the women again refuse to testify, they may be found in contempt of court and be sent to jail.



Ann Martin, Marion Tholander and Ann Maguire at booth at Jordan Marsh during The American Women '75 week.

David M. Bartley closed debate on the amendment, and ordered the roll call to be taken. The Long Amendment, which received 113 votes during the previous debate, was again adopted by the House, on a roll call vote of 119-112. The amended bill was then accepted by the House on a voice vote.

For the first time in the history of Massachusetts gay rights legislation, there was organized opposition prior to the House debate on this measure.

During the morning of the debate, representatives of a group calling itself the "National Alliance-Western Massachusetts Branch" were observed handing out flyers to individual legislators urging them to defeat the legislation. The organization is believed to be affiliated with the Belmont-based, ultra-right-wing John Birch Society.

Their letter to the legislators read, "As we see it, any acceptance of homosexual activity as 'normal' is, among other things, a negation of the community as it must be constituted if the race is not to perish."

GCN is seeking to contact the group, which is based in Springfield, Mass., to find out more about them.

The bill, which now contains only one section (prohibiting any civil service appointment, examination, or application from relating to a person's sexual preference), now goes to the Senate for concurrence.

Fire Damages Jacques

BOSTON — A two-alarm fire caused an estimated \$50,000 damage to Jacques bar in Boston's Bay Village section Saturday afternoon, May 3. Although the Boston Fire Department's Arson Squad has been called in to determine the exact cause of the blaze, Deputy Fire Chief George Thompson indicated that faulty electrical wiring on the upper floors of the 3½-story brick structure was the probable cause of the fire, which began in a bedroom closet.

Four residents of the building were forced to flee when their apartments became overcome with smoke. One of them, James Hopkins, 22, required stitches on his right ankle after he kicked in a window in an attempt to save another resident's pet poodle. The dog died in the fire.

Jacques itself suffered smoke and water damage, while the upper stories of the building were completely ravaged by the blaze.

Dennis Nixon, manager of Jacques, informed GCN that the bar opened at the end of last week. The residents of the building are presently living with friends and are expected to return to the building once the restoration is complete.

Always Art

It has become a well-worn cliché that we (gay people) are supposed to be more creative than straight people. Despite the acceptance of the cliché, gay artists and musicians often have a difficult time showing their work. For at least one day that will be changing.

On Saturday, May 17th, Always Art will happen in Horticulture Hall. 30 artists (predominantly women) will be showing and selling their art. Potters, painters, sculptors, weavers, and photographers will have a chance to display their work and seek recognition from the community. In addition, gay musicians will be playing their music in an atmosphere that is non-competitive for our (and their) enjoyment.

The day-long (10 am-6 pm) fair is being sponsored by Otherway 75 not only to raise money for the "Gay United Fund" but also to provide recognition for a group of talented people. Who knows, the perfect photograph for that empty space over your mantle may be there. Admission is \$1.75, refreshments will be available, and music will be played throughout the day.



Gay Community News (GCN) is dedicated to providing coverage of events and news of interest in the New England gay community as well as stimulation of event-oriented opinion within the community.

Second Class postage paid at Boston, MA. Annual subscription rate \$10.00.

Address for subscriptions, address changes, letters to the editor, contributions, comments, etc.: GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108. Telephone (617) 426-4469.

GCN is published weekly, and is copyright 1975 by GCN Inc., all rights reserved, reprint by permission only.

GCN's office hours are: Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm, and Thursday nights 6 to 9 pm. News and opinion reflected in "Editorial" represent the majority view of the editorial board. Signed letters and columns reflect the views and opinions of the authors only. Comments, criticisms, and information are always welcome from our readers; remember, it's your paper.

Managing Editor: Marion Tholander
News Editor: Linda Graham
Feature Editor: Lyn Rosen
Cir./Distrib. Mgr.: Ann Sanders
Business Mgr.: Skip Rosenthal
Office Mgr.: George Dimsey
Advertising Mgr.: Dianne Bellavance
Art/Layout Mgr.: Lester Stockman
Classifieds: William J. Xanadu Graphics
Typesetting: Charles Bonnell, Jonathan Cross, Janet Cooper, K. Margo, Tom Myles, Byron Marshall, A. Nolder Gay, Mike Rubenstein, Don Shewy, Allen Stewart, Xenia Williams

Calendar/QGG: George Dimsey
Art/Layout Staff: Ron Arruda, Philip B. Bob Connors, Anne Johnston, Maggie Krebs, Bernice Steisel, Ken Sommer, Ken Westhassel

Fundraising Coord.: Tony Caporaletti
News Staff: David Brill, Sturgis Haskins, Abe Haruvi, Ian Johnson, John Kyper, Linda Lachman, Laura McMurry, Kevin McGirr, Rick Paquette, Nancy Wechsler, Su Borden, Charles Bedard, Bruce McKeon, Larry Mahon, Jim Ashe, Jane Picard, Kathy Desilets, Charlie G. Diane Bellavance

News Photo: Jim Ashe, Jane Picard
Distrib. Staff: Kathy Desilets, Charlie G. Diane Bellavance
Advertising Staff: Denise
Copy Editor: Joe L.

Office Staff: Denise
Accountant: Joe L.
GCN paid staff reserves the right to reject any ad.

EDITORIAL

Certain members of the upper-hierarchy of the Boston Police Department have been widely quoted in the local press of late. Some excerpts:

"Ninety-nine percent of the ones (homosexuals) I've known or seen use drugs. They use drugs to justify their existence. It helps them forget what they're doing." (Det. Arthur Linsky, a 17-year veteran of the BPD's Drug Intelligence Unit, at a recent City Licensing Board hearing.)

"There are . . . different kinds . . . There is the overt homosexual, the person who is soliciting other males on the street. There are the people who have been incarcerated in some of our penal institutions and have acquired 'the homosexual habit' (quotations are ours). (Police Supt. Joseph M. Jordan, testifying at the same hearing.)

"Drag queens often have criminal records and attract weirdos. We FIO drag queens." (Deputy Police Supt. John F. Doyle, commander of the BPD's Intelligence Division, at the same hearing.)

In some ways, the Boston gay community has been more fortunate than its California counterparts in terms of police relations. Our bars are not raided — we don't think so, anyway — and we have been able to maintain fairly good relations with Commissioner Robert J. DiGrazia with a little help from a few other friendly politicians.

However, we should tolerate absolutely none of this most recent onslaught of verbal sludge directed at gay people from the Boston Police. Gays, Det. Linsky should know, do not like being called "fags" by official representatives of the police department at official city hearings.

Additionally, and more importantly, gays do not appreciate being referred to as a minority group consisting of 99% drug addicts . . . on drugs to help us "forget what we're doing." These remarks are nothing short of wholesale slander of an entire minority group, and that Det. Linsky could survive seventeen years on the police force — in the *Intelligence* Division — of all places is outrageous.

We would also like to take issue with Supt. Jordan's remarks. Our first peeve is the fact that Supt. Jordan was, at the hearing, seeking to present himself as an expert on the subject of sexuality. Although Mr. Jordan, with his 28 years on the force (some of it in

the Vice Squad), probably has some degree of competence in police work, we are unconvinced that the Boston Licensing Board should accept as fact his testimony regarding "different types of homosexuals". Ignorance always breeds prejudice, and Boston University offers a course in homosexuality to cure people like Mr. Jordan of both.

And finally, Deputy Supt. Doyle's allusions to an organized, Hooveresque file on every drag queen — and, perhaps, every gay person — seen in the city of Boston are more than frightening. They are appalling, and Mr. Doyle should be aware that his department's goings-on are due to be challenged in court soon.

Gay people are not all on drugs, nor do they all congregate in areas where drugs are readily available, nor do they all need FIO files on them in Mr. Doyle's secret office, or the homophobic epithets sent our way via *les bouches de* those like Doyle, Linsky, Jordan, *et als*.

If these men would like to find more gay people, we invite them to a GCN Governing Board meeting, a weekly service of Dignity, the Metropolitan Community Church, B'nai Haskalah, the Charlestown Gay Neighbors Association, the Daughters of Bilitis, Boston University Gays, or Gay Health Night at the Fenway Community Health Center. The police themselves should seek to broaden their experiences with gay people, and would soon see that we can be found at the State House working on legislation, helping with a state-wide candidate's political campaign (ask Secretary of State Paul Guzzi), and aiding other political movements.

If the readers of the *Boston Globe* and the *Herald-American*, and the members of the Licensing Board, however, continue to rely only on the warped, archaic, and truly sick interpretations of and truly sick definitions of what gay people and the gay community are and are not, offered by these officials of the Boston Police Department, the result will be the perpetuation of ignorance.

We call upon Commr. DiGrazia to immediately make plans for high-ranking members of his Department to meet with representatives of the Boston gay community. Hopefully, such a move's purpose would be to initiate a better perception of homosexuals by the police.



LETTERS—

Letters to the Editor should be 200 words or less. We still retain the right to edit all letters.

trivia

A letter to Mr. Stewart:

In regard to your article entitled, "Speaking for Myself/Racism Is A Gay Issue," I agree with you that the Gay movement ought to ignore the question of minorities and concentrate on its own goals; for what Black person would subject him/herself to the overt and subtle viciousness of a white male movement? You are right: Gay Liberationists ought not to waste their time; why recruit inhabitants for purgatory?

You maintain that Blacks have not been interested in joining the ranks of Gay Liberation. I ask why ought we to be? We are a serious people striving to effect change in our lives and in society. You will concede that the struggle for existence is a serious one, and does not allow the trivia that has infected the Gay movement.

For instance, I read in the *Harvard Crimson* this week that representatives of the Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association met with the University Police to register a complaint against the changing of a much frequented men's room in one of the university's libraries into a women's room. The students, it was reported, interpreted the change as a restriction on their social/sexual lives. The police assured them that the closing of the men's room was not a malicious attack on the Harvard gay community. I read the article with the great dismay: that a men's room can become the focal point in the struggle for human liberation boggled my mind.

Every week I read with as much dismay the latest installment of the Bay Village Bar controversy. For what can these two low-life bars have to do with the liberation of our minds, souls, and bodies?

Also, I vaguely recall some controversy last year over the right to display a lavender rhinoceros in subways and can recall seeing one in a float in the 1974 Gay Pride March in Boston. After the case was decided, the struggle won, and the posters displayed, I often wondered what kind of person would spend time and energy fighting for such a hideous and shallow symbol.

Speaking of Gay Pride Marches, the 1973 Gay Pride March will always baffle me; for what kind of people could in all seriousness extend an invitation to Boston's Sylvia Sydney to lead the march? A person who personifies villainess, vulgarity, and homosexual bitchiness, marches in all of her false splendor and tawdry glory at the head of an allegedly humanist enterprise.

I cringe when I read how the University of New Hampshire's Gay Student Union devote their time and energy collecting money to outbid heterosexuals for the privilege of dining with Governor Thomson's wife or when they invite a trashy New York transvestite to speak on her philosophy of the cinema.

I can enumerate enough gay liberation trivia to fill volumes, but instead I'd like to offer some constructive criticism. First, Mr. Allen, to discover whether or not you harbor *any* kind of feelings which might hinder you from relating intimately (the nature of Gay Liberation demands deep personal involvement) with a Black person, INSPECT yourself. After self inspection, scrutinize Gay Boston society: then, write another article on Racism for GCN.

You might also like to talk with some of the Lesbian Separatists (that is, if they'll condescend to do so). They have a good idea what suicidal folly it is to succumb to the facile rhetoric of Gay Unity: no doubt the neat formula, "One Struggle, Many Fronts," rings hollow for them. And rightly so, because these radical slogans are usually the creations of vain, thoughtless, but ambitious white men.

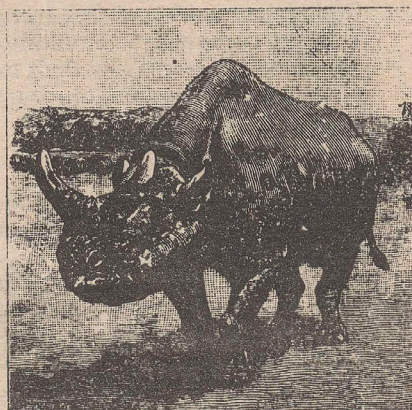
But, as I stated at the beginning of this letter, we agree principally, and it is comforting to find someone who shares the same thought.

Lyman Coleman

Cambridge, MA

NOTICE

Phillip Cappetta is no longer associated with GCN.



NEED OF THE WEEK!

HCHS needs a coordinator of alcoholism services. It is a full-time paid position. Contact Rev. Don McGaw at H.C.H.S. Should have professional experience in fields related to alcoholism and education. Be prepared with resume.

SCRIBE

SUB

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

☐ 10 weeks \$2.50 ☐ 25 weeks \$6.00 ☐ 52 weeks \$12.00

New ☐

Renewal ☐

Mail to:

GCN Subscriptions
22 Bromfield Street
Boston, Mass. 02108

Any amounts in excess will be considered donations, greatly needed and appreciated.

Please send _____ copies of the Gay Persons Guide to New England at \$2.00 each.

Enclose check or money order payable to "GCN." DO NOT send cash through the mail.

All copies sent in sealed, no-peek envelope.

racism

Dear GCN:

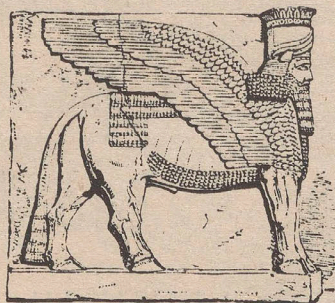
Allan Stewart's latest ignores the main racial problem in the gay community: the division between black and white gays, of which his article is a prime example. Almost all his statements about the *straight* black community are erroneous — far from the "barest minimum of token support," the black community has been one of our strongest straight supporters — just check out the percentage of black congresspeople supporting the Abzug bill (around 75%). With that sort of straight white "token" support, the bill would already be law. While I am white, I work in the black community and have numerous gay black friends, and I can assure Mr. Stewart that the white gay community here has a reputation among blacks comparable to that of Louise Hicks. Far from facing this problem, Mr. Stewart chooses to write an ignorant and insulting diatribe against the straight black community. There are hundreds of gay blacks in Boston, and I would love to see a few writing for the GCN, so that the white gays could start to realize what is happening. For truly the white gay community here is blind to the realities of its dangerous situation, and Mr. Stewart's columns are symptomatic of this blindness. Expressing racism while denying it, expressing ageism while denying it, violently attacking every organized effort (be Christians, Socialists, or gays themselves) to unite the gay community — here we are shown the mentality of an oppressed man, who thinks that by denying his brothers, his oppression will be lightened.

Really, the gay community has already learned much from the black community — "Gay is Proud," sit-ins, etc. Isn't it time we had a gay equivalent of "Uncle Tom"? How about "Uncle Allen"?

Yours,

Lee Crombach

[Allan Stewart replies: Lyman Coleman has chosen to misread my column and obviously does not agree with me any more than I agree with that letter. Lee Crombach should know several black people, gay and straight, read that column before publication. They were incensed, but had to agree that most of it was essentially true.]



Winged Bull, in Assyrian sculpture.

fat thanks

Ms Gammo:

I wish to thank you for your article Fat Lesbian Blues. Although I am a gay male I found it to be very accurate. You see I am also in the minority of fat people.

I would like to say that you forgot to mention that it is impossible for some people to lose weight because of a glandular disorder. Others are trying to slim but it isn't easy especially when you don't have the encouragement of some friends. Fortunately I do have the support of some wonderful friends who are helping me in my battle.

Again thanks for such a marvelous piece of literature and may you be blessed with a good life.

Sincerely,

Bob Hoover

nuts to you

Dear GCN:

Recently you published in your newspaper a letter from a homosexual who stated that a barrel had been removed from the Boston Common because of gay material, mostly magazines, placed in it. I was one of the barrel men working on the Common that day and I want to state that indeed it is true this barrel was removed because of its homosexual content. The following day we also removed seven homosexual squirrels from the Common. They were placed in the Esplanade near the bushes across from the men's room where they belong. Gays frequent this area all night during the summer months.

It is the Park Dept. contention that Gay element does not harmonize with the atmosphere of the Common. However, if you Gays want those seven squirrels returned to the Common for Gay Pride week we will comply with your wish. Any Gay who wants to take these squirrels home for pets may do so. We just don't want them around. Please do not print my name in your newspaper.

Thank-you



Anubis (from an Egyptian painting).

excess pounds

Dear Beth:

I read your article "Fat Lesbian Blues" in GCN. You are mistaken about how weight affects those you come in contact with.

Until my late twenties I was very overweight and attributed every problem to my excess poundage. Then I lost fifty pounds and discovered that people generally treated me the same. It is true that a different set of people are attracted to me sexually, but they are no more or less attractive, nor understanding nor manipulative than the others.

This came as a surprise to me; I had always thought my troubles would melt away at the same rate that I shed fat. I now keep the weight off for myself rather than to please others.

In some ways it is more difficult with the weight off. I can't use my fat as a crutch when I feel rejected or used.

What is really important, is how you feel about yourself inside. You wrote of being stood up four times by the same person. No one need tolerate such behavior by others, nor give an opportunity for its repetition. You will learn to love yourself; when you do others will love you.

Love,

A Friend

a bridge

Dear GCN,

This letter is in response to your May 10 Obituary to Dick Bawley by Thom Reeves. I, as a teenager, was in a great deal of trouble inside the Gay Community. Dick, as the kind sincere person he was, helped me along. Helping me deal with the real world instead of the fantasizing world at Greyhound Bus Terminal.

It was a great loss to me personally to know Dick had died. He helped me build a bridge over troubled waters. He was a great inspiration to my life.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Quote of the Week

A new sample of graffiti was found at St. John's. Scrawled on the bulletin board in the vestibule was the phrase, "Father Dutton is gay and proud." Father Dutton wishes to announce that he resents being called proud . . .



If you sold this space
you would have made \$12.
(Sell 10 of them and earn
\$120.)

become a
GCN AD PERSON
(426-4469)

ALBATROSS - A RADICAL LESBIAN FEMINIST MAGAZINE containing: news-views-reviews-interviews humor-satire-fiction-poetry & comix. Published by the ALBATROSS COLLECTIVE approx. 12 times per year - subscription per year \$4.50 - Submit Material/send subscriptions to:



ALBATROSS

82 SO. HARRISON STREET
EAST ORANGE, N. J. 07017

RT: A JOURNAL OF RADICAL THERAPY
FORMERLY
ROUGH TIMES and THE RADICAL THERAPIST
articles, poetry, analysis, ideas, and news of
the growing mental health movement
working towards human liberation

RT, P.O. BOX 89, W. SOMERVILLE, MASS.
02144

name _____
street _____
city _____ state _____ zip _____

☐ subscriptions (8 issues) \$6 ☐ foreign \$10
☐ current issue \$.75

Styx

One of the nicer places in town.

At 20 Blagden Street, behind Boston Public Library
Sunday Brunch 12-4 p.m. Tea Dance Sunday 4-8 p.m.
247-3910

No Dress Code.



Linda Ray, one of Elaine Noble's aides, was supposed to be pictured in last week's centerspread, but circumstances beyond our control kept this picture from arriving before press time. Linda Ray, a pre-law student at the University of Massachusetts, came to the State House on a work-study program. She is in charge of doing research on legislative issues.

Bar Hearings

(Continued from page 1)

suggestion for relief and prevention of criminal problems in the area. Vara held Deputy Police Supt. John F. Doyle responsible for the murder of Claudio Pascuccio on March 30, as he had previously suggested to Doyle that Doyle place a police cruiser in WMEX park, where the murder took place. Vara said that Doyle told him, "That's your problem, not mine," when it was suggested to him.

Under cross-examination from police counsel Michael DeMarco, Vara nonchalantly described some of his personal and real property, which includes holdings and interests in Provincetown, Miami, Framingham, and many in Boston. His most succinct response was, "Yeah, I own a lot of things." DeMarco, in attempting to elicit testimony from Vara regarding the criminal and moral disposition of his employees, asked, "You know what perversion is . . . you run a gay bar, don't you?"

For almost two hours, DiMento sought testimony regarding comparative crime statistics in the city of Boston from Cashman, who had brought with him computer print-outs and charts depicting comparisons in various central-city neighborhood crime statistics. Cashman compared the Bay Village crime rate to other areas in the city, and noted that the neighborhood around the 1270 Club had about three times as many reported crimes during the same 1974 period. Other neighborhood areas with

significantly higher crime rates than the Bay Village were cited by Cashman, and they included the Combat Zone, the area around the Charles Street Meetinghouse, the area around the Boston Public Gardens, and the area within a two-block radius of Boston Police Headquarters on Berkeley Street.

"99% of Gays Use Drugs"

Det. Arthur Linsky of the Boston Police Drug Intelligence Unit testified about drug traffic at the two bars, stating that people are attracted to the bars "because they want to see fags and lesbians." Linsky continued, "... 99% of the ones I know use drugs to justify their existence . . . It helps them forget what they're doing."

Questioned after the hearing by GCN, Linsky modified his statement, saying that he didn't intend to be prejudicial to homosexuals, and that his remarks pertained only to the two bars in question.

Det. William Currier, who is also associated with the Drug Intelligence Unit, disagreed with Linsky, saying, "I wouldn't say that queers and lesbians were more inclined to use drugs more than heterosexuals." Both policemen consistently used the terms "fag" and "queer" when referring to gay men.

The prosecution was unable to cross-examine Cashman due to time limitations. Kiley was unavailable for comment at press time.

PEASANT STOCK RESTAURANT

(5 minutes from Harvard Square)
421 Washington St.,
Somerville. 354-9528

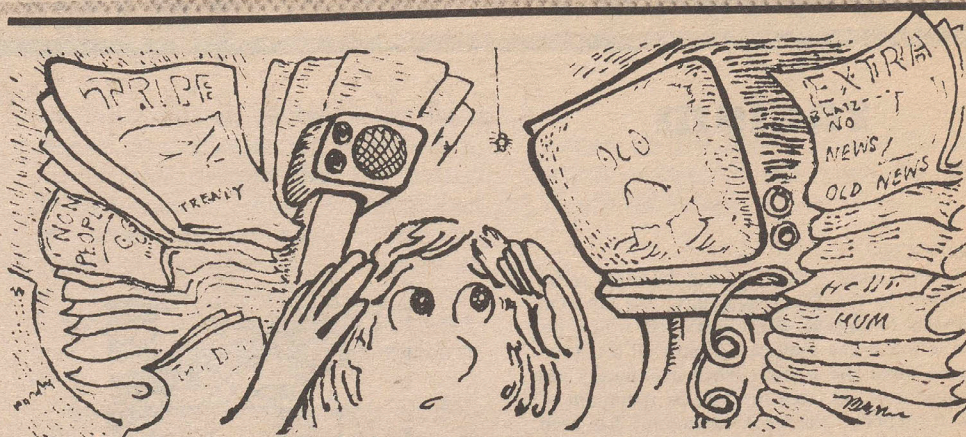
THE LINEN CLOSET

Everything in Linens
for the Kitchen,
Bed and Bath

103 Charles Street
Boston
523-7240



Come Browse Among Our Wide
Selection of Traditional and Contemporary
Designs in Sheets, Towels,
Tablecloths and Accessories.



Did You See?

By TONY CAPORALETTI, JR.

Homophobic Heroes of Virtues Past

"... a handful of tiny men had the courage to speak out against one of the truly great dangers confronting our society: in the words of one statesman, 'the dykes, queers and fags'."

"Everybody on Beacon Hill knows that it's all too easy to go both ways on an issue. But only a few recognize that it is never too latent to speak out against the dangers that homosexuals represent to this great and straight land of ours."

"When the closet door of history is slammed shut on this era, names like Connell and Hogan and Long will be remembered as belonging to prophets. Justice will prevail in the end."

"Those people helped lead the lonely fight in opposition to a bill aimed at banning discrimination against homosexuals in state and community Civil Service hiring."

"But despite these efforts, the dangers that lie within the concept of sexual preference are all around us. There is absolutely no way of knowing what goes on in bedrooms around Greater Boston."

"In an attempt to preserve what is left of wholesomeness, the legislators who led the fight against homosexuals are left with only one clear alternative: they must band together and form a Provisional Heterosexual Government."

"Everyone would have to smoke Marlboros."

"With everyone in his proper place, the problems of sexual identification

and near complete paranoia about preference and libido would be ended.

"And the only real men with enough credibility to make this an idea whose time has come are Connell, Hogan and Long. Because nearly everyone knows exactly what they are." (AT LARGE, Mike Barnicle, *Boston Globe*, May 7, 1975)

A Further Reprimand

"There was no need for Rep. William A. Connell's gutter remarks during debate on discrimination against homosexuals. The Weymouth Democrat could have gotten his point across without being needlessly cruel. He was an embarrassment to the entire House. (*Boston Herald-American*)

Lotperson In The News?

Loretta Lotman, media director, The National Gay Task Force, was spotlighted in a recent article in *T.V. Radio Age*.

"Fairness," she says. "That's really all we want. We are a minority group just as certain ethnic and religious groups are. Broadcasters have a responsibility to treat them fairly, and that same responsibility should apply to us."

"All we're saying is that there isn't nearly enough positive portrayal and the reason is the traditional societal attitude about gays, not any conscious conspiracy against us. It's that tradition we want to change . . ." (*TV Radio Age*, March 31, 1975)

Prove You Love Us - Subscribe

Save this ad for 10% Courtesy Discount

LESTER'S T.V.

TV-Radio-Phonos-HiFi-Color

Expert Repair & New T.V.s & Stereos
—at lowest prices ANYWHERE! We also
buy and sell used T.V.s. Outside antenna
installation a specialty. Mass. Tech.
Lic. 981.

'Old fashioned service at an honest price'

Free Pickup and Delivery

15 Revere (cor. Garden) Beacon Hill
523-2187

In Provincetown come visit

VICTORIA HOUSE

Five Standish Street 02657
Dept. 7 1 (617) 487-1319

Single & double rooms
Continental breakfast
Refrigerators

Call or write for information
and reservations.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT...OPENING UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Telephonics

392 Washington Street, Brookline, Mass. 02146

For home and business.
Over 500 styles and colors.
Exclusive Brookline Distrib.

With copy or mention of this
ad, 20% off on our already
low prices. (Until July 1)

Call for free demonstration of SANYO telephone answering machine
"Communication & co-operation — Peace & Prosperity"

Showroom Hours:
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.

Sales & Service
731-5593—24 hr. ans.

gay san francisco

\$399

... Round trip jet
... Seven nights first class hotel
... Great entertainment
Save over \$100 compared to regular airfare.

Tickets to top shows included.
Welcome party.
Shopping and sightseeing.
Beaches and night life.
No regimentation.
Guide to the gay life.

Stay longer if desired, return from any
city in the West. Departures every Satur-
day.

Call or write today:

Lambda Travel

233 North Pleasant St.
Amherst, MA 01002

Tel. 413/549-1256

Gays Gambol in Spring

By Jim LaMacchia

AMHERST — The "Gay Rites of Spring '75" held May 3 and 4, featured dances, workshops, picnics, and brought gay people from the New England area together to discuss issues of relevance to the gay community. The workshops spanned a wide area of topics from "Gay Legislation In '76" and "Radical Gay Politics" to "Transvestism" and "Androgyny In Literature." About 150 people participated in these workshops which were punctuated by a genuine willingness on the part of both workshop leaders and participants to openly discuss all of the implications of being gay in a heterosexual society. Most participants felt the workshops were unique in both answering some questions and raising issues about as yet unexplained areas



'Gays in Commune' Workshop held outdoors in spring breezes (photo by Jared Goldfine)

of the Gay experience. Some of the topics explored in workshops were: "How might Gay men free themselves from the sexist attitudes of a male chauvinist culture?"; "Is bisexuality an ideal or negation of political responsibility?"; "What is the response of the Catholic church to the needs of the Gay community?"; and "How might we integrate and transcend cultural definitions of masculine and feminine?"

The only marginal disappointment of the weekend was the cancellation of a presentation by Mr. Vito Russo on "The History of Gay In Films." In spite of rain and minimal participation by the heterosexual community in festival events, "Gay Rites of Spring '75" provided New England gays with a unique opportunity to share information, ideas, and social events.

book

THE FIRST BI-LIB BIBLE?

Review By TOM MYLES

At one point in *Bisexual Living* the authors remark that our society has a tendency to categorize: black and white, straight or gay, good or bad, and the like. We don't like to admit to inbetweens, to shades of grey. Bisexuality as a subject is unexplored because of this cultural prejudice. If you go to the library and look up Homosexuality in the card catalog, you will see many listings (although at the B.P.L. many of these books are nowhere to be found). But if you look up Bisexuality you will discover there are no books available on the topic. Even *Other Voices* has no books on Bisexuality, simply because the subject is so new. And up to now, this newspaper has concerned itself with gay lifestyles, ignoring those for whom the term "sexual preference" is literally meaningful. So it is not very important, really, whether *Bisexual Living* is a good book or not so good a book, it is all we have right now.

The book has two authors, each of whom has a different function in the book. Julius Fast interviews people, one person or couple to a chapter. He prompts his subjects to speak about their childhood, coming out, marriage (if applicable), homosexual versus heterosexual preferences and experiences, and their views on life in

general.

Then Hal Wells steps in. Nicely, the print changes to indicate a new speaker. His function is analytical. He takes into account a person's whole psyche, not just his or her sexual experiences. Bisexuality is not necessarily the best alternative for everyone, and where it seems to be unfulfilling, he says why.

The book begins strangely. Julius Fast goes to a Bi-Lib meeting (a what?) in New York. He wanders in like a lost lamb, totally disoriented and confused. Suspiciously he talks to a couple of men, feels threatened, and is happy to get out, although he uses this event as an excuse to interview some bisexuals. The interviews in this chapter are purposefully superficial: they are a way of introducing us to the topic. Fast's going to the meeting is, of course, symbolic of his role in the book — investigative interviewing. But I lost confidence in him here. How can a man so lost and disoriented understand something well enough to write a book about it?

Each of the ten interviews is so different that it would be unfair to discuss any one as typical. So I have decided here to just pick two at random and simply describe them.

The second interview is called "Clark." Clark is a man in his fifties

Bisexual Living
by Julius Fast and Hal Wells, Ph. D.
New York: M. Evans & Co. 1975.

from Alabama. By profession he sets up displays for medical conventions, so he must frequently travel. He is married and has two sons. At home it is middle-class — parties, bridge, visiting, church and so on. But on the road he picks up men as often as he can. He's never had a serious relationship with a man because he thought it would threaten his marriage, which is important to him. He never sleeps with women other than his wife because that would be adultery, although sleeping with men is OK. His wife tolerates his bisexuality only because she has to. Clark is unhappy about being bisexual. Basically though, the marriage lacks any real depth or closeness.

Hal Wells steps in and tells us that Clark is torn by conflict. His upbringing venerates the family, and the institution of marriage is important to him. He very much wants to live a straight life. But basically he is a homosexual, and his marriage is a facade designed to hide his true desires — men. He calls himself bisexual but he really is not. Bisexuality — to him — is a compromise, an excuse. But it is also a hindrance to true happiness. What he needs is what he won't let himself have, a love affair with a man.

The fifth interview is with Jean, an

intelligent, witty young French woman who works in an elegant Madison Avenue dress shop. She is a single person, living alone, whose career is important to her. She doesn't want any permanent attachments because, as she sees it, as soon as people get into them, they start looking for ways out. She prefers bisexual men as lovers to heterosexual men because they have rid themselves of the macho hangups straight men have. They are not selfish, she explains. They are more concerned with what the other person's emotional needs are than with their own performances. She has many gay men as friends. She is equally attracted to men as well as women. As a child, she had a very happy childhood. She is secure as an adult.

Hal Wells is lost in his analysis of her because he can't find any conflicts to talk about, any childhood problems to discuss. So he rambles through this section.

Some motifs emerge in the book. Women have it together in their heads much better than men do, for instance. Bisexuality — and homosexuality — in men makes them more sensitive to human needs; it makes them more feeling. Bisexuality is often used as an excuse by some people who don't want to face up to what they really are. With

(Continued on page 13)

OTHERFILMS

A FILM SERIES BENEFIT FOR OTHERWAY 75

CONTINUOUS SHOWING EVERY TUESDAY FROM 1 P.M.
AT SYMPHONY I - 252 HUNTINGTON AVENUE
(SYMPHONY STOP ON T) FOR SHOW TIME CALL 262-3888

ADMISSION \$2.00

MAY 13 -

• THE FOX
• PERSONA

MAY 20 -

• CABARET

MAY 27 -

• WEST SIDE STORY

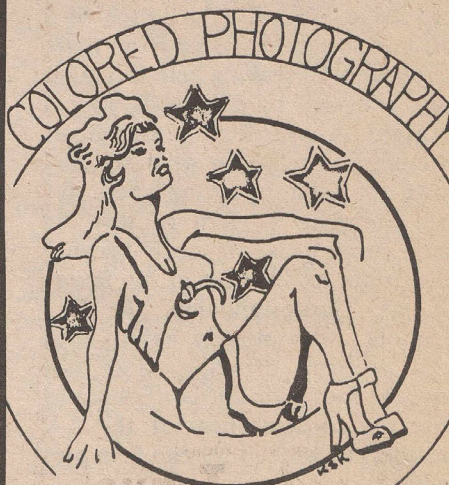
THE RHINOS
WHO KNOW
ARE STRETCHING
THEIR DOUGH . . . at



The
Green Leaf Florists
478 Columbus Ave.
(Corner of W. Newton)

Boston, Mass. 02118 247-3500
BAC—MC—CB, OR
CREDIT APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
Flowers Wired
Mon.-Sat. 9-6 Sun. 12-4

INNERVISIONS



WARM SENSITIVE
588-4445 PORTRAITS

DRINK TO ME ONLY WITH THINE EYES

By J. D. SITLER

(The Massachusetts Department of Mental Health says there are nine million alcoholics in America, and three hundred thousand of them are citizens of the Commonwealth. Experts have estimated that as many as one out of every five Gay persons has a problem with drinking, and this is approximately twice the frequency for the general public, thus indicating that Gays are a high-risk group for alcoholism. To find out why Gay women and men are especially susceptible to this disease and what their special needs are, your intrepid reporter, a card-carrying member of Busybodies Anonymous, sought answers from a knowledgeable and experienced counselor of Gays and alcoholics. I interviewed Brian Goodrich on 30 April. Brian, who did his undergraduate work in psychology and criminology, has worked with heroin addicts in Spanish Harlem and with mental patients at McLeans Hospital here. He counseled Gays for several years in Potsdam, N.Y., and most recently has counseled alcoholics at Cambridge City Hospital as part of a Department of Mental Health project. Brian is currently working with a local group, Gays Concerned with Alcoholism. — JDS)

JDS: Brian, are you an alcoholic?

BG: No, I'm not. Of course, that's part of the insidious nature of the disease; people who have it usually don't know it.

JDS: Aren't these people usually called "social drinkers"?

BG: That's a difficult term to define. It's a term that can be used by someone who has the disease of alcoholism and who is involved in what we call denial. People often cannot admit that they have a drinking problem. Sure, there are social drinkers, they're people who drink socially. However, if they need a drink to be social, then it sounds like there might be something wrong.

I DRINK . . . SO THE BOOZE
won't fall into the hands
of some lush.

JDS: Denial seems to relate to the issues of anonymity, which is of concern to the Gay person as well as to the alcoholic. And perhaps it's even more significant for the Gay alcoholic.

BG: There are several factors that make the disease so much more difficult and harder to deal with for the Gay person. First of all, the level of drinking within Gay society is so much higher than in straight society particularly because the major meeting places for Gays is alcoholic-beverage-related; that is, bars and parties. Therefore, Gay people easily fall into using alcohol as a crutch in a difficult situation. To go from there to the point of seeking help is a giant step. It's very hard to walk into a straight Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and relate to what the guy down the table is saying about his wife dumping on him or how he can't meet girls anymore because he's drunk all the time at his favorite bar. Understandably, the Gay alcoholic, who already has to deal with problem drinking, does not have the energy or self-confidence to raise the consciousness of the AA members to where they can help him or her.

JDS: Isn't this another instance of denial?

BG: Yes. One of the things a Gay

alcoholic can do is not hear what other alcoholics have to say simply because they're straight. A Gay can claim that straight alcoholics can't understand her/his drinking problem just because they're straight. Alcoholics Together, an all-Gay AA-type group here in Boston, tries to cut through this bullshit by saying: We're all Gay and we're all here; so the issue isn't our gayness, the issue is our drinking too much, so let's deal with that issue.

JDS: You said the bar is an important social institution in Gay life, more so than in straight society, because it's still one of the few places Gays can meet and be relatively open and relaxed about their sexuality. Since a bar's economic purpose is to sell and serve liquor, this represents an added burden for Gays. Are there any other significant distinctions to be made between the Gay and the straight alcoholic?

BG: For a great many people growing up, particularly before the time of Gay liberation, life was so stressful that they had to stay in the closet. Alcohol became a way of blunting the sharp edges of social interaction. It made it a lot easier for them to get by. Passing as straight was an issue that was particularly important for Gay people back in the Thirties, Forties and Fifties. In many cases, these people, who've been passing as non-homosexuals throughout their lives, are today passing as non-alcoholics. A friend of mine who is alcoholic tries to disguise his affliction. Weekly, he would alternate his liquor purchases between four package stores, telling the owner he was having a party. Then he'd order enough booze for a party. Of course, it was his personal weekly supply. Also, he would take an empty liquor bottle, wrap it in some discarded bag or container, and drop it into a neighbor's garbage can. That gives you some idea of what alcoholic thinking is all about. It's a form of denial. Like a homosexual trying to pass as non-homosexual, this is an alcoholic trying to pass as non-alcoholic.

JDS: Do you also see an alcoholism problem with the younger, Gay-lib generation?

BG: Yes. In the late Sixties there was a tremendous drug scare. In fact, a common cartoon portrayal of the period had a couple at a party talking over cocktails about the terrible drug crisis. People don't seem to realize that alcohol is a drug, and as such it's in the same class as ups, downs and acid. What seems to be happening right now is that alcohol is becoming the drug of choice for teenagers. It's legal, it's readily available, and it gets you high. My concern, when I see teenagers in bars, is that they're beginning their addiction. I think that we're shortly to see another generation of very badly hooked alcoholics.

I DRINK . . . to prevent catching cold
. . . or . . . to cure the
cold I caught.

JDS: Is alcohol, then, easily available? Many states, including Massachusetts, have lowered the legal drinking age from 21 to 18.

GB: Sure, I see kids now who are in the bars at 14.

JDS: They're 14 passing for 18, whereas before they were 18 passing for 21.

BG: Right. They use false identification or they're not even asked to show any. It seems that kids are getting in Gay bars because they're an asset to the management. If the management has pretty boys there, other people are going to want to come to meet the pretty boys. And, naturally, they all buy drinks. The same goes for the women. So the kids are getting in with the tacit consent of the management.

JDS: Isn't it true that in the Gay bar the ritual courtship dances of the indigenous species are facilitated by the consumption of the native beverage?

BG: Certainly with the use of alcohol inhibitions are suppressed, and it's easier to walk up to a stranger across the room and ask him to dance . . . or whatever. And there's nothing wrong with that. I think that can be a healthy thing. It becomes a disease, it becomes pathologic, when that person has to have an increasing amount of alcohol over a period of time just to be able to walk across the room and talk to somebody. For someone who is actively drinking and considering giving up alcohol, one of the major stumbling blocks is the feeling that they must give up their sex lives in the process of giving up alcohol. It just means they're going to start meeting people in a different, more healthy way.

I DRINK . . . to get up the nerve to
argue with the guy at the
other end of the bar . . .
or . . . to blunt the pain
after I do.

JDS: Do people become alcoholic because of a physiological predisposition or as a result of environmental factors — the old nature or nurture question?

BG: It's the same issue when you start talking about causes of homosexuality . . . or heterosexuality. Nobody knows for sure. I think it's not either/or but this as well as that.

JDS: How do you know if you have it?

BG: One of the things I would do clinically to diagnose alcoholism would be to see just how much of a problem the use of alcohol might be in a person's life. There are such guideposts as determining whether someone has had relationships that have failed because of drinking or whether significant people — family members or lovers — have complained of the drinking. Strangely enough, the popular conception of an alcoholic is the skid row bum. The disease doesn't work that way. It would be nice if it did in some ways because then we could identify someone right away and say, "Aha, this person has alcoholism, let's get help for him." Statistics show that's only ten percent of the alcoholics in America; that is, people who are unable to care for themselves because of their drinking. The majority of alcohol abusers, many of them very successful people, continue to drink and hold a job while going on about their daily lives.

J: What is the general approach to alcoholism treatment?

BG: We say: First things first. First, you have to stop drinking. You have no control over your life while actively drinking, you can't make any rational decisions.

GAYS



JDS: What local services are available to the Gay alcoholic?

BG: One is Gays Concerned with Alcoholism, which meets at Old West Church on first and third Tuesdays of every month in the evening. They have rap groups, show films, and do a lot of the community service planning. One thing that's come out of the planning is a group, Alcoholics Together, which meets at Old West Church at 2 p.m. on Sundays. There is now forming an Al-Anon group for the lovers and friends of Gay alcoholics. I don't have a meeting time for them. For more information about these groups, people should contact Metropolitan Community Church at 523-7664. Also, anyone in crisis can call the Homophile Community Health Service's Gay hotline at 426-9371 (I-AM-WE-R-I) and ask for Chris or leave a message. He will put them in contact with someone from Alcoholics Together who can help.

JDS: I've heard there's a group forming just for Lesbians.

BG: I hope so.

JDS: The American Medical Association recently decided that alcoholism

is a legitimate disease, and the American Psychiatric Association decided that homosexuality is not. With respect to these two enlightened pronouncements from established medicine, what do you see as the outlook for government funding of alcoholism treatment projects, particularly those for Gays?

BG: We are entering a period where money is being appropriated on a larger scale than ever before. This is now a popular cause. In another five years it's going to be rivaling cancer for funding. Likewise, more attention is being given to homosexuality and the special social service needs of Gay citizens.

JDS: In fact, the Homophile Community Health Service here in Boston has recently received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Alcoholism Division to conduct a coordinating project for Gay alcoholics.

BG: We were all pleased to hear of that, and we hope this program will supplement and reinforce some of the other programs now available to the Gay problem drinker.

One Person's Story

By JOHN CRABTREE

Peter awoke with a start. His sweaty hands trembled and his mouth was filled with the rancid taste of fermented vomit. His aching head swam with unidentified, anxious fears. "Oh Christ! Not again," Peter mumbled to the cluttered, disorganized mess which carpeted his apartment. "Not again!" He crawled out of his damp, smelly bed, and staggered to the bathroom. He wanted to heave his guts out, but nothing would come up. He gagged and choked over his toilet until he knew his head was going to burst. "Not again!"

When his head didn't explode, Peter looked into the bathroom mirror. He studied his once-attractive face: bloated, unshaven, a yellowish-gray tint to his complexion, his eyes cobwebbed with red veins. His own image, reflected like some awful ghost from another time and place, told him what he could not acknowledge to himself. "You son-of-a-bitch!" he screamed shrilly at the alien face. "You're twenty-six years old, and you look five weeks dead!" Suddenly, Peter was filled with terror. It began deep in his spine, and it ran upwards like a demonic rush. He knew a drink would stop it, a drink would bring relief, a drink would make him feel better.

"No, not again!" he sobbed. "I don't want to drink!" And with that, Peter accepted the awful truth that flashed across his consciousness, just long enough to be caught: "I'm an alcoholic! And, Jesus!, I'm gay! Who the fuck wants a gay alcoholic dead ghost?"

"That was about a year ago," said the attractive young man across the table. "I guess you could call it my 'moment of truth'." He smiled infectiously, "I haven't had a drink since then, thank God. And I haven't even wanted a drink, a day at a time."

Peter is one of an increasing number of gay people who have had to come to grips with their dependence on the drug alcohol. "My recovery began the moment I accepted the fact that alcohol was destroying me, had ruined my life, my relationships with other people," Peter continued. "For a long time, I just thought I was insane. But that morning I knew I was an alcoholic. Man, I needed it to survive."

Peter explained that on the morning of his "moment of truth," he had called a friend, and that his friend had suggested that Peter try Alcoholics Anonymous. "Dan, my friend, came over that morning. He told me about his own experiences, about how he knew he couldn't live without booze. He needed alcohol to function, to cruise, to have sex, to get to his job in the morning, for everything. But most of all, I identified with his feelings, his self-disgust, his acute fears of everyone and everything, his despair — until he went to AA."

I wondered if Peter's being gay had presented any problems to his going to Alcoholics Anonymous. "Some. But my second meeting was at Alcoholics Together. AT is made up of members of AA, except that we're all gay, both men and women. It isn't any different, really, but you can talk about things which are peculiar to gay life — things which might produce an up-tight feeling at regular AA groups. I felt at home at AT right away."

Peter said that there are three meetings of Alcoholics Together each week: Sunday afternoons at 2:30 at Old West Church, and Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8:30 at the Charles Street Meeting House and Our Lady of Victories Church, respectively. "The Wednesday and Friday meetings are for gay alcoholics only, but Sundays

just about anyone is welcome. A lot of gay people wonder whether they're alcoholics or not," Peter said, "and they can rap with members of the group, freely and at ease. It's terrific knowing that you're not alone, that other people have been where you are, and that you can recover."

I learned that alcoholism is a disease, that it can hit anyone who drinks, and that it's incurable as such. "Most alcoholics, gay or straight, just die," said Peter grimly. "One way or another, they die." "It's not a happy thought," Peter confided, and the expression on his face showed me the seriousness with which he regarded his escape from almost certain death. "AT is not a social club, I mean we're dealing with a life and death disease, a killer. If we have fun at AT and enjoy ourselves, it's because we're learning a new way of life, and we all know what the old one was like. The difference between the old and the new makes us happy and gives us joy."

"The first thing that happened to me," Peter suddenly volunteered, "was hope. I knew alcohol had me by the balls, and that I needed it. At my first meeting, I got hope — I knew it was possible for a gay alcoholic to recover, to get better, to live a good life without alcohol. After all, here were fifty other gay men and women who'd done it and were still doing it successfully. If they'd done it, so could I."

Suddenly, a big grin broke across Peter's face, as a tall, dark and extremely attractive young man stood by our table. "This man," Peter proclaimed to practically the entire room, "is my best fringe-benefit!" He grabbed the hand of our visitor, and pulled him down into an adjacent seat, a quick kiss passing between them en route. "This is Kirk," said Peter, smiling warmly at the dark-haired man. "Isn't he one beautiful, hunky stud! With brains, too. Would you believe it?" Kirk was visibly embarrassed by Peter's effusiveness, but there was something authentic and genuine readily apparent between them. "A year ago, I couldn't have hoped for someone like Kirk. After all, nobody wants a drunk, and, man, I was the pits!" said Peter candidly.

Peter explained that a "fringe-benefit" in At and AA is something or, in the case of Kirk, someone that the new way of life without alcohol brought with it unexpectedly. "We're not lovers yet," Kirk told me. "But we're hoping for it," Peter added quickly, and Kirk nodded his agreement. "Which reminds me, the message is hope for gay alcoholics," Peter stressed again. "If any gay person is having trouble with alcohol —", "Or troubles on account of alcohol," Kirk interjected, "In either case," resumed Peter, "they can find help, real answers, in Alcoholics Together and, of course, in Alcoholics Anonymous." He looked fondly at Kirk, "It's better by far than a slow death in the pits."

I left the two young men sitting at the table happy and vital. If only more gay men and women could recover against the terrible odds the disease of alcoholism serves up. If only more gay men and women knew of the existence of Alcoholics Together. If only more gay men and women could accept and admit the reality of their battle with the bottle. If only — And then the thought struck home: If Peter and Kirk have done it, then others have and will continue. And the hope that Peter kept stressing broke in on me: There is an answer, and it works.

GCN, May 17, 1975 • Page 9



and ALCOHOLISM

Jay Foote Sings the Gay-Human-Experience

By BYRON MARSHALL

Opening with a can of beer and an uptempo number called "Dirty Words," Jay Foote displayed musicianship and humor in a concert of his "good gay music" Thursday, May 1

for the Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Association. The opening song, incidentally, was about the labels people call each other and a society obsessed with the labels — where you

can get to be that "pillar of society, a genuine minority." The song was typical of Mr. Foote's music in presenting heavy material without a heavy-handed treatment.

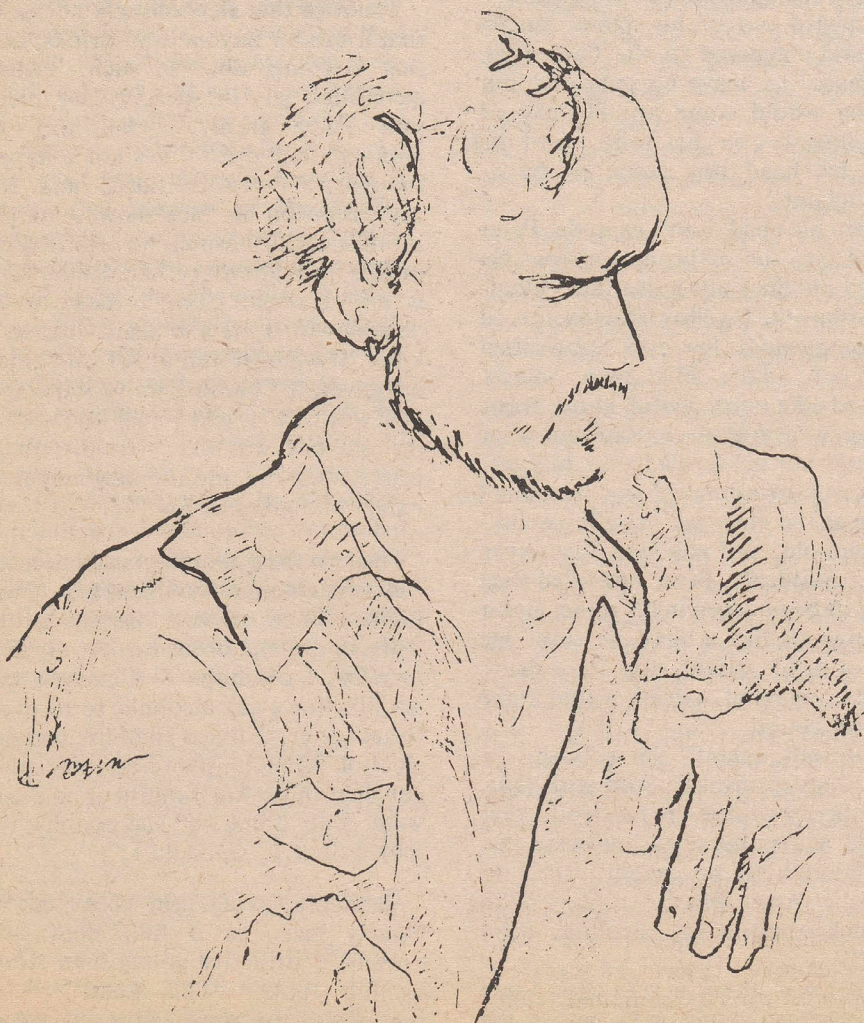
Jay Foote is a wordsmith, capable of turning a phrase on a dime and producing tricky rhymes which catch you off guard: the result, he says, of painful writing and re-writing. He has the happy knack of making enjoyable an occasional dubious rhyme (you'll have to hear for yourself how robins, worms, and sexism can be combined in one song.)

The songs he played Thursday dealt mostly with recognizable aspects of gay — human — experience. "Don't go out to L.A., baby, with anyone else but me" pleads one song, and adding nervously, for that matter don't go anywhere else: "The Big Apple, Hong Kong" or finally, "the grocery store." There were songs about *not* going to P-town ("We did it in the bathtub and on the floor . . . but I don't go down to P-town anymore.") There were tender songs ("Timothy"), songs about conditioning and upbringing, breaking up, sexism, and S and M; and even a lullaby which takes pains to assure the child that she'll be missed until she wakes up.

Mr. Foote uses mostly his own material (although there was one reference to e.e. cummings). His songs usually have more than one section, and they sport musical surprises ranging from blues interpolations to Bachian inventions, which act to support the irony of his words, in a way that can be compared (favorably) to established

writers like Randy Newman. He has a strong and dramatic voice and a flexible piano technique. His songs may be lyrical or highly rhythmic; one song combines the two: "An Old-fashioned Love Song" starts like a '50s rock ballad, whose repeated chords then undergo a romantic and lyrical transformation.

As he sings — "ain't no stopping the rain, ain't no killing the pain," Mr. Foote recognizes the pain in existence. The song goes on to say, "I've been stopped and sneered at just for being who I am; I know there's no devil cause I've walked the streets of Hell." The 40 or more people at the GSA meeting responded enthusiastically right down to the last gracious "friends and audience acknowledgment" number. Jay Foote, with a background in the theater, has just begun performing professionally; but while his out-of-the-closet material may be fresh from livingroom-only performances, the songs are polished and his presence is confident. Hopefully, he will be appearing frequently in the area, and I urge readers to be on the lookout (he may be singing at the Otherfund benefit May 17.)



Whole World Travel

"Be Yourself"

24 Boylston St.
Cambridge, MA 02138

Tel. (617) 661-1818

Harvard Square

Show your concern on May 17! March with the NAACP for quality, desegregated education!

INTEGRATION IS THE LAW OF THE LAND. TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO, THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT SEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. BUT IN BOSTON, THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE STILL VIOLATES THAT LAW. WE ARE STILL STRUGGLING HERE FOR THE RIGHT OF BLACK CHILDREN TO GET A DECENT EDUCATION.

WE AS GAY PEOPLE ARE COMPLETELY INVOLVED IN THIS STRUGGLE. WE ARE THE STUDENTS WHO FACE NOT ONLY ILLEGAL SEGREGATION, BUT ALSO THE TAUNTS AND ROCKS OF MOBS PROTESTING "AGAINST FORCED Busing". WE ARE THE PARENTS WHO MUST SEND OUR CHILDREN INTO SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK AND THIRD WORLD COMMUNITIES WHO MUST LIVE IN A CLIMATE OF RACISM THAT HAS BEEN WHIPPED UP IN THIS CITY BY THE ILLEGAL ACTS OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS, OF MOBS, AND EVEN A PRESIDENT WHO LOOKS THE OTHER WAY. WE ARE THE OUTRAGED CITIZENS OF BOSTON AND THE UNITED STATE, OUTRAGED THAT HERE, "WHERE IT ALL BEGAN", BLACK CHILDREN DO NOT YET HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN EQUAL EDUCATION.

FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN'S FUTURE, WE MUST SUPPORT DESEGREGATION. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, THE NAACP, HAS CALLED FOR A MARCH AND RALLY IN SUPPORT OF DESEGREGATION AND OF THE CONSTITUTION ON MAY 17, THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPREME COURT RULING AGAINST SEGREGATION.

JOIN US IN THAT MARCH. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR QUALITY, DESEGREGATED EDUCATION. KEEP THE BUSES ROLLING! MARCH WITH THE NAACP ON MAY 17!

Elaine Noble
Ken Withers
Thomas Mills,
MIT Student
Deborah Clifford,
Socialist Workers Party

The Reys
Thomas Nylund,
Fengay
The Rev. Jeffrey Pulling
James Hayes
Organizations for identification only

Randy Gibson, Chas. St. Mtg. House
Laurence Bernier } Metropolitan
Community Church
labor donated

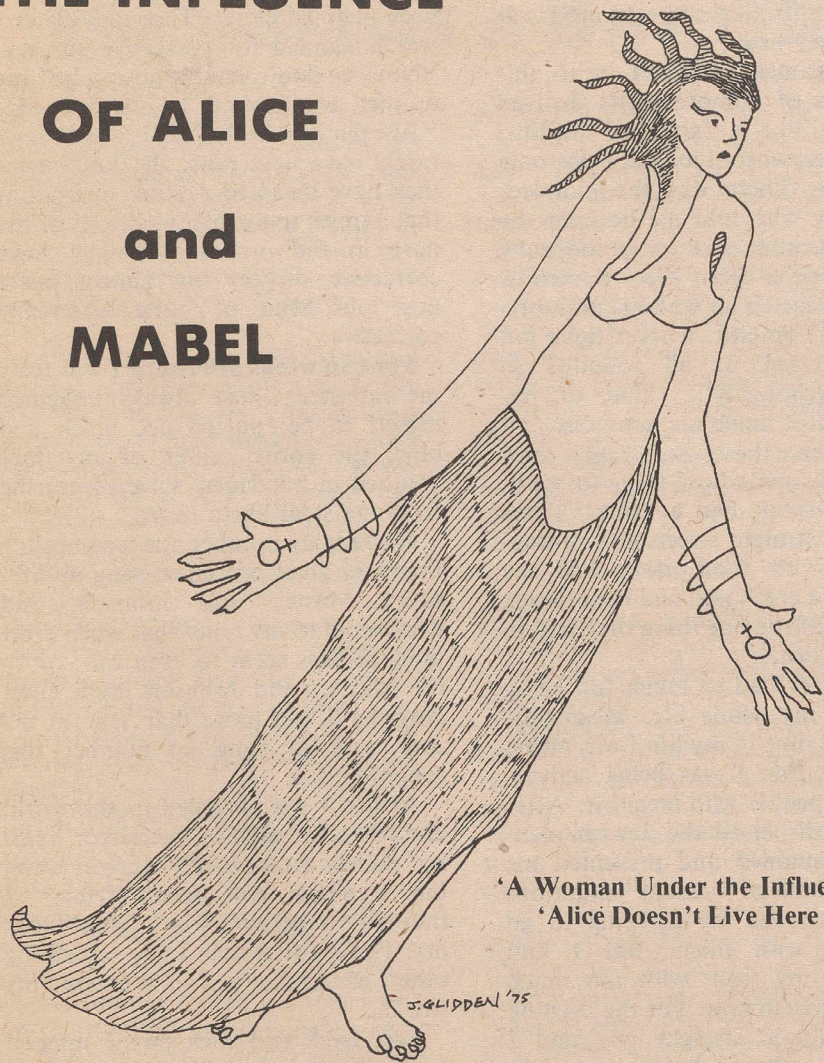
ASSEMBLE AT FENS AT NOON / MARCH TO BOSTON COMMON

THE INFLUENCE

OF ALICE

and

MABEL



'A Woman Under the Influence' & 'Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore'

A Review by STEVEN K. BLEVINS

Throughout history women under the influence of destructive male-dominated societies have been exerting powerful influences of their own. Thankfully, some changes have begun taking place as a result of their struggles. Current cinema, as well as other art forms, is one way to reflect

on the battles won and the battles yet to be fought.

It's no big surprise that Ellen Burstyn won the Academy Award this year for best actress, over the most likely contender, Gena Rowlands. The Academy dotes on schlock, but occasionally seeks to prove its liberal

intellectualism by honoring a serious piece of work — but nothing *too* heavy. Ellen Burstyn's Alice typified that choice, and it wasn't a bad one.

Alice, like Gena Rowland's Mabel, is under the influence of circumstances either within or out of her control, circumstances related to male and female relationships. For Alice, feelings are much easier to express to female friends: her neighbor next door who momentarily contemplates leaving her family to drive away with Alice; her co-worker in a restaurant whose wisdom and self-sufficiency strengthens Alice during an emotional crisis.

Mabel has no such strengthening relationships with her own sex, at least not in the space of her life we see. She is adrift in a world of demands, mainly male demands, and women are peripheral to her. She bullies her passive mother and is a stranger to her antagonistic mother-in-law. In her world, the lack of love between her and other women would seem to be an obvious cause of the transition of her family and marriage into a monstrous vampiric prison.

Alice, by virtue of her sincerity to herself ("It ain't Peggy Lee . . ." she says, finishing a song) and her honesty to other women ("You don't like me very much?" her co-worker asks. "Not very much," Alice replies.) is headstrong and able to act on her feelings. She allows men to meet her, allows them to sleep with her, and the movie gives the impression that men, in the end, respect her decisions. She's not Doris Day, slapped on the ass by Rock Hudson, or Faye Dunaway slapped around by Jack Nicholson and permitting it. When she finds that a man she's met is a psychotic sexist, she lies to him and leaves, intact. That she ends up with a man she feels she loves is not a cop-out, a male dominated fantasy: women *can* love men, and the conditions are hers. The slight cringe I experienced had more to do with uncharacteristic direction than the plot.

The cinematic wasteland Mabel inhabits offers much less opportunity for self-direction. She reaches desperately for a husband who cannot give her that which she needs, who can only love her in his insensitive demanding way. It is that love, that supposedly all-inclusive love that she is addicted to, withdraws from, and is finally committed to an institution by. The ignorance of men to women's needs, the demands made in the name of married love, corner Mabel the same way they have cornered women in countless untold stories. She becomes the personage that must be taken care of, and that care promotes her weaknesses and haunts her, even upon her return from a mental hospital.

Where "Alice" illustrates by its reinforcing outcomes the self-knowledge that can occur when a woman takes her life into her own hands, "A Woman Under the Influence", in contrast, affords its audience scenes from the life of a woman encased in a situation patriarchy maintains she should be fulfilled by; and perhaps for some, the visible oppression and fragmentation of her life is, as in the work of Sylvia Plath, impetus toward building camaraderie between women, between men, between the two, that will dissolve destructive ways of relating. To learn from the insanity in Mabel's life and the pursuit of happiness in Alice's — that makes these films important ones.

Choosing Burstyn's Alice and nominating Gena Rowland's superb performance were meaningful acts by an increasingly meaningless institution. It's of value to note that these two women were responsible for an ad in the *New York Times* protesting the exclusion of Liv Ullman from the nominations, thereby calling praise to another woman whose portrayal of women in films is sensitive and strong.

The honest work these women have done, while allowing there is much work yet to do, should be of utmost educational value to all of us.

Hartford

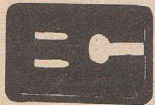
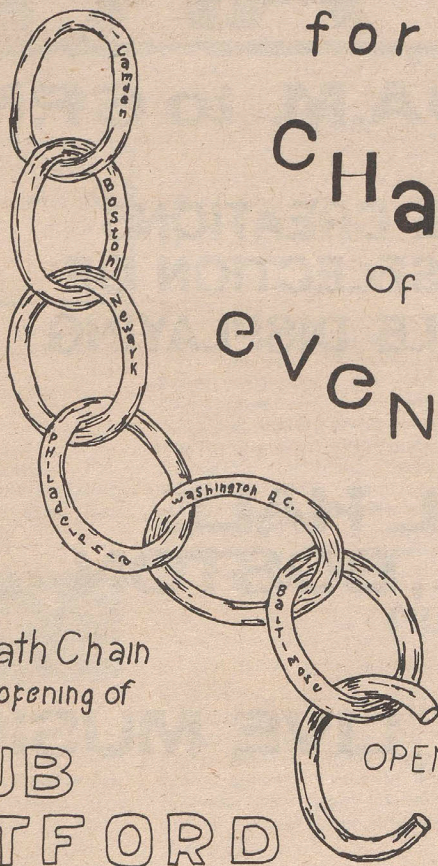
get ready

for a

CHAIN

OF

EVENTS



The Club Bath Chain
announces the opening of

CLUB HARTFORD

1169 MAIN STREET
E. HARTFORD CONN.

OPENING
MAY, 1975

SHOWERS

ROOMS - LOCKERS - DORMITORY - LOUNGE - TV - SNACK BAR - SAUNA

JOIN THE LINE



BASKIN-ROBBINS
ICE CREAM

(31 Delicious Flavors)
60 Charles Street, Boston
Open Mon.-Sat. 11-11 - Sun. 12-10
Tel. 227-4231

PERMANENT HAIR
REMOVAL
DONALD P. WILLIAMS
Registered Electrologist

419 Boylston St.
Boston, Suite 607

267-8180

Meeting House Cafe

Coffee — Pastry
Light Lunch

Tues.-Sat. 12 to 12 — Sun. 3 p.m.-12
Closed Monday

COME AND BE INSPIRED.
70 Charles St., Boston

THE GAY GUY'S GUIDE



NO. STATION
• 1 •
227-6651

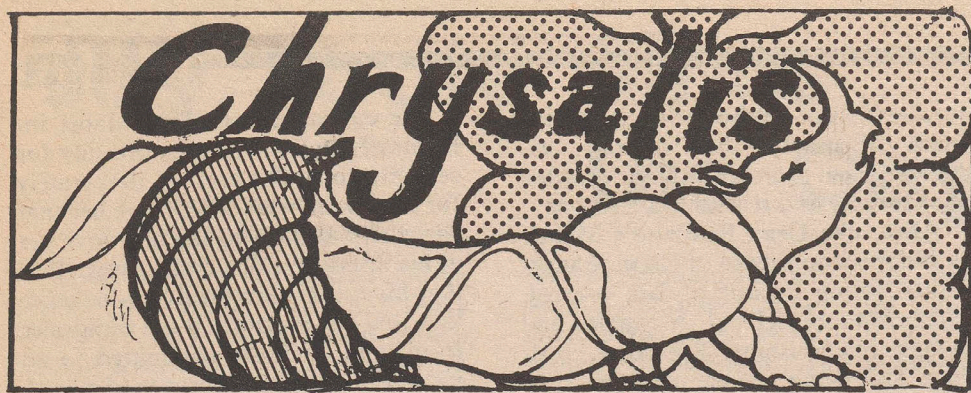
SO. STATION
• 1 & 2 •
423-4340

MIDNIGHT
SHOW
AT SO. STATION
EVERY
FRIDAY &
SATURDAY

ALWAYS PLAYING
THE FINEST IN

ALL MALE-X RATED MOTION PICTURES!

NEW SHOWS EVERY WEDNESDAY!



By K

I sat buckled in my car, nervously fingering the wheel, ready to rendezvous with my mysterious future. I truly did not know where I was going. When my unconscious wants to lead me somewhere it does so without first discussing its plans with me. When it was ready to tell me I was gay it merely planted a seed: greek nude wrestling. I go along for the ride and then WHAM! It's like having a devil in the head. Life can be very unpredictable with a devil like that.

My car entered the bohemian section of town. The rain began pouring down with a massive force, covering the windshield with a moving layer of water pocked with huge raindrops. I parked the car and ran under the overhang of a popular restaurant hangout. My run to that restaurant seemed as innocent to me as the thought of greek nude wrestling had seemed years before, a pregnant innocence.

A deep voice beckoned me through the large glass doors of the restaurant, the words distorting through the pane and rain so they sounded like the goo's and gaa's of a baby with a deep voice. I went in to investigate.

"Were you talking to me?" I asked a tall Black man.

"Yea. Why be wet out there when you can be wet in here?"

"Infallible logic," I replied, "Is that an invitation to join you?"

I was up for anything and anything sat at the other end of the table, all teeth grinning, his limp wrists dripping with jewels, even the jewels dripping with jewels, the whole affair-wrists and jewels, dangling down from his almost two dimensional frame. I looked through him like a window and saw the future I feared.

I glanced from the Black butch stud to his femme fatale. I had led myself into a den of fags. My rigid stereotypes were being unhappily strenthened. Stereotypes shmereotypes, I had found my kind.

In the course of our conversation it became quite apparent that each of us was exactly what he appeared. They, fags, and me, of course, just a liberal straight boy bustling with curiosity. My "I am sixteen years old," unscarred, innocent look acted as a fag magnet, reorganizing the seating arrangements of the restaurant until so many of their friends had come to join us that I sat at the head of six rows of tables lined with faggots, answering my questions like it was a live television panel discussion.

In retrospect I wonder how many chuckled "closet case" under their breath. Perhaps the entire table saw through my rather thinly veiled disguise and merely played along for the ride. Either way, they seemed titillated with the naivete of my questions. I told them I thought homosexuals were sex

hungry people who could never get it out of their minds and had it with someone different every chance they got. They chuckled and told me I was wrong. They lied.

Many seemed to blend in to this great mass of homosexuality arrayed before me like a fabulous, inedible buffet. Everywhere I looked I saw only stereotypes. There was the pimpled, Jewish boy who told me he knew he was just sucking cock to symbolically suck the power from men. Somehow this all connected up with his unresolved Oedipal complex. I never quite got the connection. It all sounded so snappy-psychoanalytic, kind of impressive but it made me nauseous.

And then there was the 6'6" highway planner whose thing (it seemed that everyone had a "thing") was picking up straight street boys, pumping them with food, dope and the warmth of a crash pad and then taking advantage of the one thing they had to offer in return.

I had never had so much fun being straight in my whole life. Meanwhile for the first time in my life I was aware of the fact that I was being actively cruised by people who meant it. After the crowd dispersed the Jewish/planner pair remained and presented me with a pyramid of "casual" questions whose point was my agreeing to go somewhere with them. But I had maintained my front with too much dignity to give in now. For the evening I was a liberal straight boy and I intended to go home that way, straight and horny.

Besides I had two hangups to take care of. First I had a nose, a broken nose. Twice broken, so that it was bent a bit to one side the way some penises are. It had that inevitable Jewish bump, something, thank goodness, penises do not have. I had no vanity. That is reserved for those who think they can be attractive to somebody. I

considered myself a monster, unfit for consumption.

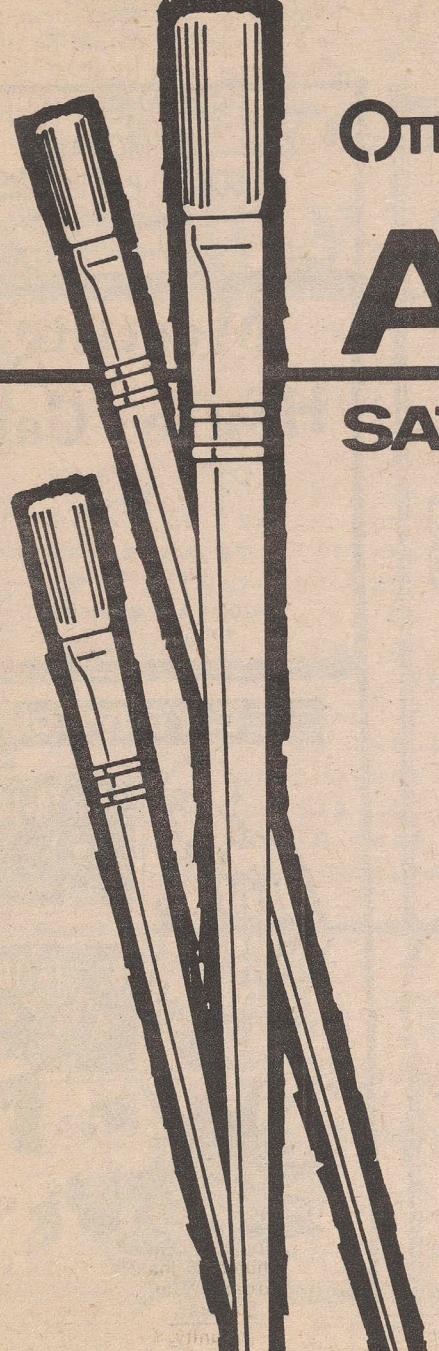
But my biography couldn't have been planned better. Three days later I was scheduled for corrective surgery. "Now we don't want a nose job," my mother emphasized to the surgeon, "Just put it back the way it was." Jews rarely have nose jobs. By the swarms they have deviated septum operations that happen to lop off two thirds of the nose in the process, or they have corrective surgery but almost never nose jobs. Mine, of course, was really corrective.

For two weeks afterword I was truly the monster I had always imagined myself to be: puffed up, black and blue, the entire center of my face swathed in bandages, slit-eyes peering from the sides like a lizard.

As hang up number one was healing I read the great penis-size-hang-up-life-saver, Masters and Johnson, and discovered to my relief that when erect most penises seem to even out, or so the Masters and Johnson myth goes. Anyway it was more than true in my case, and so hang up number two evaporated.

At last I was unveiled to the world and when I looked in the mirror I saw not merely a new (old?) straight nose, but a whole new face. "Hey," I thought to myself, "he's good-looking." For the first time I saw something others would desire. Vanity entered my world.

Face-fresh and cock-sure I jumped in the car my first free moment and knew exactly where I was going. My meaningless, endless wait was over. I plopped my bod on the rail of the stairs of that restaurant determined to sit there until I was picked up, literally or figuratively. I thrust out my pelvis displaying the goods and I waited, I really wait. My wait lasted thirty seconds. A great bear of a man, the highway planner, was waiting also.



OTHERWAY 75 PRESENTS

ALWAYS ART

SATURDAY - MAY 17 - 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

**VISUAL, AURAL AND TACTILE CREATIONS
FOR PURCHASE. A LARGE SELECTION OF
ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE DISPLAYING
THEIR ENDEAVORS...**

**at HORTICULTURAL HALL
300 MASS. AVE., BOSTON
(across from Symphony Hall)**

REFRESHMENTS • LIVE MUSIC

For information call 426-0412

DONATION \$1.75

Speaking for Myself

By ALLAN STEWART

FEMINISM AS A GAY ISSUE

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

In unity there is strength, someone once said, but they neglected to say what there is in disunity. I suspect it is more confusion than weakness, which would be the logical opposite. At any rate, confused is what I mostly feel when confronted by the feminist/sexist/lesbian/gay issue, and I think many gay people, women and men, share my confusion.

Because of this confusion, and because of the obvious limitation imposed by the available space, it won't be possible to present more than a cursory look at the problems I see. There won't be any pay solutions, but perhaps stating the problems will give us something to think on.

The old clichés are the first problem. You've heard them enough. I don't have anything against women. I wouldn't even be here if it weren't for my mother. Why, some of my best friends are women. I must admit, though, I wouldn't want my brother or sister to marry one. So it goes. Once past that nonsense, we can deal with real problems.

There are, it seems to me, three real problems in dealing with feminism as a gay issue. First, I think there are some very real differences between the goals of women's rights and gay rights, and too many gay women fail to make the distinction. Then, I think too many gay women are "separatists" from the broad gay liberation movement, insisting that women go their own way. Finally, I think too many gay women

are too willing to "confront" people with issues, often trivial ones, rather than spend time on the educations which would make the confrontations unnecessary.

In a column on racism, I said a politically sensitive Black gay person would probably work for Black rights before working for gay rights. Right now it is perhaps impossible to do both. But given a similar dilemma, gay women try to do both rather than choose.

The women's rights movement is certainly a valid one, but its goals are not the same as the goals for gay liberation. And as racial minority "tradition" groups tend toward homophobia, so do "traditional" women's groups. It's a quandary, but by not recognizing the differences, gay women are being unfair to themselves and all gay people.

Separatism is a difficult problem, too, which probably arises out of the difficulty women have in separating women's and gay rights. It's too bad women have separate labels for themselves: "lesbian," "dykes," etc. If we could all identify ourselves as just "gay" or "homosexual," a major hurdle against achieving strength in unity would be overcome. Most gay men don't seem particularly "sexist;" it's the women who choose to separate and create barriers most of the time.

Confrontations rarely work, at least for more than the moment. No one's consciousness gets permanently raised, and the resentment may even get more deep-seated. On trivial issues, especially, women often get carried away. It may be a jest, but "history/herstory" is completely absurd and can turn off even the most sensitive man.

Gay women claim they have certain rights and privileges as gay people, and they are the same ones accorded to gay

men. Of course that's true, but no one except gay women are claiming otherwise. Gay men seem to be less chauvinistic and more sensitive to women's rights than they're given credit for being. What's all the fuss about? Who knows? I don't.

Well, those are the "feminist" problems I see in the gay movement. There are others, but these seem to be the major ones. I don't have any easy solutions for them; I suspect there

aren't any. But I am sure gay women are going to have to work WITH all gay people, rather than AGAINST them, if any real progress is going to be made toward finding solutions. And gay men, myself included, are going to have to continue being sensitive to women's needs if we are all going to find the strength in unity that's needed for ultimate, complete gay liberation for everyone.

ON THE HORIZON

By LESLIE CHRISTIAN

After months of protesting and a massive letter writing campaign, Puerto Rico's Gay Pride Community have finally muzzled anti-homosexual static from San Juan's WAPA-TV.

The protest revolved around local television comedian JOSE MIGUEL AGRELOT and a homosexual characterization — named Serafin Sinfín — he has been using in his mimic routine.

AGRELOT has dropped the Serafin Sinfín character at the orders of WAPA-TV general manager NORMAN LOUVAU.

+ + +

I wonder when S. JAMES COP-

PERSMITH, general manager of WNAC-TV, is going to drop his shroud of liberal hypocrisy, and allow that station's TV show *Mass Reaction*, to be just that. Namely, a forum where any and all subject matter can be discussed.

To date, *Mass Reaction* has yet to touch on the *Silent Majority America* taboo subjects relating to homosexuals, transsexuals, transvestites and bisexuals.

Let's get the ball rolling Mr. COPPERSMITH! Or is that liberal cloak you hide behind merely a guise for a severe case of homophobia?

Book

(Continued from page 6)

several people, the authors pass it off as a phase they're going through, which well may be the case.

In his analyses Hal Wells goes back to childhood experiences to find explanations for an adult's behavior. The theory is that a person is the sum of all his or her experiences. They frequently remark that bad parental relationships are the cause of homosexuality, and I've always thought this argument is nonsense. First of all, it implies that homosexuality is a disease, a malfunction. In their book heterosexuality never needs an excuse, however.

Wells and Fast definitely have hangups of their own. Their likes and dislikes are made known. In his interviews Fast makes comments on people's appearances, often calling them fat, ugly, poorly-dressed, old looking and so on. Everybody in the book — Wells, Fast and most of the people interviewed — refer to male homosexuals pejoratively. Hal Wells' analyses are frequently judgmental. So you have to read the book with a grain of salt. But bisexuality is becoming the "in" thing, and if you want to understand what it is like, you should read this book. After all, it's one of a kind.

CLASSIFIEDclassifiedCLASSIFIEDclassifiedCLASSIFIEDclassified

apartments

HOUSE TO SHARE

GM, middle fifties, seeks another to share living expenses in 10 room old fashioned house 30 miles south of Boston, in Brockton-Taunton area. 3 acres of wooded land, barn, attics, comfort & privacy, car a necessity. Call: 1-238-6478 or write Box 338.

APEX APT. RENTALS

Centralized source of all available apts—Greater Boston & Suburbs. Unlimited help until rent. \$25 fee.

261-1680

Jim, John, Joe, Fred, Tom, David, Paul and Greg say "RENT FROM JAY." Beautiful studio apartment or a great one bedroom or if you like, a nice furnished room. 353-1958.

BOSTON SOUTH END

Spacious sunny one bedroom apt. w/new kitchen and bath w/w carpeting in owner occupied bldg. \$250. Call 266-1822.

for sale

BOY SCOUTS OF THE WORLD

Photo-color pictures of Boy Scouts worldwide. Nice close-up views, nothing like them before! 110 different Boy Scouts: \$15.00. 50 different Boy Scouts: \$9.50 (sent registered mail). Please send check or M.O. to M. G. Mair, P.O. Box 114, North Haverhill, N.H. 03774.

113 record albums, mostly soul, mostly new, for \$40.00. Olson 4 channel microphone mixer and stereo phono preamplifier, new, used only once. For sale at 1/2 retail, \$30.00. Approx. 100 Stereo Review and High Fidelity magazines for \$5.00. Call Stan Foote at 868-0382, evenings.

CLASSIC ELEGANCE

UNIQUE Leather Belts, Bags, Boxes, Pillows, Accessories are custom designed and handmade just for you. Contemporary, Traditional Styling in leather, suede, denim, canvas. Superb workmanship. Belts for American Indian Buckles a specialty. Leather items repaired expertly. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call TANTALUS LEATHERCRAFTERS at 261-8412 for an appointment.

WORN DENIM JACKS

Soft & faded with age, made into comfortable pouches. 3.50 ea., 3 for 9.00 p.p.d., no two alike! State waist. Check or M.O. to: deda designs, P.O. 318, Beverly, Mass. 01915.

A GAY PERSON'S GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND

1975 edition hot off the presses... 400 listings of businesses, services, organizations, craftspeople, professionals. Gay life and living from Cape Cod to Cos Cob, and Bridgeport to Bangor. \$2.00 to GCN/GPG, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

BUSINESS

Own your own telephone. Avoid Ma Bell's monthly charges. 500 different colors, sizes, and styles, dial and push button; all factory brand new & guaranteed for life. Also world famous SANYO answering machines, business and residential. 20% discount off our already low prices by mention of GCN ad until July 1. With discount, prices as low as \$24.95! TELEPHONICS, LTD., 392 Washington St., Brookline, 731-5593.

1 KLH Stereo in excellent condition. Never used. Asking \$163.00, but willing to rap about the price. Must sell! (moving).

Two Islands in Moosehead Lake Maine (Hogback Islands), for sale at \$6000 a piece. 2200 ft. shore front, wooded (pine, spruce), 1 1/2 mile from shore, fantastic view. Both islands are high and dry. For further info write GCN, Box 9000.

instruction

GODDARD/CAMBRIDGE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN SOCIAL CHANGE. An accredited M.A. program of Goddard College, accepting students for 1975-76. Project areas include American social and cultural issues, Feminist studies, U.S. imperialism at home and abroad. Catalogue available. 5 Upland Rd., Cambridge, MA 02140. Tel. (617) 492-0700.

CARPENTER WANTED

Is there a gay carpenter out there who knows carpentry, and loves old houses enough that he wants to do a good job? A week or two of work to capable person. South End. Call Dave or Kim evenings at 426-6025.

Wanted: Experienced auto body man. Salary arranged, small shop, friendly atmosphere. Call (617) 445-3300 between 2-8 p.m.

jobs offered

I am looking for a reliable person for once a week or every other week cleaning. Your own transportation will be necessary since we live in the suburbs. Call 899-7630 after 6 pm.

CO-ORDINATOR OF ALCOHOLISM Person to work with gay men and women alcoholics. Position funded by Dept. Public Health. Send resume to: Rev. Don McGaw, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston.



Festoon, (2)

Be your own boss. Set your own hours. Join the GCN team of ad representatives. Don't restrict yourself to Boston. We have outlets all over New England. 20% Commission. Earn extra money, or make it a full-time job. Dennis, Bill, and Diane are here to help you. Write GCN or call 617-426-4469.

HAIRDRESSER with license wanted to work few hours on Friday evenings and all day Saturdays and an occasional full week charge in a small Brighton salon. Call Sebastian 782-2332.

GOLD/SILVER SMITH

For ongoing jobs: some standard sort of erotic items, some reasonably creative commissions in gold and silver. Collaborate with leather craftspeople. Must be reliable on quality and deadlines. Mail order, not competitive with your current business. Nice for part-time craftspeople or advanced hobbyist. Send details, phone in full confidence to Allan, GCN Box 364.

jobs wanted

MOVING & HAULING IN BOSTON & NEW ENGLAND ask for Lin or Joan. 628-5322, Boston.

CARPENTRY & REMODELING, estimates, reasonable rates. Call Lin or Joan. 628-5322, Boston.

Want to do lite housework 3 or 4 times a week. \$3/hr. Call 868-4661. Responsible, trustworthy, good humored.

Responsible man with experience, will clean your house or apt. Will also do odd jobs, plant maintenance. Reasonable rates, call 267-4498.

Van and driver for hire for small deliveries of commercial or private product. For 267-1540, Boston.

Carpentry & Remodeling. Free estimates, reasonable rates. Call Lin or Joan, 628-5322, Boston.

miscellaneous

Wanted: Used ten speed bicycle. Call 523-3435 after 6 pm weekdays.

ANDROGYNY BOOK SHOP

A wide selection of gay feminist and nonsexist childrens books. Come and visit when you're in Montreal. 1217 Crescent St., Montreal, (514) 866-2131.

OTHER VOICES — Gay bookstore at 30 Bromfield St., 3rd floor, open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. through Saturday. Many new titles including Woman Plus Woman.

organizations

GOLDEN GAYS

A new group for mature men and women. Social meeting Fridays, 7-9 pm., Charles Street Meetinghouse, Gallery Coffee Shop. Come make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere. All are welcome.

HELP!!! Non-profit, social service agency needs a small offset press and platemaker for mobilizing the ignorant masses. Must be in good condition. All contributions are tax-deductible. Can pay a token sum if necessary. Please call Bob (617) 632-8700 or 632-8701. 9 am. to 4 pm.

The Church of The Eternal Flame Universal, Hartford's first "Gay" Church wishes to welcome you to one of our services, Sundays 3:00 pm., 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford, CT. Bishop Gail Robinson.

PIONEER VALLEY GAY UNION

of Western Massachusetts meets Thurs. evenings. Meet other gays and create a better world. Call Demian: (413) 253-5171 or Resource Center: (413) 253-2591 or Bruce: (413) 586-2512.

TEENAGE GAY WOMEN

A weekly rap group every Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Come to Project Lambda, Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. For info call 227-8587.

WE'RE NOT AFRAID ANYMORE!

in Worcester, Mass. Join us at MCC-Worcester 4 p.m. Sundays, Central Church, 6 Institute Rd., near Lincoln Square. Call Heather and Nancy (ministers) or Bob (deacon): 756-0730.

Community Synagogue of Boston organizes with a religious, cultural and social program. For information write with name, address and phone to MCS, PO Box 2009, Boston, MA 02106.

ADOLESCENT GAY WOMEN:
A weekly rap group every Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Come to Project Lambda, Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. For info call 227-8587.

PIONEER VALLEY GAY UNION IS NOT DEAD!! We now meet downstairs at the Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst (enter off Spring Street—look for the sign on the door). Still Thursday nights at 7:30. Come talk and share—help us plan picnics and other functions this summer. For more information, write c/o Jeff Keith, 652 S. East St., Holyoke, Mass., or: c/o Windy Hill, Charlemont, Mass.

Metropolitan Community Church meets for worship every Sunday at 7 p.m., 131 Cambridge St., Boston (Old West Church). Fellowship hour 8:15 p.m. Revs. Lawrence Bernier, Stephanie Biquisiak, and Jeffrey Pulling, pastors. All persons are welcome. Telephone (617) 523-7664.

WORCESTER GAYS COME OUT
Join us at 82 Franklin St., third floor. M & F welcome. For further info., write W.G.U., Box 359, Fed. Sta., Worcester, MA 01601.

SUPPORT LESBIAN MOTHERS:
Lesbian Mother's National Defense Fund, 2446 Lorentz Place, W. Seattle, Wash. 98109, 206-282-5798. Membership \$5.00.

MONTACHUSETT GAYS
Come out to the Homophile Union of Montachusett meetings, in Fitchburg. For more info, write H.U.M., Box 262, Fitchburg, Mass. 01420 or call 343-3190.

FRAMINGHAM UNICORN SOCIETY
A social group for the Framingham area. Proposals, ideas, you! welcomed. Interested? c/o P.O. Box 413, 02862.

AMERICA LATINA—LATIN AMERICA
Estamos interesados en comunicarnos con Gays en America Latina y el Caribe. Si tienes amistades en estas areas, por favor pideles que se comuniquen con nosotros, o envianos sus nombres y direcciones. We are interested corresponding with Gays in Latin America and the Caribbean. If you have friends in these areas, please ask them to write us, or send us their names and addresses. Comunidad de Orgullo Gay, Apartado 5523, Puerta de Tierra, San Juan, P.R. 00906.

NAT'L GAY PRISONERS COALITION
I would love to hear from any Gay Brother or Sister who is interested in helping liberate the Rights of Gay Prisoners in Federal Prisons. Contact: Johnny Gibbs, #86976-132, Box 1000, U.S. Prison, Lewisburg, PA 17837. (Chairman of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition)

pen pals

Hi — my name is John Ingraham. I have been locked up for 8 yrs. and would like to write to some fine people. Am 30 yrs. old, 5 ft. 10 1/2 in., 185 lbs., Hazel eyes, brown hair. Should be out within two years, and nothing to do but get it on. P.O. Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091.

My name is Robert Gamaza, Box 43391, C.T.F., North Soledad, Calif. 93960. I am 23 yrs., and this loneliness and lack of contact with the outside world is really unbearable. Hopefully there will be someone kind enough to correspond with me so that it will help me associate with the everyday occurrences of freedom.

My name is Jack Metcalf. I'm 27 yrs., 5'7", 145 lbs., blk hair, brn eyes. My interests are beautiful humans, very conscious arousing among gay universals. I will immediately reply to all passive, active, TVs, TSs or inclined straights. I will answer all; please speak liberally. Jack Metcalf, #04020, P.O. Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091.

I would like to write to any GWF, GM, TVs or anyone who has an open mind and wants to rap. I am 19, a Virgo, 5'11", 140 lbs., black hair, blue (sometimes hazel) eyes, Swedish descent and sexy. I get out of prison this Christmas. Please write, any and all welcome. Richard S. Williams, C-013568, Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091.

My name is Willie and I would like very much to correspond with any aware people. Mail is a very important part of my life; it would be most appreciated. Please write Willie Lemon, #014801 P.O. Box 747, Starke, Fla. 32091.

My name is Earnest Little. I am an effeminate male with almost no correspondence. I'm 26 yrs., 5'11", 135 lbs., blk hair & eyes. My hobbies are music, writing and being versatile. I hope to become a music teacher. I am a very consistent writer, so I will answer all letters promptly. Please write Earnest Little, B-26980-A, P.O. Box 600, Tracy, Calif.

personals

Need 2 more members for 4 man cruise — Stratford to Boston with stops at islands and 5 days at P-town. Anchor daily off Herring Cove Beach. 37 ft. Pacemaker. 6/29 to 7/13. Also other weekends on the Sound. Sun, fun, good food and relaxation. Write: P.O. Box 725, Stratford, CT 06497.

"Bless be the ties that binds our hearts in Christian love. A fellowship of kindred minds our thoughts like unto that above." Metropolitan Community Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Join us!

What is a feminine male? Is he kind, considerate, mannered, gentle and loving? Is this so bad! A masculine woman? Is she controlled, persistent, brave, affirmative and confident. Is this so bad!

Honey Bunny Boo — Sorry things went sour. Sorrier it's gone, but I'll always love you. Take care of yourself.

Love always,
Dave The Undertaker

Gay white female, early 50's, desires to meet other gay white female for lasting relationship. Lots of love for right woman. Box 374.

GWM, 24, 5 ft. 2 in., 130 lbs., easy to get along with. I am new to Boston and would like to meet other GWM from Boston between ages 18-26 for friendship and maybe more. I like music, going out to bars, movies, watching TV and just going out. No S&M or B&D. GCN, Box 355.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT!!! BOYS OR BABES REVUE

Female Impersonators
May 17th; 9 pm. Adm. \$3.00. Martis Lounge, 174 Railroad St., Central Falls, RI. 728-5460.

GCN Box 343 — Want to answer letter. But you forgot address.

Helen

LIFE BEGAN AT FORTY!

I have found the Bi world a twilight zone replete with insurmountable guilt. Swinging affairs offer nothing and are but a game of chance being far too expensive and too competitive with a total lack of human feelings and warmth. However, advertising myself as a Gay could be just a play on words. Suffice to say I have joined the counter culture or rational alternative world at a very late stage in life. I am interested in those who could find an interest in me. I am not Mr. Universe nor do I seek one. Kindly accept me as a mature, reasonably intelligent, thoroughly together male. I am an active 46, very slim (bag of bones) blue eyes, brown hair, 5 ft. 7 in., average looks and clean shaven. Seek trim, affectionate alter ego. This lengthy ad answers most questions. Try to build character or personality out of the above and please write GCN, Box 373.

Thanks to unheralded support from individuals, groups, and businesses, Gay Legislation '75 needs only \$200 more to cover its \$1000 total rock-bottom expenses. We would appreciate your help. Checks can be made out to "Legislation '75", Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston 02114. Thank you.

COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA
We've discovered two established movie stars this year! We need a number of teenage love idols for two new pictures in the process of shooting this Fall in NY & SF. You can send us yr pix or call (415) 771-4318 for more information. Now's the time because this ad won't be here again. Saxon's St'rs, 1437 Polk, #4, S.F., Cal. 94109.

ATTLEBORO AREA
WM, 29, seeks earnest M (youth no barrier), for hopefully endearing and enduring mutual contacts. Telephone number requested. GCN Box 362.

PROVIDENCE
WM hoping for social partners in private tete-a-tete (e.g., dinner) rather than public encounters (e.g., bars). Life style includes profession and EXODUS. GCN Box 390.

GCN Box #331 — A sensuous party has answered ad. Would like to meet as soon as possible. Must move within two weeks. — Stephen.

FRI. NITE BLUES?

Why be bored, hassled or stood up? Come to GCN office at 6 pm and experience good folks and pleasant conversation, while folding and mailing GCN.

Quiet GF 29 seeks GF for casual friendship to share occasional canoe trips, swimming, skiing, etc. Write D. A. Hudson, 174 Lincoln St., Worcester, MA 01606.

GWM 45 5'7" 133 seeks straight appearing young gay or bi for friends. No hassle, commitment or S/M. Discretion assured. Like sports, travel, beach. Write to GCN Box 359.

Gay Health Nite (Wed) at the Fenway Community Health Center, needs a volunteer lab. tech. from 5/28-7/16. Call 267-7573, ask for Jim.

GWM, early 30's, 5 ft. 10 1/2 in., 160 lbs. seeks sincere, discreet, clean GWM under 35 for sensuous meetings. Include phone. Write GCN Box 370.

Reserved, attractive GWM, 28 (soccer buff) seeks sincere relationship 25/35 (1-617-536-6931) from 6 on.

Carol — Happiness is being with you. Happy Anniversary.

The Worm

Liberated Couple — Want G/Bi-WF to bring out WF mate — she = blonde, blue eyes, 5 ft. 2 in., 108 lbs., 39. Pretty GWF or Bi-couple welcome. Photo and/or phone appreciated. For further information write to GCN, Box 368.

Passive white TV with lesbianistic ways, seeks GWF/s for complete servitude. No bi's or men. Send photo, phone to Lois, Box 63, Boston, MA 02137.

THE COMING-OUT-HAPPY-BLUES

Going through the changes; saying goodbye to one world — community and friends — hello to another; a new city. Most of pain and confusion over, edging into joy and balance. I seek new friends more like my newer self (bars and ads confront me with a mirror of the old — hidden/hiding). I'm looking for some hits — head or heart as well as body. I'm non-straight (beyond sexual sense: smoke, etc.) — established in work, mid-thirties, average looks and size, wide variety of interests. I think I have a lot to offer a relationship and expect the same. Am and will be up-front. If this hits with you let's talk — will answer all eventually — only those who see that coming out is a total growth process — perhaps never complete — who see it as both a personal and shared experience need respon Maybe we can grow a bit — a lot — together while we're growing alone. Are you still with me? Drop a line; Box 367.

Attractive masculine Bk M, 30, 6 ft. 2 in., 160 lbs., horny and well endowed into levis, W/S, B/D, oil, mild S/M, seeks masculine M counterparts 25-40 for wild and heavy action! Reply Box 369.

IMAGINATIVE COUPLINGS

GWM, 31, 5 ft. 11 in., 165 lbs., wishes to meet younger or "just coming out" guy for erotic and imaginative action. Friendship a possibility, but truthfulness a must. Box 114, N. Weymouth, MA 02091. Please give your phone number, so we can meet soon. (A picture of yourself?)

Bi-WM gives fantastic B.J. to young studs. Write to Don, P.O. Box 3006, Saxonville Station, Framingham, MA 01701.

HAM RADIO

GAY Net. Tune in on 3905 KH2 on Thur. or Fri. at 6:00 pm or 7100 KH2 on Sun. at 9:30 pm. Listen for "CQGN" on either CW or phone for more info, write Mark, P.O. Box 2331, W.P.I., Worcester, MA 01609.

BIRTHDAY?

Surprise your friends with a birthday classified in GCN.

GAY ARTISTS OR ANY ARTIST!!!

Are you interested in donating some of your sculpture, paintings, and drawings to GCN for an art auction in May? Possibility of access to public through art fair and art auction. Box 1952.

Cocktail Party, May 3, benefit Metropolitan Community Church of Boston. For info and address call Dave or Kim at 426-6025. This is a fun thing — come and meet your friends and make new ones.

Grand Opening Free mailboxes until Sat., May 31, 1975 PRIVATE MAILBOXES INC.

Individual-Locked-Boxes-For-Rent
Let us handle your mail Privacy is our business
102 Charles St., Boston, MA 02114
Tel. 523-9595

I am a guy who is thinking about opening a small guest house in Provincetown and I would really appreciate hearing about your experiences with guest houses. What did you like? What did you dislike? How long was your stay? Did you go with a friend? Could you bring friends back to your room? Do you like or dislike the idea of being able to cruise through the house? What would have encouraged you to stay at the same guest house for a longer time and/or encouraged you to return there more often? All of your suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Thanks. Please write GCN Box 250.

I am looking for a compatible youth, who would like to work as a "HOUSE-BOY" in a Provincetown guest house, in exchange for free room and board plus customer tips. Applicants should be friendly, honest, and physically attractive. Use of dope, grass or heavy alcohol will not be allowed. Send details about yourself and a current picture to GCN Box 250.

MEN INCREASE LENGTH!

Simple pathological exercise. Detailed instructions. Send \$2.00. Be-Longer, GCN Box 365

Young, Gay and Hassled?

Call or drop in to Project Lambda, 70 Charles St., Boston (227-8587). An advocacy program for youth (12-17 yrs. old) who need help dealing with family, court, school, etc. M-F, 10 am-6 pm.

Hi, Charley. Meet me at the rap on sexuality at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, next Tuesday, sponsored by MCC/Boston. The topic will be "Bisexuality, Keeping Fences Down and Doors Open," and the guest resource person will be Paul Barstow of Wellesley College Theatre. We'll rap afterward, Charlie. —Bill

Gay Pride Week is here, and everybody loves a parade. We need help building floats to celebrate 200 years of Gay history. Call Darius Dapptree, 782-6310.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND WE'LL GIVE YOU THE NEWS

Subscribe now to GCN and you'll get the news hot off the presses along with fabulous features and curious classifieds to keep you informed and keep you interested.

A parade needs a band. If you can play (?) a band instrument and are marching in the parade, please contact Darius Dapptree, 782-6310.

Publications

BOOK SALE — SAVE OVER 50%
ADOLESCENT SEXUALITY — Personal Values and Sex Behavior — Ages 13-19 — Hundreds of Statistical Tables, Detailed Study — Sex Roles — Masturbation — Adolescent Homosexuality — Attitudes — Much More — published at \$20.00 only \$7.50. TEK, Box 115, Worcester, MA 01602.

Personal ad listing service. 100's of personal non-coded ads of young persons. Send 50c for a recent sample issue with complete information and an ad form. Write: BSJ, Box 337, Milliken, CO. 80543.

A GAY PERSON'S GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND
1975 edition hot off the presses... 400 listings of businesses, services, organizations, craftspeople, professionals. Gay life and living from Cape Cod to Cos Cob, and Bridgeport to Bangor. \$2.00 to GCN/GPG, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

PEACEWORK
Nonviolent social change news reported in lively monthly New England newsletter. Subscription \$3, sample copy free. Peacework, 48 Inman St., Cambridge, MA 02139.

Integrity: Gay Episcopal Forum. Louie Crew, Ph.D., Editor. \$5/10 issues. Official newsletter of Integrity, Inc., for Gay Episcopalians and Our Friends. 701 Orange St., Ft. Valley, GA 31030.

Classified Ad deadline is Tuesday noon (prior to Sunday publication).

All ads must be paid in advance. No ads accepted by phone. Make check or money order payable to Gay Community News, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

Since we serve all New England, please include your area code if your ad includes a phone number.

GCN reserves the right to reject advertising which may result in legal action.

GCN has no control over classified advertisers. Hence, we cannot assure you that your inquiry will be answered or that the product or service is accurately presented.

If you wish to respond to a box number in any of our ads, send to GCN Classifieds, Box....., 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

If you wish to pick up your mail at the GCN office, our hours are: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday.

Please circle one of the following ad categories:
APARTMENTS FOR SALE INSTRUCTION
JOBS OFFERED JOBS WANTED PEN PALS
ORGANIZATIONS PERSONALS RESORTS
RIDES ROOMMATES SERVICES WANTED
MISCELL. LOST & FOUND PUBLICATIONS

Number of weeks ad is to run.....

Non-business: \$2.00 per week for 30 words, and 50 cents for each additional 15 words. Headlines are 50 cents for 25 characters.

Business (if you charge money for a service, you are a business): \$3.00 per week for 30 words, and \$1.00 for each additional 15 words. Headlines are \$1.00 for 25 characters.

BOX NUMBERS:
are available at \$1.00 for 6 weeks if you pick up your mail. If, however, you wish your mail forwarded, the rate is \$2.00 for 6 weeks. Mail is forwarded at the end of the 3rd and 6th weeks. If you want mail forwarded more often, please include 50 cents above the \$2.00 charge for each additional time you want it forwarded.

Headlines..... at \$.....per week \$.....

First 30 words..... at \$.....per week \$.....

Each add'l 15 words at \$.....per week \$.....

Pick-Up Box No. at \$1.00/6 weeks \$.....

Forward Box No. at \$2.00/6 weeks \$.....

Extra Forwardings at 50¢/time..... \$.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED..... \$.....

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY.

classified ad order form

Name.....

Address.....

City.....State.....

Zip.....Phone.....

CLASSIFIEDclassifiedCLASSIFIEDclassifiedCLASSIFIEDcl

MAJORITY REPORT
Feminist News For Women — published every other week. Subscr. \$5.00/year. 74 Grove St., NYC 10014.

FOCUS
A Journal for lesbians, put out by Boston DOB. New, exciting format. 60c sample copy. \$6.00 for 1 year. Send check to DOB, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston, MA 02116.

DANCING THE GAY LIB BLUES by Arthur Bell. Gay Pride Week, the Stonewall Raid and Christopher Street march, the "zaps" . . . provocative, first-person accounts by a founder of the Gay Activists Alliance. Hardcover. Only \$3.98. Nan-Jean Books, P.O. Box 75, Middlefield, MA 01243.

TEAM. MAIL ORDER HOUSE
Publisher of fine magazines and mail order products. Write today for free catalog to: TEAM, 883 Geary St., San Francisco CA 94102.

Transvestite Newsletter. Free Sample. Has Articles, Photos, Personals and Unusual Offers. Write: Empathy, Box 12466, Seattle, Wash. 98111.

WIN MAGAZINE
Peace and freedom through non-violent action. Subscription: \$7/year. WIN, Box 547, Rifton, N.Y. 12471.



CAMPING
Riverfront Camping. Wooded Tentsites. Seasonal Rentals. 2-acre Leasing. Bath facilities. Water, Sunbathing, Swimming. Pets OK. Fish Stocked River. Boating, Bathing, Privacy. Oneness! 90 minutes via 93 to 89, Sunapee, N.H. No charge to Prof. Non-Profit Groups.

Write: Directions
Give phone # in your correspondence
MARINO, Box 282
Cambridge, Mass. 02138

roommates

Passive white TV, feminist/lesbian will share her single home w/responsible GWF's. Share expenses and all. Send photo and phone to Lois, Box 63, Boston, MA 02137.

GWM, 22 str. appr. mat. nt & cln. wrk. per. need same to shr. mod. 2 bdrm. Dore. apt. ASAP at 100. PM & 1/2 utl. Reply: Tel. 536-6931.

Gay roommate, straight appearing, wanted to share large modern 1 bdrm (twin size) apt. Bay Village. \$100/mo. plus electric and phone. Call 426-6970. Woman or man roommate wanted for Beacon Hill apartment with woman, beginning May 1 or June 1. Sec. dep. req. Call Julie, 723-5323.

Straight appearing male, seeks same with 2 bedroom apt., within easy ride to B.U. Am 24, graduate student. Can move in early May. Rent up to \$90/month. Call 787-4582.

GWM, 30s, seeks sincere person(s) to share or seek lg. apt., home near M.T.A. Mutual compatibility 1st consideration. Let's talk or meet, no rush necessary. I like people, & doing my "own things" alone too; but don't like living alone any longer. Not a sex ad. GCN Box 361.

HELP! — 2 roommates needed to share apartment with 3rd person. Spacious equipped kitchen, bathroom, enclosed porch, 2 large bedrooms available — Waltham — \$60 month each. Minutes from transportation, shopping. 891-5805, call preferably late at night (after 8:30).

GF rmte. for Belmont home. 484-5935.

A roommate wanted, penthouse apartment, terrace, furnished, ocean exposure, modern kitchen, air conditioning, parking. \$125 per month. 268-6904.

Lesbian/feminist, mid-20s, looking for responsible L/f to share Inman Sq. apartment. Own large room, partly furnished. Clean, quiet building. \$57.50 + utilities. No pets, please. 547-1852; keep trying.

APT. IN LOVELY HOME

Brand new apt. located in W. Roxbury, beautifully decorated with wall to wall broadloom carpet throughout; furnished bedroom with new beds, new private bath with shower stall and glass lower doors, and air conditioning. One or 2 GM or GF needed. Free parking, near MBTA. References necessary. GCN Box 366.

An intelligent, congenial, responsible person. M or F 25+ non-sexist and non-racist, is urgently needed to share spacious 2 bdrm. apt. in Brookline with stable outgoing M 30. Quiet area nr. MBTA and Coolidge Cor. Own sunny rm. Wood floors. Large kitchen. F with small child welcome. Pets O.K. Lots of space and plants. \$117 per mo. incl. heat. Avail. now! Call 734-0618, John, after 6:00 p.m.

A fund raising and social activities committee is forming. Tony C., the fund raiser, is organizing people to help coordinate events and others for work with foundations. The committee will also plan other social activities. Regular and dependable volunteers welcome.

CHARLESTOWN — City Sq., close to Subway! Roommate needed for 2 bdrm apt. Cheap rent — \$55.00 (heated and 1/2 of gas and elec. Prefer non-tobacco) smoker, vegi, but not that vital for June 1st. Please call 241-8357 or 426-4469. Leave # if I'm not there; ask for George. Responsible person, 19-30, to share ultra-modern 9th floor luxury apt. at Coolidge Corner on MBTA. Beautiful Bost-Cam. view. Elevator. **Completely furnished.** Color TV. Heat & central A.R. cond., dishwasher, w/w carpet. Your own bedroom and private bathroom if desired! Sorry, no more pets; we already have 2 fantastic cats. No lease to sign. No heavy drugs or alcoholics. Parking available. Should appreciate classical music. All this for **only \$150 per month.** Serious inquiries only. Call 731-5593 (24 hours). 566-1673 before 9 a.m. & after 11 p.m. or write Box 372.

Gay woman, 23, with small dog, looking for peaceful house or apt. to share, within commuting distance of Providence. Likes art, plants, outdoors. Call 617-238-0095 (Easton) eves., leave phone number.

ROOMMATE ENTERPRISES

Personal, confidential service for gay women and men.
CALL 247-4904
Suite 2B, 510 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, Mass.

H2OTOWN RAILROAD COLLECTIVE
Contrary to popular belief, the Watertown Railroad Collective is alive and well and needs 2 roommates. Interested women and men call Gary, Jack, or Tony at 926-5739.

Wanted by Older Woman, another woman to share living accommodations. Preferably outside city. Write Box 307, Sudbury, Mass. 01776.

M, 24, seeking non-sexist living situation in Amherst, Mass. area for June-August, possibly longer. Please respond to Box 375.

services

MUSIC
The band that makes it — A 4-piece dance band of the funky-rock variety. Call Elaine at 665-7007 for bookings.

JANUS COUNSELING ASSOC.
Individual, group, and couples counseling for men and women by professionals who understand the special issues of gay and feminist lifestyles. Fees on sliding scale. (617)-536-3071.

TYPESETTING FOR GAY COMMUNITY
Use our facilities (phototypesetter plus IBM Composer) to produce your booklet or publication. Good rates. (We are GCN's typesetter.) Write GCN Box 69.

EAR-PIERCING
Quick, painless. 14k studs included. \$4 for one, \$8 for a pair. The Cutlery, 119 Charles St., 227-0119.

BOSTON BAIL PROJECT
Most people who are arrested are allowed bail. The rich can always pay. The poor often languish in dirty cells just because they are poor. You can help. Contact the Boston Bail Project, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02138, or call (617) 491-1575.

HOLY UNION? For superior quality raised letter printing of invitations and allied material, call Dave or Kim at 426-6025 evenings. Also full line of Bar Mitzvah cards and associated material, all first class.

A GAY PERSON'S GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND
400 fact-packed listings of businesses, services, organizations, craftspeople, professionals. Gay life and living from Cape Cod to Cos Cob, and Bridgeport to Bangor. \$2 to GCN/GPG, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

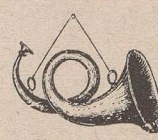
GAY TRIPS BEACON TOURS

26 Tremont St., Boston 02108
(617) 742-1220, Linda

FREE JOY

Who would have thought that Friday nights could start with such fun! Come help us fold and mail GCN at 6:00.

GAYS INSURE, INVEST
Complete insurance advice and financial planning — life, health, disability (income protection), mutual funds, gold and silver from a well educated, successful brother. Write P.O. Box 8279, Boston, Mass. 02114. Give phone #. Highly professional, confidential. It costs nothing to ask questions; all are welcome.

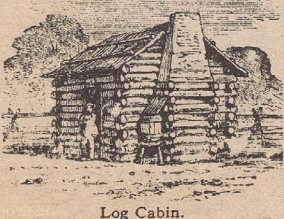


GCN Classifieds
get results.

wanted

Boston Men's Center Needs A Home
We are an organization of men challenging traditional masculine images. We are hoping to establish a homebase to act as a center from which to coordinate our activities. These activities include political action, men's groups, health care and education, a monthly newsletter, counseling, and social activities. Anyone who knows of any available free/cheap space for at least a desk and a phone, contact Eric at 498-2639 before 10 pm.

WANTED — Working partner with some capital for escort service. Phone 436-6970 or write Richmark Enterprises, 100 Charles Street South, Boston, MA 02116.



Log Cabin.

resorts

PUERTO RICO—VIRGIN ISLANDS ALL NEW 1975 GUIDE

A NEW concept in guides. Accepts no ads: completely unbiased! Up-to-date, no closed places listed. The guide to buy BEFORE YOU COME: what to bring and what not to! Prices, guest houses, hotels, bars, restaurants, shows, active places, and beaches. Historical spots, tours, car rentals, flight info, plus language primer & much more. Rush \$3. Sunny Shores, Box 9141-G, San Juan, PR 00907.

Serving Home Cooked
ITALIAN FOOD
Open at 5 for Dinner
Closed Monday
THE HOUSE RESTAURANT
12 WILTON ST., Allston
Off Cambridge St. near Harvard Ave.
783-5131 783-5701



luxury apartments and rooms by day, by weekend, by the week

THE CAPER INN

40% DISCOUNT IN MAY-JUNE
(except Memorial weekend)

14 Mechanic St., Provincetown, MA 02657

Tel. (617) 487-1777

Walter Driscoll Registered Electrologist

Free Consultations Invited

26 West St. Bus. Phone 426-5067
Boston, Mass. Home Phone 327-7155

Quick Gay Guide

BOSTON AREA [area code 617]

Adolescent male rap session: 4 p.m.-6 p.m. 227-8587
Boston College. Box 28, Chestnut Hill, Ma. 02167
Boston Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC) c/o GCN, Box 8000
Boston University Gays 353-3635
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group) 265-6409
Brandeis Gays. Box 2089 Brandeis Univ., Waltham, Ma. 02154
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 Nylund 267-1066
Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom 440-8551
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
Golden Gays 482-8998
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 661-0450
186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge 523-7664
Metropolitan Community Church 253-5440
MIT Student Homophile League 267-6160
National Organization for Women
Other Fund Inc. (Gay United Fund), PO Box 1997, Boston 02105 426-0412
Other Voices Bookstore, 30 Bromfield St., Boston 267-9150
Project Place Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764
Project Lambda 227-8587
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Frances Craig, P.O. Box 291, MIT Branch, Cambridge 02139
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Ariadne Kane, Box 161, Cambridge 02140
Tufts Gay Community (ask for referral) 628-5000
Waltham-Watertown Gays, c/o GCN, Box 7100
Women's Community Health Center, Cambridge 547-2302

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS [area code 617]

Clark Gay Alliance, PO Box 2118, Clark Univ., Worcester 01610
Dignity/Merrimack Valley, PO Box 348, Lowell 01853
Homophile Union of Massachusetts, PO Box 262, Fitchburg 01420
MCC/Worcester 756-073C
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
Salem Gay Hotline 8-10 pm (Tues Only) 745-0594
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747
Worcester Homophile Organization 892-9113

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154
Everywomen's Center, Amherst 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM 91.9) 545-2876
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438
Dignity/Springfield, PO Box 488, Forrest Park Sta., Springfield 01107
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889
Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Amherst 253-2591

Southwest Women's Center 545-0626
Springfield Gay Alliance 583-3904
UMass Student Homophile League 545-0154
Valley Women's Center, Northampton 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND [area code 401]

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown Univ., Providence 02912 863-6878
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Women of Providence 831-5184
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817
MCC/Providence, 37 Clemence St.

VERMONT [area code 802]

Counseling for Gay Women & Men, c/o Vt. Women's Health Center, 158 Bank St., Burlington 05401
Counseling for Gay Women & Men 863-1386
Gay Student Union, Billings Student Center, U. of Vermont, Burlington 05401 658-3830
Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

CONNECTICUT [area code 203]

East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich Gay Alliance/Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520; 3-9 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
JConn/Storrs 465-2359
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
The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal 527-5612
Wesleyan Gay Alliance, c/o Wesleyan Women's Center, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 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
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

NEW YORK CITY [area code 212]

Gay Academic Union, Box 1479, Hunter College, 625 Park Ave. 10021
Gay Activities Alliance, P.O. Box 2, Village Sta. 10014 966-7870
Gay Media Coalition, Box 218, Ansonia Station 10023
Gay Men's Health Project, 247 W. 11th St. 691-6969
Gay Switchboard 924-4036
Identity House, 255 W. 92nd St. 243-8181
Lesbian Feminist Liberation, c/o Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St. 255-9802
Lesbian Switchboard 741-2610
Mattachine Society, 59 Christopher St. 691-1066
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Rm. 506 741-1010
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St. 255-8097

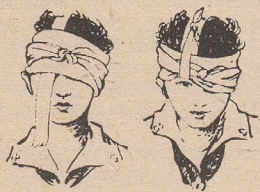
Coming... May 12 thru 31

12 mon

Black lesbian poet, Pat Parker, from San Francisco, author of "Pit Stop", will give a reading for women at the Saints this evening at 8:30 pm. The Saints is located on 112 Broad St., Boston. Admission is \$1.00.

13 tues

Otherfilms presents "The Fox" and "Persona." Today at Symphony I, 252 Huntington Ave., Boston. Continuous showings from 1 pm. \$2.00 admission benefits Otherway '75. Info, 426-0412.



EYE BANDAGE

Rap on sexuality, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston. Guest resource person: Dr. Eleanor McLaughlin of Radcliffe Institute. This week's topic: "A Medieval Look at Sexuality." Go to the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston at 8 pm.

Gay Pride Week Planning will take place at 8 pm in the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All people interested in helping are asked to attend.

The Charlestown Gay Neighbors Association will be holding a social/business meeting tonight at 7:30 pm in Charlestown. New residents are encouraged to come and meet all your may neighbors you might not meet otherwise. Call 241-8357 for location.

14 wed

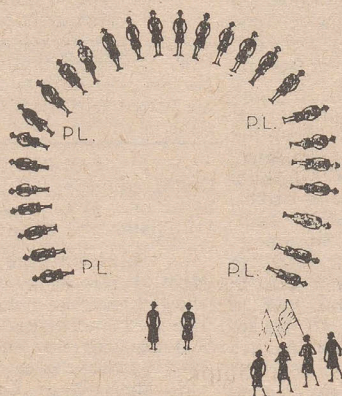
Bonnie Raitt will give a benefit performance for the Women's Community Health Center at 7 and 10 pm in the Harvard Square Theatre. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the MCHC, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, or at the box office. All seats are reserved.



Alcoholics Together will be meeting tonight and every following Wednesday at St. John of the Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston. These meetings are for those who are gay and alcoholics or questioning alcoholism.

15 thur

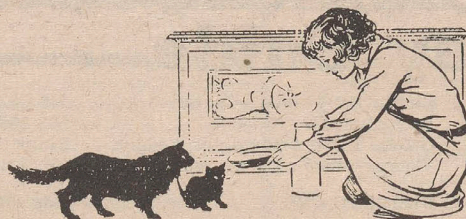
Jade & Sarsaparilla will be appearing Thursday through Saturday at Cabaret, Charles Playhouse, 78 Warrenton St., Boston. Shows are 10 pm Thursday and 11 pm Friday and Saturday.



HORSeshOE FORMATION

16 fri

Stephinie Byrd, Norman Walker, and Jim Madru will be reading at the Other Voices Bookstore, 8 pm, 30 Bromfield St., Boston (between Tremont and Washington Sts). Sponsored by the Good Gay Poets.



17 sat

Always Art — Visual, aural and tactical creations for purchase. A huge selection of artists and craftspeople displaying their endeavors at Horticultural Hall, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston (across from Symphony Hall). Refreshments and live music, also. From 10 am to 6 pm. \$2.00 donation benefits Otherway '75. For more info call 426-0412.

18 sun

Moma Mia! A Lasagna Dinner for only \$1.50!! Go to the Citadel, 22 Avery St., Boston. Enjoy good food and help support D.O.B. at the same time.

19 mon

Otherfund on Catch 44: You may catch our half-hour presentation moderated by Linda Lachman, on channel 44 at 9 pm, tonight.

20 tues

Gay Pride Week Planning will take place at 8 pm in the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All people interested in helping are asked to attend.

Otherfilms is showing "Cabaret", starring Liza Minelli, Joel Grey and Michael York, in the gay classic of the 70s. Come to the Cabaret, at Symphony #1 Cinema, 252 Huntington Ave., Boston. Shows continuous from 1 pm.

Rap on sexuality, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, at 8 pm. Guest resource person: Sister Bessie Chambers, of Episcopal Divinity School; this week's topic, "Love." Go to the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

23 fri

Couples Pot-Luck Supper, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, at 7:30 pm this evening. Come bring a hot-dish or dessert to share with your friends. Go to the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

27 tues

Gay Pride Week Planning will take place at 8 pm in the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. All people interested in helping are asked to attend.

31 sat

Picketing in Wells-Ogunquit, Maine. Meet at Stage Door at 10 am.



GIRL SCOUT
HANDBOOK

1933

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.
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 pm—Alcoholics Together/Prov. MCC, 37 Clement St., Providence.
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 1st 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.
8:30-9:30—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.
8:00 pm—Brown University Gay Liberation, 88 Benevolent St., Providence, 2nd floor.
8:30 pm—Alcoholics Together, St. John of the Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston.
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—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, 449 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—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union.
7:30 pm—MCC/Providence Health Clinic, 37 Clement St., Providence, R.I.
7:30 pm—"Somewhere" Coffee House, MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St. Live entertainment.
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

SATURDAYS

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.
3:00 pm—MCC/Hartford Drop-In Center, 11 Amity St.
8:30 pm—UConn/Gay Alliance, Coffeehouse, 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.
3 pm—The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford.
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first and third Sundays).
4:00 pm—Dignity Rap Group (except first Sunday of every month when it will follow Dignity meeting at 3 pm), St. Clements Church, 1101 Boylston St., Boston.
4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.
4-6 pm—Gay Womens Group of Providence rap (401) 831-5184.
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clements Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine.
7:00 pm—MCC/Boston, 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, Call 892-9113 for meeting place.
9:00 pm—UConn Gay Alliance Coffee House, Inner College Trailer, "R" lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Ct.

Quick Gay Guide...see page 15