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Purge in the Military

By Asor

FT. DEVENS, Mass. — Two women who are training for the Army Security Agency are undergoing investigation and probable discharge for admitting their homosexuality to the army.

PFC Barbara Randolph from Indiana and PV2 Debbie Watson from Texas went to the Security Division of the Army Security Agency April 7. "There were other women in the agency that were being threatened with dishonorable discharges for homosexuality, and women in the agency were being encouraged to turn each other in," Randolph stated, "This kind of harassment was stepped up when we got a new commanding officer. We had been told over and over again in our training that the army would always help us if we told the truth."

"We were questioned together by two special agents in the Security Division, Mr. Raymond and Mr. LeCroix, for over four hours," Watson explained, "They asked us every detail of our sex lives, including dates, places, whether or not photos were taken, whether or not we participated in orgies and exactly what we did and how we did it. Then they wrote up two separate statements including all the details and we signed it."

The women were told that because the army considers homosexuality a criminal offense, they would have to speak to the Criminal Investigation Division. On April 9, the women were interviewed separately for approximately two and a half hours. The interrogation was conducted by one man and a woman who acted as a witness, and both women were asked to give even more details about their sex lives.

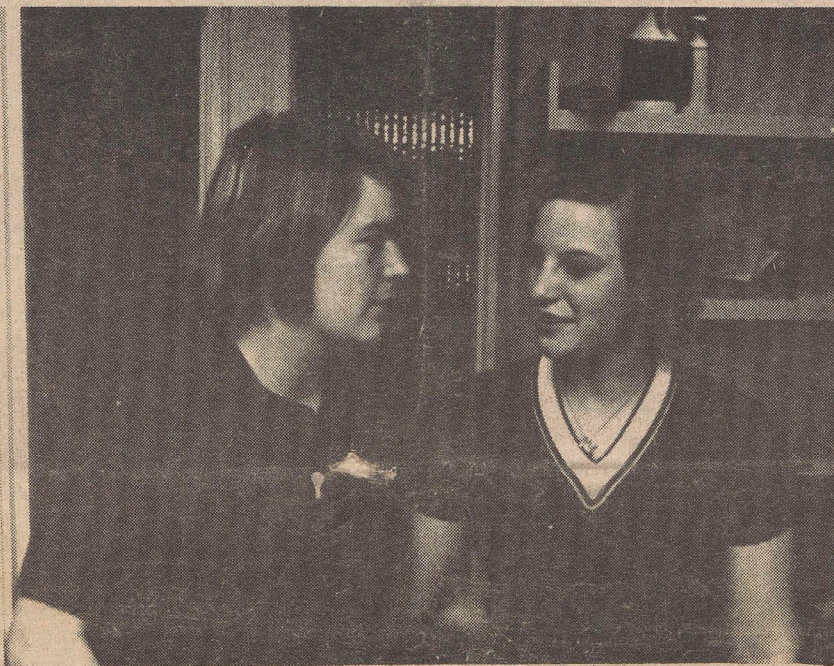
After this interrogation, the women realized that the army planned to take some kind of disciplinary action against them, and went to the Legal In Service Project for help. LISP is located in Boston and works to ensure that the rights of people in the military are protected. Dorie Budlow, one of the people working with the women from Ft. Devens, discussed the problems that the Legal In Service Project has been having with the army in this case, "They refused to let us see the military 201 files of the women, for all kinds of reasons which are really only one thing — an effort to harass us and to prevent us from working effectively. The files themselves contain things like enlistment papers and work records." LISP is working with Jerry Cohen, an attorney for the Civil Liberties Union of Mass. on the case.

The Army Security Agency is a special division to the army which requires its personnel to have a security

clearance including a thorough background investigation. Randolph has a security clearance and Watson's clearance was pending prior to their

labor around the base.

The army regulation concerning homosexuality reads: "Personnel who voluntarily engage in homosexual acts,



Barbara Randolph (left) and Debbie Watson

photo by Jane Picard

confession, but the army has now placed them on security hold, which means that they have been taken off their regular duty and are doing casual

labor around the base. The army regulation concerning homosexuality reads: "Personnel who voluntarily engage in homosexual acts,

homosexual acts . . . are considered to be unfit for military service because their presence impairs the morale and discipline of the Army." —Army Regulation 135-178 (25 February 1971)

Both Randolph and Watson are presently undergoing Administrative Discharge proceedings which is different from being courtmarshalled. Army regulation 635-200, Chapter 13 describes two kinds of discharges given for homosexual behavior. "Unsuitability" is given for homosexual tendencies and "unfitness" is given for overt homosexual behavior. The army is pressing for a discharge under "unfitness" which is an undesirable discharge.

"We came into the army to have a career. Neither of us were gay before we came into the army, and both of us have received commendations and honors like 'Soldier of the Month', Randolph stated, "if we get a dishonorable discharge, it will ruin both our careers, and we will lose the benefits that ordinarily would come to us."

Other women are also undergoing investigation by the army for charges of homosexual activity and are fighting the army's position. One woman said that she told the army recruiter that she

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Mass. Senate Kills Bill

By David Brill

BOSTON — After having passed the House of Representatives two weeks ago on a voice vote, the amended version of House bill 5868, legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in public employment, was killed last Tuesday in the Massachusetts Senate. The bill suffered days of delays, as Sens. Chester G. Atkins (D-Acton), head of the Joint Public Service Committee, and Bill Owens (D-Mattapan), sought to lobby the other senators to support the bill.

On Monday, May 19 it was defeated on a roll call vote of 14-19, with six senators pairing their votes. (Pairing occurs when one "yes" legislator combines his vote with a senator voting "no" in the event that one of them is not present in the chamber while the roll call is being taken.) There was no debate on the bill at all. Atkins immediately made a motion to reconsider the vote; the motion for reconsideration would be debated the next day. During the night, gay lobbyists worked to obtain constituent support for the bill in the districts belonging to senators believed to be "on the fence." These included Sen. Walter J. Boverini (D-Lynn), George Rogers (D-New Bedford), and Anna P. Buckley (D-Brockton). Boverini had signed a letter

to a constituent saying he would bote for the bill, while Rogers and Buckley had previously indicated to officials of Gay Legislation '75 that they would probably support the legislation.

GCN has also learned that Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti took a leading role in lobbying for the bill. Bellotti reportedly telephoned at least two senators personally to gain their votes.

Atkin's motion to reconsider was the first item on Tuesday's calendar. Sen. Robert A. Hall (R-Lunenburg) was the only one to speak in favor of reconsideration for the bill. Hall, the sponsor of S.272, the general anti-discrimination measure that has yet to be voted on in either branch of the legislature, said, "By voting for this bill we will be saying that the Massachusetts Senate approves of anyone who wants to work, regardless of their problems . . . if you vote against this bill, you are voting for putting these people on welfare. It is not a vote approving of a lifestyle," Hall said.

Atkins, who was supposed to be "carrying" the bill on the Senate floor on behalf of his Committee, did not speak in support of it, although GCN has learned that he did spend considerable time lobbying the other senators

prior to the vote.

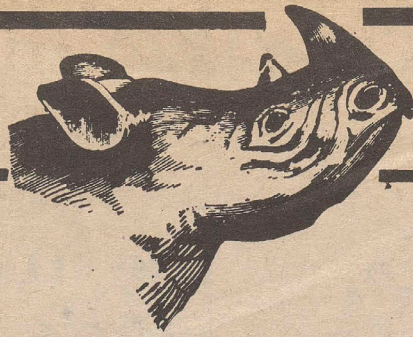
The final vote — on whether to reconsider the previous day's vote — showed the gay bill had picked up one additional vote — Boverini's. This may have been due to intervention by Atty. Gen. Bellotti, constituent support, or both. The final vote also showed that this year the issue of gay rights missed passage by only two votes.

THE FINAL VOTE (Whether to reconsider the bill):

SENATORS VOTING YES (In favor of bill): Atkins (D-Acton), Aylmer (R-Barnstable), Backman (D-Brookline), Boverini (D-Lynn), Burke (D-Framingham), Fitzpatrick (R-Stockbridge), Hall (R-Lunenburg), Kelly (D-Oxford), LoPresti (D-East Boston), MacKenzie (R-Burlington), McCarthy (D-Bridgewater), McGrail (D-Malden), McKinnon (D-Weymouth), Olver (D-Amherst), Owens (D-Boston), Saltonstall (R-Manchester), Sisitsky (D-Springfield), Timilty (D-Boston).

SENATORS VOTING NO (Against bill): Bernashe (D-Chicopee), Buckley (D-Brockton), Bulger (D-South Boston), Bullock (D-Arlington), Conte (D-Worcester), DiCarlo (D-Revere), Foley (D-Worcester), Fonseca (D-Fall River), Lewis (D-Jamaica Plain), Locke (R-Wellesley), McCann (D-Cambridge), McKenna (D-Somerville), Parker (R-Taunton), Rogers (D-New Bedford), Rurak (D-Haverhill), Schlosstein (D-Warren), Tobin (D-Quincy), Tully (D-Dracut), Wall (D-Lawrence), Walsh (D-Dorchester), and Zarod (D-Springfield. Senate President Kevin B. Harrington does not normally vote.

news notes



BROADCASTERS COVER GAYS?

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) rejected pro-gay changes in TV and radio codes proposed by the National Gay Task Force. NAB said that the industry's voluntary code of ethics "already covered" the gay minority by wording and intent. The code presently protects on-air exploitation of minorities on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic derivation.

Loretta Lotman of NGTF and Jim Zais, media coordinator for the Gay Activist Alliance of Washington, led the presentations to NAB representatives asking for the term "sexual orientation" to be added to the list of minorities mentioned in the code. The code is a voluntary set of guidelines subscribed to by the 3 major radio and television networks and individual stations across the country.

Lotman found the decision of NAB unacceptable. She said that they gave the same interpretation last year to the code and then "we have been faced with the atrocities of 'Marcus Welby' and 'Policewoman'."

Presently, the NGTF is gathering information to present to next year's NAB board. They are asking for people to send reports of any anti-gay material heard or seen on the air. They are asking for people to write down the comments as exactly as possible and give the date, time and station. People may complain to the station manager and ask her/him if the station is an NAB code subscriber. Send the information to National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Room 506, New York, NY 01011.



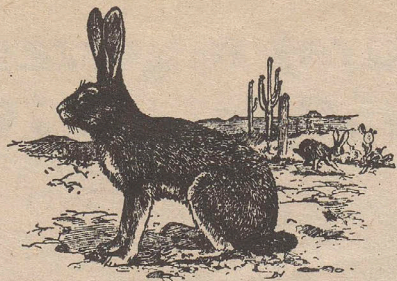
MCC GETS DEGREE

Jeffrey D. Pulling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pulling, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, was among 145 students who received graduate degrees from Andover Newton Theological School during the 167th Commencement Exercises held on the Newton Centre, Mass., campus on Monday, May 19.

Mr. Pulling was awarded the degree Master of Divinity (M.Div.), cum laude. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University.

Founded in 1807, Andover Newton is the oldest independent graduate school of theology in the United States. The School has traditional ties with both the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Convention, although its current enrollment includes men and women from twenty-five Protestant, Roman Catholic, and other denominations. Degrees offered by the School include the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Ministry, and in cooperation with Boston College, the Doctor of Philosophy.

Mr. Pulling is a member of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. He is presently Associate Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston.



NORTHEASTERN ORGANIZES

BOSTON — About 10 people from Northeastern University met on Thursday, May 15, to discuss the formation of a Gay student organization on that campus.

The group voted to formalize itself into the Gay Student Organization (GSO), and to launch a petition drive over the next few weeks to get official recognition as a student activity.

According to decisions of the group, the GSO will serve a largely educational function for the foreseeable future. The group will take over the responsibility, formerly in the hands of the student government, of getting Gay speakers into classrooms.

They will publicize Gay service organizations, free health services, and counseling. A long-range goal is the establishment of a Gay student center to disseminate information on a wide range of Gay topics, from social activities to VD testing.

The GSO will be gathering signatures from as many students as possible on a petition stating that the undersigned would support the formation of the organization and think it would benefit the University community as a whole, whether or not they joined.

One GSO member said the group will go after all students to sign the petition, gay or straight, especially those who would add weight and influence to the petition. A successful petition drive, perhaps 50 signatures, would insure official recognition, he said.

The meeting was called by the Student Federation Minority Affairs Committee after a request by students that the possibility of a Gay student center be looked into.

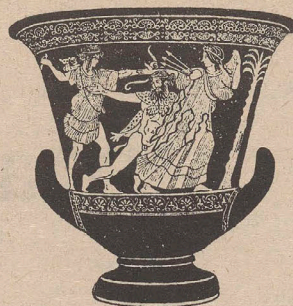
After the student government committee talked with administrators, it was decided that the best way to proceed would be to help Gay students form an organization and then apply for office space and a budget.

GAY PRIDE IN PHILLY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Philadelphia Gay Pride 75 Committee has announced plans for a march on June 1. Like previous years, the march will begin with a short rally in Rittenhouse Square, proceed to Spruce Street (the heart of the gay ghetto), to thirteenth, past Locust (the drag area) to Chestnut and down Chestnut to Independence Mall where a street fair and live entertainment along with special guest speakers will set the tone of the "celebration" being planned as a prelude to next year's bicentennial activities in the city of sisterly love.

The march will be led by a drummer, fife player and flag bearer. The flag will be purple with a gold lambda. At the mall, entertainment will be provided by LADY, a lesbian rock band, Paul Wagner, a gay folksinger from New York, and Anthony Lewis, a local gay folksinger who's record "Fantasy" was recently released here. Among the featured guest speakers are ELAINE NOBLE, Representative from Boston, MARK SEGAL of the Gay Raiders, and JEAN MANFORD, from the New York based Parents of Gays group. An area for dancing will be set aside and space is being provided for some 35 gay and feminist groups who will be displaying literature, selling goods, and raising consciousness. Some guerrilla theater is being proposed by members of the Radical Queens.

Already response has been overwhelming. Housing is being provided for those coming from outside of Philadelphia. If you need housing, contact Nick Cupo at (215) DA9-3058. For other information contact the Gay Switchboard at (215) 978-5700.



Provincetown Gays Organize

By Ann Weld-Harrington

PROVINCETOWN — With the emergence of gay political awareness in a town that has long allowed 'passive acceptance' to its large gay population, Provincetown gays have recently formed a chapter of the infamous 'Gay Activists Alliance.' Loose in structure, the Provincetown GAA hopes to bring an awareness to the community and a sense of unity. The first meeting on March 22 organized a benefit dance featuring Maxine Feldman. Piggy's dance bar on Shankpainter Rd. is the location of the benefit concert. Admission is \$2.00 per person.

Another project is the development of questionnaires to local gays asking them what they expect or desire from the Provincetown Gay Activists Alliance. The group is interested in input from non-movement gays.

Also in the works is the design of a formal proposal for a 'Gay Community Center'. This would include a budget for a physical facility, counseling services, library, filing system and outreach facilities. As well as a permanent staff ranging from janitor to counselors to administrators, a board of directors, comprised of concerned church, business, medical and legal persons would serve for one year periods. The proposal being used is based on a proposal used in Ann Arbor and other cities, and calls for a budget of approximately \$140,000 for

the first fiscal year.

For more information, contact Provincetown Gay Activists Alliance, c/o Postmaster, General Delivery, Provincetown, Mass. 02657, or call 487-3393, 487-3344 or 487-3234.

MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

Lesbians, if you are going to the Int'l Women's Year Tribune in Mexico City, June 18-July 2, please contact Frances Doughty, Co-Chairperson, National Gay Task Force, at 831 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215, (212-789-5956) or at the Hotel Hidalgo (not certain yet) in Mexico City so that activities can be coordinated. Women are especially needed who can speak Spanish (or French) and who are competent to speak as open Lesbians to the Tribune topics: education, health, nutrition, agriculture and rural development, urbanization, family structures, population and family planning, law and the status of women, employment, the professions and the arts, migration, political participation, decision-making, armaments, and efforts for peace. Registration forms are available from: IWY Tribune, Rm. 815, 345 East 46 St., New York, NY 10017. If it is possible to show video-tapes, women with video experience are also needed.



LESBIAN CULTURE GROWING!

The Lesbian Culture ovular is one of 16 projects being offered in the 1975-76 Feminist Studies Masters Program at Goddard-Cambridge, a Graduate School in Social Change. The course will focus on intellectual and creative aspects of Lesbianism, as viewed through the politics, history, literature and art of lesbians in Western society. The goal is to document previously undocumented aspects of the Lesbian community using the techniques of interviewing, community work and sociological group study.

Further information regarding the Lesbian Culture ovular, or any other project may be obtained by contacting Goddard-Cambridge, 5 Upland Road, Cambridge, Mass. 02140; telephone (617) 492-0700.



Warning!

GCN has received information that there is increased police activity at the Burlington rest area on Route 3. At least one arrest has resulted.

BOSTON — GCN has recently received and confirmed information regarding increased police activity at the Boston Common underground garage men's room. Reports indicate that uniformed Boston police officers assigned to District One are monitoring the area at all hours, and persons in the men's room without parking checks are forcibly ejected. No arrests have been made, according to garage officials. Men are advised to avoid the area.

From Gay Raider to State Trooper?

By Janet Cooper

HARRISBURG — Governor Milton Shapp's recent Executive Order (GCN, Vol. 2 No. 46) directing state departments and agencies to cooperate in ending discrimination against people because of sexual orientation, has received a negative reaction from the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, James D. Barger.

In a letter written May 9 to Terry

Dellmuth, the Governor's Special Assistant for Human Services, Barger stated, "It is our belief that, at this point in time, the public would not condone being policed by homosexual (Gay) individuals. This could only result in a loss of respect, the possibility of ridicule and would serve to widen the credibility gap between the police and the public resulting in a

loss of police effectiveness . . . We are sincerely convinced that internally and to a man, the present members of the Pennsylvania State Police are neither willing nor prepared to accept homosexuals (Gays) as working partners. The hiring of these individuals would drastically undermine the peer group relationships that presently exist and would only serve to create a monumental morale problem further eroding the vital delivery of services."

In response, Philadelphia gay activist and Gay Raider Mark Segal said, "We as the gay community will not allow this form of discrimination to exist. Further, we intend to go down to the state trooper barracks and register to become state troopers." On May 15, Mark applied to be a state trooper.

"Mark's action was a witty and ingenious way to bring attention to Barger's homophobia," Debbie Boyle, Pittsburgh gay activist and member of Governor Shapp's Task Force on Gay Rights commented.

UPI reported that when Shapp was asked about Barger's memo at a news conference, that while he 'did not specifically criticize his police commissioner,' Shapp did say Barger 'should come up with "some real, strong and valid reason," for going against the governor's order.

Mark Segal sees "Governor Shapp as a man who is keeping his election promises to the gay community and who is giving supportive context to his Executive Order. Governor Shapp has integrity as well as *chutzpah*," Mark

goes on to say, "As Pennsylvania has been the first in other areas of gay rights: the first Insurance Commission to protect gays against discrimination by insurance companies, the first state to have a Governor's Gay Rights Task Force, the first state to have a Governor's Executive Order, so Pennsylvania will be the first state in which open gay State Troopers may be employed."

Lt. Feddock, the State Trooper who interviewed Mark, told him that the next step in applying to become a state trooper was to await the announcement of the civil service test. If Mark passes that, then the police would investigate his background. In response Mark stated, "I am an open gay person involved very actively in the gay movement and will continue to be active in the Gay Movement." When Mark wondered if his gay activities would disqualify him, Lt. Feddock flatly said, "No. It does not." Mark explained Barger as Commissioner of the State Police saying he did not want gays as state troopers. Mark quoted Lt. Feddock as saying that he had read about Commissioner Barger's statement in the paper but that to his knowledge, there was no policy on the matter."

The Pennsylvania Justice Department is expected to answer Barger's memo. Their answer should help further define and clarify the legal ramifications of the position of the State Police in relation to the hiring of gay people.



Mark Segal of the Gay Raiders applying for job as Pa. State Trooper.

News Commentary:

Amen... Bar Hearings Concluded

By Kevin J. McGirr

After four weeks of testimony before the Boston Licensing Board, hearings on whether to close Jacques and the Other Side concluded in a mood of anti-climax. Attorney General Francis Belotti cleared former Deputy Mayor Robert Kiley of the alleged extortion attempt, and the Licensing Board, having grown itchy, voted to hear no more testimony on this matter. One of the final witnesses, Gary Dotterman, assistant manager of the Other Side testified to the need for the bars; referring to the establishments as "progressive" and "integrated." Addressing the issue of drag queens at the bars, Dotterman testified that "the drag queens conduct themselves in a very respectable fashion," and that "only a small percentage of them are — street drags — who solicit in the streets."

In his closing argument, Defense Counsel Dimento expressed that of the alleged 21 violations, he saw that only 3 were valid and termed the others as "manufactured." Dimento requested that any decision by the Board not take effect for sixty to ninety days in order to allow time for appeal. The Board's decision is expected to take several weeks.

The Hearings in Retrospect . . .

As the hearings progressed and became overlaid with the veneer of "dirty" politics, the focus shifted from the concerned parties, i.e. bar patrons and neighboring residents. The

issue was complicated by the conflict between the "larger" interests involved (bar owners and the city politicians). The hearings became laden with allegations between the political and business principals while the smaller voices lost volume. The bar patrons could be viewed as pawns while the economically and politically powerful struggled this time while at other times they have been corrupt allies.

Perhaps one could easily sympathize with the petition by the Bay Village residents to rid their domain of "dangerous" elements. We can assume that the right of people's domain takes precedent over business — especially when the business is a less than humble merchant, i.e. the volume of the Vara financial holdings. But perhaps, it should also be noted that some of the residents are not simply "the people," as in the pejorative, leftist use of the term (poor, oppressed and disenfranchised). As one of the Licensing Commissioners observed during his inspection of the Bay Village, "the area seemed to be well policed," and adding that, "a very small group is getting preferential police protection to their \$80,000 townhouses compared to my neighborhood and many other neighborhoods."

Aside from speculations that there are "rich" people who exert influence on politicians, we should take note of the appearance of City Council members and the unprecedented visit by the Mayor before the Board who allude to the "undesirable" clientele and the proposed redevelopment of the downtown area. Add too, the expense of the

three month police investigation undertaken to ascertain the criminal nature of the bars and their affect on the surrounding area. It has been observed that on given evenings there would be from ten to fifteen special police on surveillance. One might wonder whether this police resource and cost could have been re-allocated in time and purpose (patrol rather than surveillance) to alleviate the "dangerous" environment.

But police administration, the Mayor and Rep. Barney Frank were adamant, saying that the conditions were too impossible to cope with. Some credence should be given to the Defense's analysis of Police Dept. Statistics which showed that other downtown areas had two to ten times more incidents of violent crime than Bay Village. Although the statistics did not include incidents of solicitation, scuffles and harassments which have been a large part of residents' complaints, the police still did not explain their reluctance to implement suggested precautions.

The Profit Motive . . .

The two bars have been billed as Gay. The ownership has jumped on the Gay Rights bandwagon claiming that license revocation is motivated by gay bigotry. A Gay Rights rally was staged in front of the bars. Supporters and employees attended the hearings conspicuously wearing Gay Rights buttons. So the bars attempt to be stalwarts for the Gay Community via their provision of entertainment and space for Gays. And in Boston that space is important given the meager

amount. But the suggestion that the ownership has the Gay Community's interest at heart is suspect. Charges of anti-gay bigotry fall mute in light of Representatives Noble and Frank's support of license revocation. For his own personal interest, Henry Vara supported Ms. Noble's opponent in the last election.

The clientele at the bars has changed over the years. These bars have always been more flashy, more exotic — perhaps mildly volatile; a situation that attracted straight people who wanted to be in the glitter, therefore, a market to profit from. More straights came and many Gays simply do not feel comfortable in a straight environment — therefore, a Gay clientele becomes expendable.

But still, there are Gay people at these bars; a specific segment of the Gay Community described as "working class." It's no secret that these people would not be welcome in any numbers at other gay establishments in Boston. Many see drag queens and working class people as impolite, raucous, inarticulate and undesirable. Or, it could also be said that the various bars represent differences in energy, style and personal preference and therefore a need for the variety in gay spaces.

Finally, if it is not a question of Gay Rights then the issue is one of class and segregation within society. The various empowered factions have had their debate while the persons with the least access to police, politicians and the economic interests have only to silently wait the outcome with little recourse.



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Dear GCN: This is the text of my commentary last night on channel 2 (WGBH) — note: NOT channel 7 (I commentate . . . on both stations). I'm sure you could use it, without payment to anybody, if it is of any value to you.

best,

David Brudnoy

Evidently it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for homosexuals to get a fair shake from the Massachusetts legislature. Virtually anything "progressive" can be hatched in Cambridge, weaned in the fashionable suburbs, and nurtured on Beacon Hill; but a tepid bill to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in the state civil service can't get beyond the solemn pontificating and pious piffle of such as Rep. Connell of Weymouth, to whom the bill "gives encouragement to dykes, queers and fags who are after your sons and daughters."

Meanwhile, across the continent in the land of dreams and broken promises, California, it is nip and tuck — I'd bet on nip — for a bill to legalize that crime which dare not speak its name. We are considering now, not some bit of frippery to make the cockroach our state insect, but the legal status of a large, if still largely invisible, minority of the three billion souls on earth.

In Communist countries, the two most fiercely punished crimes are effective anti-Communism and homosexuality. In Cuba, for instance, one is almost better off dead than in bed with one's own gender. And in enlightened nations? Legal freedom, at least; and here and there, almost social equality.

Nor, when considering developments along this front here and in California, are we in pioneer territory. A handful of American states, among them our neighbor Connecticut, have already removed the legal stigma attached to consensual adult homosexuality. In New York City last year, the Church and the firemen narrowly defeated a wide-ranging homosexual civil rights bill, though chances look brighter this year. What's the matter with Massachusetts?

Think how humble the Bay State bill was. It's hard to picture Reps. Barney Frank and Elaine Noble as Uncle Tom and Aunt Jemima, but their bill was so minimal, that Massa Legislature ought to have passed it with glee. Now if California's frontal assault works, and Massachusetts's shuffling routine doesn't, maybe the lesson — aside from the obvious, that Bay State liberalism is even more a laugh than we'd thought — is that the homosexuals had best imitate the squeaky wheel minorities and demand the whole thing, militantly . . .

ATTN. GOV. DUKAKIS

Last week, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed, on a voice vote and without debate, House Bill 3535, legislation establishing a criminal penalty for "soliciting or attempting to solicit another person to engage in an unlawful sexual act." GCN has already spoke out in opposition to this bill (See editorial, March 8, 1975), which is the brainchild of Boston Police Commissioner Robert J. DiGrazia, because we believe that the bill contains disastrous potentialities for gay people.

Since the legislature's Judiciary

Committee failed to act favorably on H.2944, the annual sodomy-law repeal bill, there are dozens of different "unlawful sexual acts" for which the police could say that a person is soliciting. And since the bill makes absolutely no reference to where the soliciting is going on (In a bar? On the street? Inside a person's home?), the police could use it as an excuse for Orwellian tactics the likes of which we've never seen.

The bill is a disaster, and Governor Dukakis should veto it.

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Dear Friends:

In regards to the May 17 article on Gays and Alcoholism: for anyone interested in Alcoholics Together, from the Worcester area, a group meets in Worcester every Friday night at 7:00. Call 754-7817 or 756-0730 for the meeting place or for more information regarding A.T.

Thank you,
Julie Benavides, Carole Dees

over-a-barrel

Dear GCN,

Recently, you published a letter from a Stuart Kingsley stating that a barrel has been removed from the Boston Common because of homosexual magazines placed in it for disposal. I would like to settle the matter. We police at Station One brought this about. The barrel was homosexual. At present it is at the Harvard Medical lab in total isolation. We have also been observing this Stuart Kingsley and here is a real queer. He goes to a gay coffeehouse, a queer bar, and a queer boy friend on Beacon Hill. In fact all he does is hang out where it is queer. We plan to melt this homosexual barrel and make it part of a USS Destroyer. Then, and forever, it will be a real man.

The Straight Boys
at Station One

LETTERS

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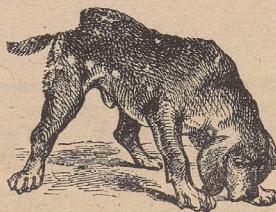
liberation

Dear GCN:

I feel I must respond to Allan Stewart's article on Feminism and Gay Liberation. It was hard enough for me to sit back and read that racism and ageism are not applicable to the struggle for Gay Liberation (what is human liberation all about anyway?). Now I read that Women's Liberation and Gay Liberation are not compatible, and I feel I must speak out. As a Gay male and a Christian, I see myself also as a feminist. This is for both altruistic and selfish reasons. Surely women should have the time and space to develop themselves just as men, and surely women are fully equal with men. More than that, however, I see Feminism and Gay Liberation as working for the same goals: the elimination of sexual roles and stereotypes and redefining what it means to be a man and what it means to be a woman.

I recognize the differences in approach and experience between women and men, and I am aware of the problems we have and will have in working together, but I believe that we are natural allies. It is our common task to show the rest of the world that what human relating should be all about is mutuality and not dominance. I am not just talking from my ideals. I speak from experience in having to work out understandings and relationships with Lesbian feminists in the Metropolitan Community Church and with heterosexual feminists with whom I taught a course on human sexuality at a Boston-area seminary. We can work together. In fact I believe that without Women's Liberation, Gay Liberation will fail. This is why we of MCC-Boston have made elimination of sexism in our worship and church life and working on male-female dialogue priorities for our church.

In hope,
Jeff Pulling
Associate Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church of Boston



state murder

Dear GCN,

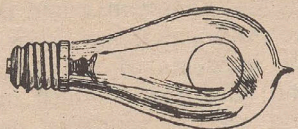
In his discussion of capital punishment, David Brill moves me to focus on one crucial argument against legalized state murder: that capital punishment brings the community down to the level of the criminal, and sets a violent example for the people to follow.

Mr. Brill suggests that a commitment to end sexism may lead one to advocate the legal killing of rapist/murderers and the slayers of Gay people. But for me feminism means rejection of the male idea that dignity equals violent revenge; my Lesbianism means above all an affirmation of love, the exact opposite to the glorification of hatred on a societal scale which the death penalty involves.

By all means, let us work for the impartial prosecution of rapists and murderers who attack women and Gay people. Let us demand the development of more effective nonlethal means of self-defense for those members of our community who for reasons of sex and sexual preference are especially vulnerable to rape and murder. But let us not hope to end sexist violence by legalizing official murder; that would be like trying to purify ourselves by washing in mud.

In Lesbian love,
Margo

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NEED OF THE WEEK

MCC/Providence needs volunteers to staff their coffeehouse (esp. wknds.). If they cannot get help, hours will be cut drastically. This service can only continue with your help. Pls. help, contact Rev. Gilbert (401) 274-1693.

gay gambol

GCN,
Re: Gay Gambol in Spring Article

I can't direct my anger too much at Jim. I guess it's directed more towards the U.Mass Amherst Homophile League. For one thing, a hundred and fifty people is a shot in the arm for all of New England Gays. There is at least ten thousand in the Boston Area. Second there were no Black brothers or sisters there. There are Black brothers and sisters that are gay. Were they invited? Did they feel the Gay Festival was theirs too? Thirdly, there were hardly any women's activities going on, or anything worth holding interest too. Fourthly, the word festival. This year the gay "Festival" had a picnic. Last year "74" we expressed that sports may interest a lot of people, which a lot of people did, but it was cancelled.

The word festival should blend in with sports, picnics, dances, with workshops. The work conference scares people. Thinking they are going to spend 72 hrs. in a room talking all that time. You have to try to keep everybody happy in order to get a good result.

Beth Gammo



response

Editor, GCN:

Allan, I disagree with many of the points you raise in your "Feminism as a Gay Issue." With a little more Good Gay Sensitivity maybe you would see why many lesbians are separating themselves from the gay movement. Just as you and I, as gay males have strong emotional ties to our gayness, gay women too, have developed a similar healthy, emotional commitment to not only their gayness, but their women-ness as well. And why not? They're women, and as women they have felt sexism touch their own lives. While it's true that the "traditional" women's movement may have been homophobic, today's movement, at least in the bigger towns and cities, is very supportive of lesbians. Such support and strengthening of Lesbian awareness can only help the gay movement as a whole, not hinder it.

Why do you bemoan the use of the labels lesbian and dyke? Lesbian means Homosexual Woman. Dyke, Amazon, Wimmin, Herstory — dig it, it's great! I can't understand why you, as a gay person are not able to project and internalize the intense commitment and pride that women must feel, and the pent-up frustrations and resentments against men as well. And all this trivialization over the trivialness of the word "herstory" sounds a bit like the het male media's preoccupation with bra-burning during the earlier days of the women's movement in the late sixties.

I disagree also with your contention that confrontation rarely works. I have personally learned a lot about how women feel and about women's issues in general from confrontations, which sting at first, but which later makes sense to me when I think about it more. But I must admit I am hurt and feel abandoned when I hear of a lesbian who refuses to call herself gay and will have nothing to do with gay men any longer. And although I can understand how tempting it is to vent one's self-righteous indignation (justified or not) at men in general. I am also hurt by some lesbians' refusal to make a distinction between gay and straight men. I do agree that gay males are much less sexist than het men. It is very rare that I hear any sort of negative comments about women or lesbians from my gay brothers, and when I do, it is usually a good-natured, campy, put-down, delivered in the same spirit as one might dish out another gay brother or a straight man. Lesbians should remember, that just as they resent having had male-centered relationships forced upon them all their lives, we gay males have had women forced upon us, perhaps not in the aggressive sexual sense, but certainly in the societal sense, in competing for the attention and affection of other men. And there is perhaps a deep seated resentment that somehow men were cheated out of the female "privileges" of free physical adornment and emotional expression. It works both ways, and a little bit of natural resentment is bound to surface on both sides. It seems somehow *unnatural*, that when it surfaces on the lesbian side, it is right-on, but when it appears on the faggot side, it is sexist. Both feelings should be equally understood and appreciated.

Lesbians as a whole, have not been given enough credit for the enormous rise of consciousness they have brought to both the women's movement and the gay movement. I'm sure it is difficult to divide one's energies between two worthwhile causes, especially when deep emotional involvement and identification are involved. I hope lesbians continue to grow as women in the women's movement and will continue to lend a hand to their gay brothers who also need their love and commitment.

Bob Donner

esplanade

Editor, GCN:

Last Monday, a friend and I were walking through the Esplanade at 9:30 p.m. We passed four gay men who were looking somewhat suspiciously in the direction of our walk. I remarked that it looked as if something were up. We continued our walk until a male ran up to us holding his head and said that six males had assaulted him with large sticks. I immediately phoned the police. The quick response of the police resulted in a chase down Dartmouth Street and at least one arrest for assault and robbery. Five are still loose. As a result of my experience I composed a list of appropriate actions to take in such a situation:

1. On the Esplanade at night be alert, be aware of the quickest escape route. Try not to go alone; carry a protection whistle.

2. Avoid all suspicious looking individuals and all pairs or groups.

3. If you see anything suspicious ask if something is up, leave to phone the police, warn everyone you pass and ask them to warn others. *Do not* go further in to assist or see what is happening.

4. If you meet someone who has been injured get him off the Esplanade. Try to get him to go to the police; his first hand testimony is invaluable. You need not identify yourself to the police so don't let that keep you from reporting an incident.

5. Everyone concerned with safety should call or write the police department and local representatives, requesting police cars in the area at all times and an emergency phone in the Esplanade. In the ten minutes it took us to find a phone someone might have been murdered.

6. If you are attacked scream like the dickens and run. Do not try to fight anything out. If you are trapped, for God's sake cooperate.

Yours truly,

K.

tempest-in-a-

teapot

Mr. Stewart:

In your most recent column (GCN, 3 May, 2/45) you spoke about racism as a Gay issue. You stated: "At best, racial/ethnic minority rights *groups* have given Gay liberation the barest minimum of token support, and often not even that." (Emphasis mine.) You are, I believe, *literally* correct. I am unaware of any official statements of support from *groups* such as CORE and NAACP, though I think Huey Newton once said something nice about Gay folk (nullified, I suppose, by Eldridge Cleaver's put-down.) As you say, these *groups* "have their own battles to fight." Apparently, black panthers and lavender rhinos don't mix socially.

Insofar as your statement *implies* that no significant support for Gay liberation has come from the Black community, however, you are incorrect. The Federal Gay civil rights bill has 23 sponsors. Five are Black. This is nearly 20%, way out of proportion to their numbers in Congress. Here in the Commonwealth, all the members of the Black Caucus in the Legislature have sponsored the Gay civil rights and sodomy law repeal bills.

A personal story: I am a white staffer with a social service delivery agency in Boston's racially/ethnically-mixed South End. (Here also live many Gays.) Rep. Mel King is our Representative. He and Rep. Doris Bunte of Roxbury are on our Board of Directors. Both are members of the Black Caucus.

Recently, the agency's personnel manual came up for revision, and it was proposed that a clause prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation should be added to the others already specified (race, religion, ethnic origin, sex, and physical disability). Staff supported this, but the Board voted it down.

Rep. Bunte and Rep. Elaine Noble then sent strong letters support for inclusion of the clause. Rep. Bunte's letter was printed in the agency's weekly newsletter. She appeared at the last Board meeting to personally reiterate her support, whereupon the members (Black, white, Hispanic and Chinese residents of the South End) voted unanimously for inclusion. We are now, I believe, the first federally-funded agency of its kind to have taken this action. Tempest-in-a-teapot, Mr. Stewart? It's got to start somewhere.

The early Seventies was a time when the Black civil rights movement was consolidating and implementing the gains of the Sixties. It was a time when the infant Gay civil rights movement was just getting it together after Stonewall. The time was not ripe. You said: "There may come the day when they realize they need our support as much as we need theirs. Let's hope it happens soon." It's happened, Mr. Stewart; the day has dawned.

Regards,
J.D. Sitrler

counter

Dear GCN,

After reading Allan Stewart's column in the May 17 GCN, I decided there was a need for a counter-response from a lesbian/feminist.

First of all, it is true that there are real differences between the goals of the women's movement and the gay movement. It is also true that many gay women feel a need to remain "separate" from the broad gay liberation movement. Given this point of view, I doubt that it is possible for women to be separate, while at the same time trying to work within both the gay and the women's movement, as Allan suggested.

What I believe to be the essence of the issue is that women have been oppressed by men for so long that it seems only natural that women feel a need to maintain a separate movement. Allan suggests that gay women need to see that gay men are not "particularly sexist." Well, one must remember that throughout the Black civil rights movement, there was no real way for Blacks to determine which whites were true allies, and, under the circumstances, it was not surprising that Blacks did not especially want whites around anyway. This fact was very difficult for white liberals to cope with. I think then, that the present situation within the women's movement is similar.

Being gay is not proof that a man is non-sexist. (I know a number of gay men who *are* sexist.) Perhaps the majority of gay men are not sexist, but I think that gay men need to look at things from a women's point of view. If women do create barriers between themselves and men, it is because they feel it necessary for the time being. As to whether or not confrontation actually works, I again refer to the Black civil rights movement. Confrontation of some type is inevitable when an oppressed people begin to demand equal rights. Does Allan think that there has been a lack of confrontation between the gay and the straight communities?

For women, straight or gay, issues related to the feminist movement are not "trivial." History/herstory is not "absurd" from the feminist viewpoint. The "sensitive man" would not/should not be turned off by the fact that women have taken a part in the making of history, and now simply want their contribution to be acknowledged.

Gay men and women are, indeed, brothers and sisters in the same cause. There is, however, an extra factor involved, which is the discrimination against women simply because they are women. The question is one of priorities: should a woman work first for the women's movement or the gay movement? In my own mind, those who try to work within both movements are really trying to get two things done at once. I think these women deserve Allan's praise rather than his criticism.

Complete women's liberation is just as necessary as is complete gay liberation. But, for a woman to choose to work for the feminist movement first does not make her "working against" gay people.

Sensitive men, gay or straight, need to understand that women's needs and priorities are not always what men think they are or should be.

Love & Peace,
the Saint

classic:

Dear GCN:

Allan Stewart's column "Feminism as a Gay Issue" in the May 17 GCN is a classic! No Lesbian could have put the problems that exist in a more graphical way, and shown why so many of us have separated ourselves — at least to some degree — from the gay movement.

He says "There are some very real differences between the goals of women's rights and gay rights, and *too many women fail to make the distinction.*" "Too many gay women are separatists." "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." "History/herstory is completely absurd . . ."

Says WHO? Gay men? WHO can define Lesbian issues, needs, wants, priorities and what Lesbians "should do"? Lesbians themselves. I have a feeling that Stewart would not take kindly to straight people — especially straight WOMEN — defining HIS priorities, and HIS needs as a gay male. Where does Stewart come off defining what is, and what is not "trivial" to US?

I must say that it amazes me that there are still men in the gay movement in 1975 so totally insensitive, as to write a column such as this one.

"The women's rights movement is certainly a valid one . . ." Well, now, isn't that really big of Brother Allan? Thanks a lot!

Allan Stewart! Are you aware how utterly insulting your entire column is to ALL women, and especially to Lesbians? It is incidents like this that cause Lesbians like myself to separate themselves from people like yourself, and to go our own separate ways. And you call THAT being "sensitive to women's needs"? Wonders never cease!

Julie Lee
Daughters of Bilitis in N.J.

remedial feminism

Dear GCN:

Allan Stewart, a young, white, gay male, has concluded a three part series on racism, ageism and feminism. Lacking the subjective experience, it would seem fitting to become informed in some way before analyzing these major prejudices (and, in the case of feminism, the only categorical link with racism and ageism is the final syllable — unless one thinks a feminist is a hater of women). Evidently Stewart sees feminism as a problem rather than a philosophy and as a problem that has three particular hardships to offer the gay movement. They all seem to have very personal interpretations and might translate in this way: women should stick to men's issues in the gay (male) movement; women should support men's issues, enterprises and goals and not go off on their own; when women are around, they should talk to men in a gently nurturing way. Not since Amy Vanderbilt have women received such careful directions for their lives.

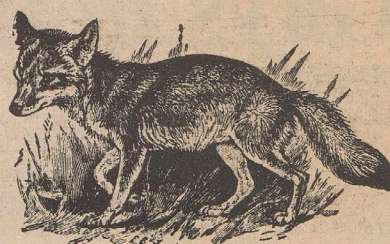
In case one judges Mr. Stewart too harshly, let me say that he does approve of the women's rights movement even if it's full of homophobic women. Stewart claims that hanging around homophobic women is unfair to gay women (Allan Stewart Champion of Gay Women!) and, moreover, unfair to all gay people (Benedicta Arnolds!). To the contrary, lesbianism is a feminist issue in the women's movement. Some straight women have dealt with their homophobia; some gay women have dealt with their sexism. Confrontation, I might add, was often the mode.

Stewart unwittingly makes a good point: (what he calls) the women's rights movement has different goals than the gay liberation movement. If all that women sought was equality expressed by civil rights, then it really wouldn't matter with which movement gay women primarily identified. Feminism is not that superficial in its construction of the problems of prejudice (in this case, sexism) nor in its analysis of the process of solution. Hopefully, the gay movement will go beyond the civil rights battle and a piece-of-the-pie goal. Lesbians who urge the gay movement to address deeper issues are not confusing movements; they're simply not into superficial reform.

I have already spent too much space "explaining." Stewart thinks feminists should do more of that and less confronting. Actually we have limited time and energy and we're struggling to survive and create; we don't have the inclination to teach *Remedial Feminism for Sexists* courses. If Stewart wants to educate himself, there is ample, good feminist literature available. There are also some gay men who are not sexists. Maybe they'll talk to you, Mr. Stewart.

Sincerely,

Donna Medley



mcc needs

Dear GCN,

More than once I have been asked, and I'm sure you have been also, Would you want to live in a community where there was no church? One of the leading questions asked of Real Estate Agents; What are the churches and schools in the community?

The gay community in Boston is fortunate indeed that it has MCC. This church serving the gay people in the area has come as far as it has because of the hard work and sincerity of a few.

The time has come for all of us, church goers or not, to pitch in now and help keep this fine church in our community.

Money is needed, of course, but also, and just as important, the church needs bodies and souls to take part and share in the many services MCC offers to the gay community.

If you are in the Boston area any Sunday evening, plan to make the 7 O'clock service one of your musts. You will not be disappointed.

If you can't plan to attend but want to contribute in some way to the support of the church you can mail a contribution in any amount to MCC, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

Estimates show there are at least 60,000 gays in the Boston area. Would it be asking too much and wouldn't it be wonderful if each one of us kicked in at least \$1 a month for this worth while cause.

It would be much better to bring the \$1 with you. It might mean we would have to move outdoors but that would be great!

Charlie G.

Otherway "Always Art" at Horticultural Hall



photo by Jim Ashe

Springfield Hard At Work

SPRINGFIELD — The second meeting of the Springfield Gay Alliance political action committee was held on a recent Tuesday evening at a member's home. The committee is composed of a group of eight to ten people. Since communications are a major problem the committee has decided that one of its projects would be to try to increase the circulation of GCN in the Springfield area. The paper will be sold at all SGA meetings and will be sold outside of the bars on weekends. The idea of polling all local politicians on their stand on gay rights was discussed. But it was decided to first try to increase GCN circulation so that all information gathered by the group would have a way of reaching the community. Ideas on ways to approach the Springfield newspapers on coverage of gay related events and news were also discussed. One member is currently trying to get in touch with the political editors of the *Union* and the *Daily News*.

A lending library has been started by members of the SGA. One of the

members has agreed to act as librarian. So far members have contributed over 30 gay related books. Books may be checked out on any regular business meeting night.

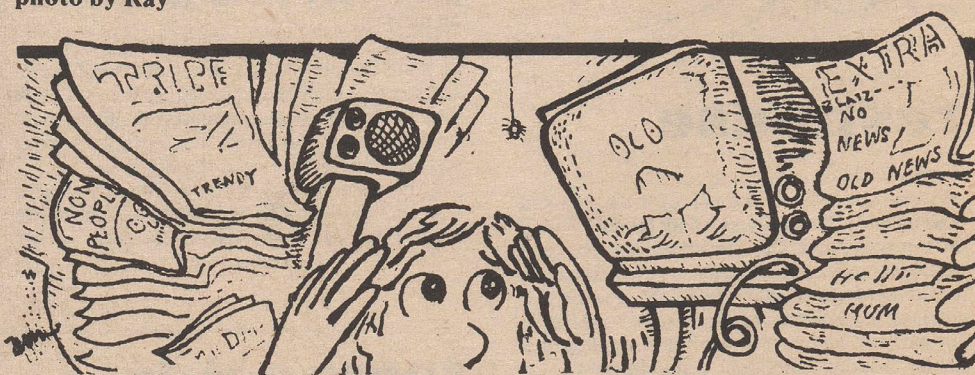
Plans are developing for Springfield's Gay Pride celebration on June 14-15. A dance is scheduled for Saturday night June 14. It is hoped that a band will play that night. Sunday there is a MCC service scheduled. Heather Anderson, MCC minister from Worcester and Jay Deacon, MCC minister from Hartford will share in conducting the service. Elaine Noble will be a featured speaker that afternoon. The remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to a picnic. All of these activities will take place at the Unitarian Church.

A bingo party took place at the Unitarian Church on May 10th.

A tag sale is planned for the end of May. Plans have not been finalized to the exact date or location. It is hoped that it will be held on Sat. May 31 in Agawam. This date and location will be finalized at the next business meeting.



photo by Ray



Did You See?

By TONY CAPORALETTI Jr.

GAYS TOP DISCO SCENE

"Seventy percent of the discos across the country are gay, says Mark Simon, president of Provocative Promotions in Los Angeles. 'We have conducted a survey sending questionnaires to managers and disc jockeys of the 300 discotheques we service with disco records across the country.'

"Until last year, gay and private clubs held a monopoly on that portion of the nightclub scene," says Arnie Smith, vice president of Provocative Promotions and editor of *Simon Says*, a disco paper." (Billboard, May 17, 1975)

TESTING GROUNDS

"As gay clubs become an increasingly important element of the niter scene . . . they are also becoming an increasingly attractive jumping-off point for young performers and a proving ground for established stars breaking in new acts.

"In recent months, such 'straights' as Diane Keaton, Joan Hackett, Chita Rivera and Barbara Cook have premed acts in such gay oriented spots in New York as Reno Sweeney, Brothers and Sisters and Grand Finale.

"Playing gay clubs can be particularly rewarding for female singers, who have enjoyed the vociferous support of the gay population down through the years from Judy Garland to Liza Minnelli to Bette Midler . . .

"The gay population is very vocal, and in a sense, powerful population . . . their enthusiasm is very strong and if they're behind you, it's a plus." (Variety, April 23, 1975)

UP FROM THE SEWERS

"The Town Hall (New York) crowd included an overwhelming majority of homosexuals, even more than usual for these tributes. One wonders, if the gay set is really the sole support for the vintage screen goddesses, or do they just beat out the straights to the box office. But then, who else would appreciate a line like Lana (Lana Turner) in 'Madame X': 'He fished me out of the sewers of Mexico and got me dirt cheap'." (Variety, April 16, 1975)

AGEISM IN COMMENTS

"The crowd was described by one New York observer of the gay scene as 'the freaks of all time,' he said disdainfully. 'They weren't even the young gay crowd. They were 40-year-old creatures, tired old drag queens, fighting and bitching each other.'" (Boston Globe, April 22, 1975)

IDENTIFYING WITH A SURVIVOR

"She represents these homosexuals' fantasies at a certain age in their lives. They identify with her and she's a survivor. It's like their saying, 'Let's go see how she's survived.' She is an artifact that would be forgotten if it hadn't been for these boys." (Boston Globe, April 22, 1975) [This statement represents the fantasies of the speaker about gay people — whose knowledge of psychology and facts could fit into my big toe.]

VICTIMS OF HOMOPHOBIA?

"For so long now Labelle has been reviled, attacked, slandered that it's getting quite disgusting. We're referring to Paul Solomon's review in the Real Paper, April 16. What chutzpah to come out with stuff like 'decline of the West,' 'nickle-dime decadence and two-bit bathos' and 'Rumors spread that they were gay, that Patti and Nona Hendricks were not only having an affair, but were deeply in love. The occasional lesbian overtones of their act did nothing to dissuade the gossipers. And they began to attract a gay following with an investment in believing the story.

"Apparently, Patti's and Nona's beautifully warm gayness disturbs Paul Solman. You'll just have to get over it but if you are stuck in your closet, don't knock beautiful Black gay women who have emerged out of their closets eons ago. To persist in doing that amounts to both tackiness and viciousness.

"As the Nightbirds themselves declare, 'Check it out.' Do that. Check out your crap first before you start dishing it." (Letter by Stephen Katz, Gay Warriors, Real Paper)

Gays in the Military

(Continued from page 1)

is gay when she enlisted, and was told that she would not have a problem in the army because of it. Another woman, who said that she has been referred to as "the mother hen of the queer hierarchy," is trying to get placed in the regular army. "Many people who have problems getting security clearances because of gay activity are placed in the regular army, especially if they are willing to turn other people in," she stated. "However this new commanding officer is determined to throw us all out."

The army has tried repeatedly to convince all the women to give the names of all other women involved in gay activities to them. The women have refused. Some of the women feel that sexism is an important issue. "Men don't like women in the Army Security Agency and investigations will start on someone just because she is female," one woman said, "Women have only been involved in the Agency for a couple of years, and the men don't enjoy having us around. There are lots of gay men around and they just aren't being harassed right now. But this is just part of a cycle — for six months the army goes after people who use drugs and then for the next six months they go after gay people."

Jerry Cohen, who is acting as attorney for six of the women involved said, "If you are in the military and you are quiet about your gayness, no one bothers you. However every so often there is a purge like this one and we are going to fight it. We are

handling the presently pending prosecution within the military administration process right now. But equally important are the hundreds of other prosecutions happening or yet to come, and the underlying Inquisition process which must be fought in Congress. I would urge everyone who is concerned that the military is invading the privacy and rights of individuals to write to their Congresspeople and Senators. It is not necessary to say you are gay or to recount your experiences in the army, unless you want to fight your discharge."

Letters of support to the six women can be sent to GCN, Box 5500, Boston, MA 02108. The letters will be given to the women as there are suspicions that the army is tampering with their mail. Anyone with experiences with the military that they would like to share with other gay people are asked to write to Gay Veterans, Box 4500, c/o GCN.

Correction

In last week's story about a gay wedding at Boston City Hall, GCN indicated that one of the married pair, Gary Dotterman, was a supporter of the Socialist Workers Party. The reference to Mr. Dotterman, however, should have identified him as an activist with the Communist Party, U.S.A., not the S.W.P.

Hearing from Mad Catherine Whitney

By THE GROUP

Four hundred years ago a 16-year-old Irish woman named Catherine Whitney, so legend goes, tried with a small group of followers to invade and take over England as the English had taken over Ireland. She succeeded in seizing the town square of London before she and her followers died at the hands of the King's guards. Her body was returned to Ireland where in some towns "Mad" Catherine Whitney is revered as a heroine of Irish history.

Today, Mad Catherine Whitney is a rock band of women now living in Boston. There are four of us:

Fran: guitarist, vocalist and extra-instrumentalist:

I had never played guitar in an organized group before. I've grown... It's taken me three years to get where I am now musically and I don't care if it takes me another ten to get where I'd like to be... I eventually plan to compose some music. I write lyrics that have political themes, but they aren't polished enough at this point to put to music.

Ca: guitarist, vocalist, and drummer:

Playing rock music is a different experience for me. I like it in many ways and I like drumming with the band, too... Out of all the things I've ever started and never quite completed, music is the only thing that remains a constant, and I'm sure is one thing that I'll never finish with. And that's just fine with me.

Nicky: guitarist, drummer and vocalist:

I always wanted to play rock and roll, but from the time my parents suggested that I play guitar because drums were unlady-like, I've been waiting for somebody to say, "so what? Do it anyway"... I like playing hard rock. It's exciting and energizing and I can... let out all my feelings without having to go out and break a bottle over somebody's head. It's good, tough music, and I like it.

Jackie: bass guitarist and vocalist:

It was when I picked up bass guitar that I finally felt comfortable enough with a musical instrument to play it in front of other people... Basically, I like any kind of music that I can feel. If the energy is there it doesn't matter whether it's hard or soft, fast or slow.

Mad Catherine Whitney, in her present form, has been together for a year. While we've gone through the personality clashes, personnel changes and most of the other difficulties that are probably common to most bands, we have also had our share of problems that, though not unique, are perhaps a

been consistently supportive of women's bands, offered us a chance to practice there during the hours between closing time in the day and re-opening at night. It wasn't the ideal set-up because our practice time was limited and we had to move out when bands came in to play. But it held our souls



life styles, different politics, different concepts of feminism. Our common ground is our love for playing music and for playing it with each other. The kind of music we play is different from the kind of music that women in the Boston area are used to hearing from women's bands. We play a lot of songs that other women's bands stay away from because they are hard rock and therefore associated with the whole cock rock concept.

This is a problem we've hashed and re-hashed ever since it first became obvious to us that, whatever our intentions had been, musically we were a hard rock band. To us, most songs are not sexist in and of themselves. When they are done by women, their meanings change and they become songs about the kinds of feelings which women feel. At least, they are songs we can relate to and whether or not they were written or performed originally by men doesn't really matter. As for songs which are sexist no matter how you try to take them, we don't do those. As far as our playing "cock rock" is concerned — we can't play cock rock because we don't have cocks.

We don't play too much of what we've come to think of as dance music. If people are looking for a certain sound, or a certain beat or certain songs and if we can't reproduce those things, then we need to admit to ourselves and to anyone else who's interested that we can't do it so that no one will have any false expectations about us. Almost any kind of music we try to play will come out sounding like hard rock, regardless of the kind of song it may have been originally. This is the style that gives us enough energy to play our best — and it's what is natural to us.

On the other hand, we don't intend to go on playing other people's music forever. We've already started writing songs that are about our own feelings and experiences. A lot of these songs will undoubtedly be hard rock. A lot of them won't be. Ca has written a couple of songs that are almost country-folk, a boogie and one instrumental that's probably harder hard rock than any song we do now. Nicky's songs are mostly blues-oriented, though she has written one song which best described as a waltz in three-part harmony. Jackie has written a couple of songs that are closer to "dance music" than any of our other original songs, and we're all waiting in suspense to see what Fran comes up with one of these days.

We believe that we can disassociate the kind of music we play from the kind of image it has had for so long. Women can play ass-kicking hard rock without thinking of it as white male music. Instead of brutal, violent and dominating, we see hard rock as assertive, creative and energizing. And lots of fun.

Mad Catherine Whitney will be playing at the Saints on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31.

little less common. Where other groups have struggled to find places to play, our band has waged a continual battle to find a place to practice.

We formed in May 1974 with four people and a name, and we practiced in Fran's house. In July, Fran moved, and the band was homeless. We kept each other going by talking about the music we would do, tried our best to keep the band alive and finally got a break.

The Saints, a woman's bar which has

together and kept our music alive.

In November 1974 we found a more permanent practice space — a rented practice room in the basement of a music store in Everett. With a place that was ours as long as we paid our rent and didn't play so loudly that we shook the instruments off the walls upstairs, we were finally able to settle down and work and re-work our songs, gathering enough material together to gig.

Our first invitation to play came from the Saints on Valentine's Day weekend. Two weeks later we played at a U. Mass benefit for Joann Little and a week later at U. Mass again for International Women's Day. We finished our "public debut" by doing a weekend at the Saints in mid-March.

We have been billed, though not by ourselves, as a feminist band, and in some ways that's true. Being a woman musician in itself is a feminist statement — like being a woman mechanic or engineer. But we don't always play the music that is most closely associated with either women or feminists. We don't do many political songs, nor do we do a lot of songs by women artists — other than our originals.

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WEIRDO ARRESTED

BOSTON — Police arrested Antonio D. Fargot of Beacon Hill today for disorderly conduct, lewd and lascivious behavior, solicitation, jay walking, parading without a permit, and assaulting an officer.

Mr. Fargot was arrested for allegedly molesting pigeons on the Boston Common during the lunch hour. A witness Mrs. Prudence Knownot said, "He was shouting indecent things at us. He's a Happy you know! He said 'You must love the pigeons!' Can you imagine him doing that! Well, I can!"

A large crowd of outraged citizens then followed Fargot around the downtown area. At the graveyard on Tremont St. he began to hug tombstones. He then managed to violate a tree, two buildings, the statue of Hooker and a trolley among other things. "He was hugging everything. I had to take my children away as quickly as I could," said one woman running down into a subway.

The fracas caught the attention of a

few state legislators on their lunch-break. Rep. Willhelm O'Donnell (R-Berlin) said amidst the cries of other Happies in the crowd crying support to Fargot: "This is disgusting. It only makes me more adamant in my stand against any legislation to alleviate Happy oppression. With oppression we keep them from realizing their full potential — the potential to be happy. Thank God. I hope this spectacle is enough to enrage the citizens of Boston and the Commonwealth to write and protest the passage of any of the bills."

Fargot kissed the arresting police officer on his cheek and then went into a final oration while being led to a paddy wagon. "I Love You People," he said. "I Love you and I Love all things. I have taken Happy Power to its ultimate extent. I can show affection to anyone or anything. I don't mean sex! Love is a natural feeling."

"Sure," said the arresting police officer.



Today's Poetic Thought

ELLA IN WONDERLAND

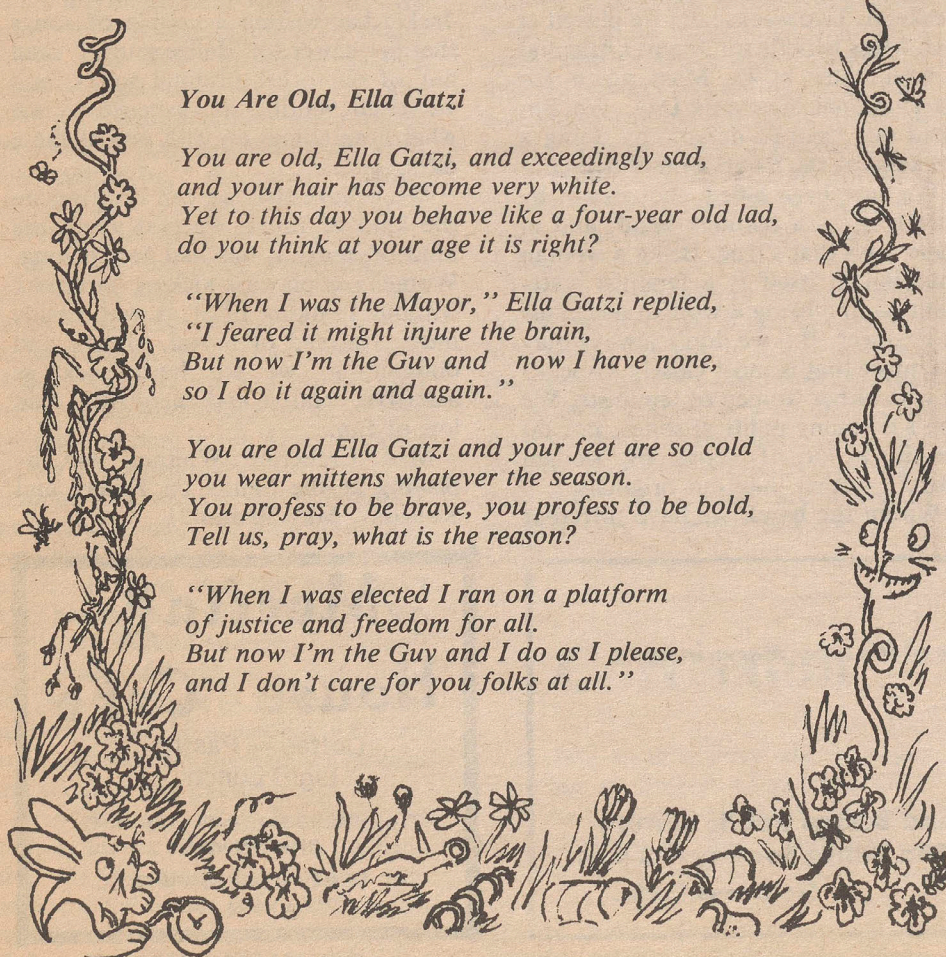
You Are Old, Ella Gatzi

You are old, Ella Gatzi, and exceedingly sad,
and your hair has become very white.
Yet to this day you behave like a four-year old lad,
do you think at your age it is right?

"When I was the Mayor," Ella Gatzi replied,
"I feared it might injure the brain,
But now I'm the Guv and now I have none,
so I do it again and again."

You are old Ella Gatzi and your feet are so cold
you wear mittens whatever the season.
You profess to be brave, you profess to be bold,
Tell us, pray, what is the reason?

"When I was elected I ran on a platform
of justice and freedom for all.
But now I'm the Guv and I do as I please,
and I don't care for you folks at all."



Giving You the Business

The House and Senate will meet in joint session today to consider a proposed amendment to the state constitution banning the manufacture of school buses in the Commonwealth. The amendment, sponsored by Sen. George Looney (D-Boston), would also include a ban on importing school buses into the state.

Other amendments to be considered would abolish the legislature, appoint a Commonwealth Dictator with life tenure, and reinstitute the death penalty for all offenses excluding murder, rape, and aggravated assault.

The women's liberation amendment (ERA) is due to be voted on in the Senate on Tuesday. Rep. Hilda Secure's proposed amendment to the ERA, which has a good chance of passage, would relieve women from all responsibility for logical thinking. Her amendment also includes a provision to increase research into a pill to double the male birthrate. Every woman will therefore have her own man to protect her. Rep. Secure does not believe that the scope of the ERA

has been changed at all.

Rep. William Funnell (Q-Combat Zone) is expected to try to amend the ERA further by including a provision requiring any new gay males born as a result of the pill to be required to father one or more male children to take their place.

A bill was introduced to require all men to get right back up and fight when knocked down. Failure to do so would result in a \$50 fine. Consecutive convictions carry a maximum castration penalty. This bill, sponsored by Rep. Sayno More (D-South Boston) and nicknamed the "Right to Strife Bill," will require all males to smoke Marlboros, to restrict clothing colors to navy blue and black, to display rigid wrists, and measure at least six inches long and one inch wide.

Rep. Elaine Roble (I-Lesbos) introduced a bill to establish anti-discrimination protections for persons who prefer to love the same sex. It is expected to die in committee.

HOUSE BANS HETS

(Special to the Inquirer)

It began innocently enough as an amendment by Rep. ("Not very") Long (R-Rover) to tear the guts out of a gay rights bill. Minutes later, it had become a bill denying all rights to heterosexuals.

Confusion

The bizarre sequence of events began when Rep. William ("Billy the Kid") Condemn (Idiot-Weymouth) rose to speak. The rambling and largely unintelligible remarks soon put the rest of the House to sleep but drove Rep. Conartist into a mounting and increasingly wild tirade. While ranting about an "anti-heterosexual" conspiracy by "Dykes, Queers and Fags" Rep. Convooy became overwrought and began to drop the word "anti" from his sentences. Shortly, and apparently without realizing it, he was denouncing the "heterosexual" conspiracy against "Dykes, Queers and Fags." When his fellow representatives awoke, the new wording was in the bill and panic took over.

Sex in the Aisles

Most of the legislators seemed unaware of what they were talking about, but some seemed to operate on the premise that if anyone is asking for equal rights they should wait till next year. Speaker after speaker echoed Rep. Catamarand's "thoughts". Many denounced the prospect of predatory heterosexuals making advances to their sons and daughters, some of whom might be gay. Others agonized over the dangers posed by "female secretaries" to "male bosses". "College panty raids", "dances", "dating", "marriage" were portrayed in lurid colors, with sly hints that "sex" sometimes occurred. Noting to his regret that the House was already "sexually mixed", Rep. Catamite foretold "sex in the aisles."

Panic

Other representatives were apparently aware but too fearful to challenge it. "We might be in the minority," said one representative. Another, speaking of

vast "gay conspiracy," said it might not be SAFE to speak out. An amendment requiring all straights to be "licensed" as a "first step" was narrowly defeated.

Remorse

24 Hours later, when told what he had done, Rep. Condemn was apologetic. "I didn't mean to deny rights to my kind of people," he said, "just to other people. At no time did I pay any attention to what I was saying, or what it would mean to actual living people. In fact, I usually have no idea what I'm up to. It's easier that way. I certainly didn't mean to deny rights to ME." An admitted lunatic, Rep. Contrail, who added that "I just got carried away" was shortly afterwards carried away by men in white coats and re-admitted (Lunatic-Mather Mental Home). But the bill, denying rights to anyone, was on the books.

Confusion in the State House

In the midst of the already confused session where the House mistakenly outlawed all rights to anybody, instead

of just a few, there was further confusion when Rep. Condemn (Loudmouth-Weymouth) misunderstood the remarks of Rep. Loose (D-Bedding Inn) that certain people were like the "mentally retarded" and should have no rights.

Resentment

"I resent that," said Rep. Condemn angrily. Rep. Loose rose to explain that he was talking about the "mentally retarded," not the "merely stupid." He went on to acknowledge that if the latter was meant, "we might lose half the House."

Closet Cretins

Rep. Condemn was not appeased and went on to give a long, rambling and poignant picture of what it was to be stupid. "You could wipe us out!" he said angrily. "I will not be intimidated! I have some rights, too, you know. Many, myself included, are very stupid and can't admit it publicly," Rep. Conartist concluded. Most members of the House were asleep at this point and did not hear his remarks.

People in the Gutter: OUTRAGE

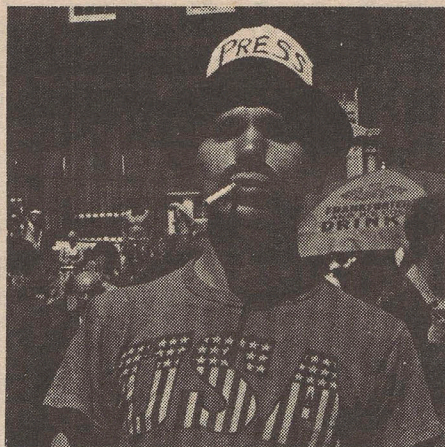
In the House debate on gay rights, Rep. William Condemn (D-Whynot) presented a frightening and exciting picture of "Dykes, queers and Fags" as predators after "your sons and daughters, no matter how old." What

do the sons, daughters and other people most personally affected think? We went to the gutter to ask, since Rep. Condemn is known to "frequent" it before and after speech-making.

Eliza Dolittle (daughter, Billerica, age 34): I'm outraged. Not one of those so-called "fags" has so much as made a pass at me. I'm pissed off, and not getting any younger, either!



Ronald Pointsetter (son, age 40, Inquirer writer): I'm ANGRY and outraged. In an Inquirer article I actually had to use the words "Dykes, queers, and fags!" Next thing I might have to speak to one of (shudder) them. Rep. Conartist is going TOO FAR!



Donald Dizzy (predator, Braintree): Wow! I say God Bless Rep. Condemn. As long as everything's illegal, I've got a perfect cover. Personally, my thing is predated garbage cans.



Albert ("Nellie") Wallflower (uncertain, Wellsley): Personally, sweetie, I'm outraged. I mean, I don't go to any of those places where those people, you know, come out. I mean, I just do my accounting job 12 hours a day, and what I want to know, Goddamn it, is WHERE ARE all those FAGS?!! No one has come up to me YET and I can't stand it!

Personality

Spotlight

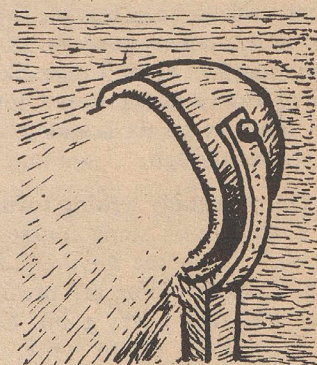
The Honorable Representative William Condemn (D-Whynot) — Charming, loose mouthed, insensitive, Rep. Condemn has a long record of idiotic and offensive remarks.

Defends Stupids: Describing himself as "vain and stupid," Rep. Condemn says he energetically defends the rights of everyone to be as stupid as possible. Putting his foot where his mouth is, he tries in his own actions, both private

and public, to make a continual fool of himself.

Frightening: Jumping up and down, shouting, and waving his hands, Rep. Condemn often frightens little children and his fellow legislators.

Paranoid: Rep. Conform is paranoid.



Parody is the combined insanity of Byron Marshall, Tony Caporaletti and David Brill.

Lord! What Kind of Child Is This

By JESSIE JANE

Pat Parker is a San Francisco based poet presently on tour on the east coast. She recently appeared at The Saints to give a reading for women. She has written two volumes of poetry, *Pitstop*, published by the Women's Press Collective in 1973 and 1975, and *Child of Myself*, first published by the Shameless Hussy Press in 1971; it is now in its third printing by the Women's Press Collective. A third volume, *Womenslaughter*, is in the works and should be out soon. Pat is also working on a novel to be entitled *You're Damned Sure You Can't Go Home Again*.

Pat Parker's poetry is impressive in itself; hearing it deeply enriches the experience. Watching her is frosting on the cake. She has a deep, soft, authoritative voice. She rocks back and forth when reading, gently, sometimes forcefully perfectly timed and in cadence with each line. She literally puts her whole body into her words.

GCN: How long have you been writing, Pat?

P.P.: Forever you know. But really, I've been writing seriously since about 1963. I started writing prose and was married to a press writer. He used to tear my stuff up telling me it was no good. I left him and started writing poetry. Now I'm back into prose and, oh yes I'm working on a novel. I'm really a fast writer, the longest I've ever taken to write a poem is 5 hours. I had to stop for a while that day to see my shrink.

GCN: Who influenced you the most? Who do you like?

P.P.: I don't want to say anyone influenced me really. I learned by reading poetry and participating in workshops. When I started we were into a total male poetry scene. I can't say I was influenced by that as far as the things that I write about. I avoid reading any contemporary poetry. I do like Garcia Lorca and Dylan Thomas probably because they don't write like me. Thomas's voice came onto me long before I heard it — just by the way he wrote. So when I heard his voice I knew it was him. Some poems should not be read aloud and others should only be read and never make their way onto paper.

Women are writing things that are turning me on. I really like Judy Grahn (*Edward the Dyke*). She's GOOD. She has such integrity, a real respect for words. She has such a delicate sensitivity in her writing. I can feel her love for women in her poems perhaps more so than anyone I've read. I also like the poems of Emily Dickinson. I love to read. I read up to six books a week, mostly prose though.

GCN: Did you study writing formally?

P.P.: Yeah, I took some courses, but they didn't teach me anything about writing. The only thing my professors told me was that I was good. School never encouraged me to write. Most poetry you read in school is irrelevant to life. People should be reading about real life. If you teach kids with words that they can relate to they'll learn! They push all these dead-ass writers on you — they don't have to pay them royalties — and you sit with a dictionary on one side and a book of mythology on the other, I mean what kind of way is that to learn to love poetry? School has turned people off to poetry, you have to be a detective to get anything out of it.



Pat Parker at the Saints

GCN: How would you characterize your poetry?

P.P.: I don't really characterize my

poetry. I don't want to be known as a Black Stein or anything like that. My poems now deal with racism, sexism,

and I write love poems for women. I'm looking for new ways to create new images of women.

GCN: What would you like to say to lesbians, to Blacks and to gay people?

P.P.: I would like to tell them to get it together. I have a code that I really try to live by and that is, until all oppressed people are, none of us are free. I want women to be aware of their racism. It's not my job to teach White women about their racism just as it's not the job of women to teach men about their sexism. I want to see it all come down now.

GCN: Do you believe that one can be as effective being involved both in lesbianism and in Feminism?

P.P.: Yes. I mean I'm all those things, I'm a lesbian, a feminist, and I'm Black. I know there are problems with splitting within those groups but to survive I cannot separate myself from any of them even though at times I'm isolated from all three.

GCN: Will you ever come back this way? What are some of your future plans?

P.P.: I'd like to do something with Judy Grahn and a west coast rhythm and blues band called Sweet Charity. They're the best women's band I've heard — such good dancing music. I'd like the three of us to go on tour together. Maybe we'll be back this way next year but I really can't say for sure now.

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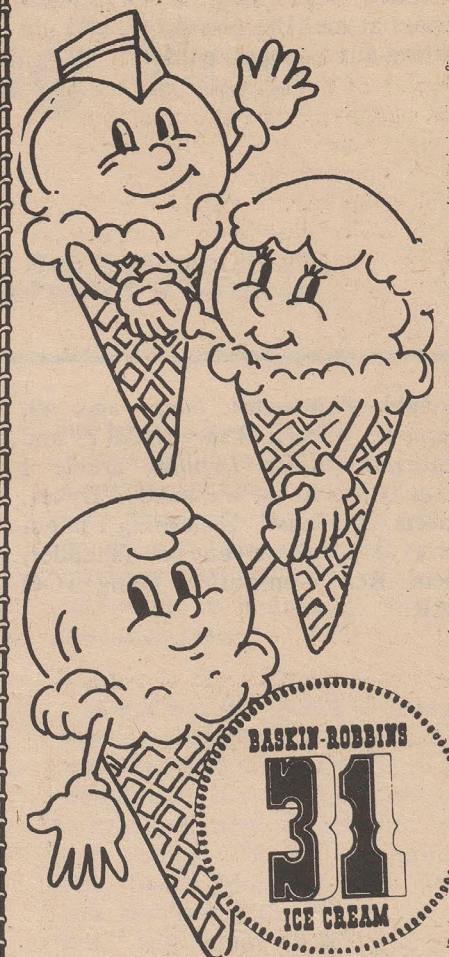
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Men's Liberation: a first step



By KEN ARKIN

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — In April about 300 men and women gathered at the University of Tennessee here for a national conference on men and masculinity. Participants were mostly from the Midwest, but two group facilitators flew in from the West Coast. Warren Farrell, main speaker and author of *The Liberated Man*, came in from New York City.

The three days of workshops dealt with discussing how the male sex role in our society is oppressive to both men and women. Special concern was given to ways men are kept apart from each other and from the person inside themselves by constantly struggling to assert an ideal of masculinity through competition and oppression of women, gays and children, all those below them on the social scale.

There were only two Black men in attendance and there seemed to be a preponderance of academics, men and women who discussed the issues in relation to work that they were doing. At times the conference seemed like a gathering of the rich, White community discussing, ironically, the ways in which they are oppressed by the culture that they perpetuate.

The group did not seem to challenge the basic ways that we are responsible for the inequalities in society. Men

seemed complacent about their own lives and resistant when the sexist aspects of their lives was exposed. They did not seem ready to strip off the chains of sex roles and ally themselves with women to fight sexist oppression.

I had wanted to be with men feeling free to express my gentler, loving self. But, it seemed to me, that we became afraid, lost in our intellects, pushing each other away with the same fear that has made us oppress women: the disgust and hatred of softness in ourselves. I wanted us to cast off hate and fear and to embrace each other again. But some men seemed afraid to reach out to each other physically. Much of the speaking seemed competi-

tive rather than cooperative. I felt that the men were inclined to act out their masculine programming and performances because there were women there. Several men spoke about the need to have only men present, but I think that these were gay men.

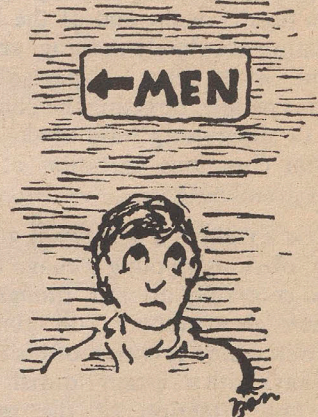
Many men were openly gay in the workshops, and many men found it necessary to assert their straightness. I sensed a common fear among the men. I also felt that the love and commitment I feel toward other men was not reciprocated by the men who would not admit to any gay feelings.

I feel that one of the most oppressive aspects of the male sex role is the line that men draw between emotional support, loving friendship, real sharing with another man, and being gay. I felt that there was one aspect of male dominance that the men at the conference were not willing to give up: the belief that they were straight and that the reaching out to other men was something done in spare time to become more of a "person." I felt the men used straightness as a barrier between themselves and the gay men there.

However, the conference did accomplish much. At the last session people shared feelings about the three days. The men said that they felt encouraged and not so alone in their struggles against adopting the traditional male role in their lives and their relationships with others. The women said that they were glad that men were beginning to share with each other. I felt close to the people near me and hoped that the feeling that men need and want each other was reawakened in all there.

An important part of the conference was the decision to form a national support network for men concerned with sexism, a clearing house for the spread of material and ideas to this community of men, and the printing of a newsletter. People interested in becoming part of this newly formed national network should write to Kark White, 3700 Sutherland, I-8, Knoxville, Tenn. 37919, with newsletter contributions or addresses.

A men's center in Seattle is putting out a journal called *Morning Due* and



will send out a free copy to anyone interested. Write to Seattle Men's Resource Center, 811 33rd Ave. E., Seattle, Wash.

A magazine called *brother* is collecting articles for the next two issues which will be about men and class, and reviews of "men's" literature. Write to *brother*, P.O. Box 4387, Berkeley, Ca.

Another men's gathering is being planned in Chicago for the beginning of June. For more information contact Chicago Men's Gathering, 5303 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60615.

books

Prison Book Homophobic, Says Prisoner

Terror In the Prisons: Homosexual Rape and Why Society Condone It. By Carl Weiss and David James Friar. New York: Bobbs, Merrill. 247 pp. \$8.95.

A Review by Jon Taylor

In the wake of the Attica rebellion there have been innumerable works published about prisons. This can be counted as one with the least merit. It has a certain sensational appeal in that the details of actual rape are exceedingly graphic, so graphic as to pass the point of information and enter the

realm of titillation.

G.C.N. has printed views of prison life before. In Vol. 2, No. 27, there was *Sexism In Men's Prisons*. More recently we read, in Vol. 2, No. 41, Robert Scott's *More Notes from Inside*. These were alike in that they restated the proposition that street transvestites are the recipients of great respect in most state's prisons. Weiss and Friar do the same. My problem is that nobody has closely examined the roots of this respect.

After five years experience at both Norfolk and Walpole, I would like to explode this myth. The majority of people in jail are straight. All jails suffer from a pecking order mentality which necessarily demands a bottom layer. As a rule this is made up of every out-front gay in the joint. No matter how incompetent or deficient of intelligence (in Massachusetts, prison illiteracy is rampant) your average inmate may be, at least he's not a fag. Consequently, we are a much required entity. This kind of "respect" I don't need.

Shortly after the movie "Fortune and Men's Eyes" was released there was a scandal concerning rape in the Philadelphia county jail system. Weiss and Friar draw heavily on the testimony presented at the hearing which investigated this scandal. These proceedings generated little more than the launching of a political career or two, and changed nothing. The authors offer no further documentation, no substantiation of any of the charges which were made, nothing more than second-hand quotes.

Mr. Assistant District Attorney Alan J. Davis presided at these hearings. His

solution: "Every prison system should be staffed with enough guards to assure that prisoners cannot congregate in privacy for more than a few minutes at a time."

A word about guards. Correctional officers as a group tend to be provincial, narrow, not bright, lazy, and, for my purposes most important, unbearably homophobic. Whatever else might be wrong with American prisons, we do not need more guards.

The attitude of the authors of *Terror in the Prisons* toward gay people can best be shown by sharing two short quotes. Dr. Sam Sheppard, then of the Marion (Ohio) Correctional Institution, in for wife slaying, said:

"The deputy's clerk would call the police and report himself. In the penitentiary he was a queen, in our society he was nothing. . . . We must segregate homosexuals or we will run into continuous trouble. Now, I am speaking as a physician . . ."

And this little gem from a Dale Huffman, free lance journalist:

"... our prisons are factories of perversion. It seems that the homosexuals are always looking for new victims who are young and inexperienced."

Whatever merit this book might have is cancelled for this single unpardonable error which cannot go unchallenged. It equates your garden-variety kid-fucker (who does exist, although universally disliked and totally without prestige), with gay prisoners. Actually, your prison rapist is always straight; this book ignores this fact.

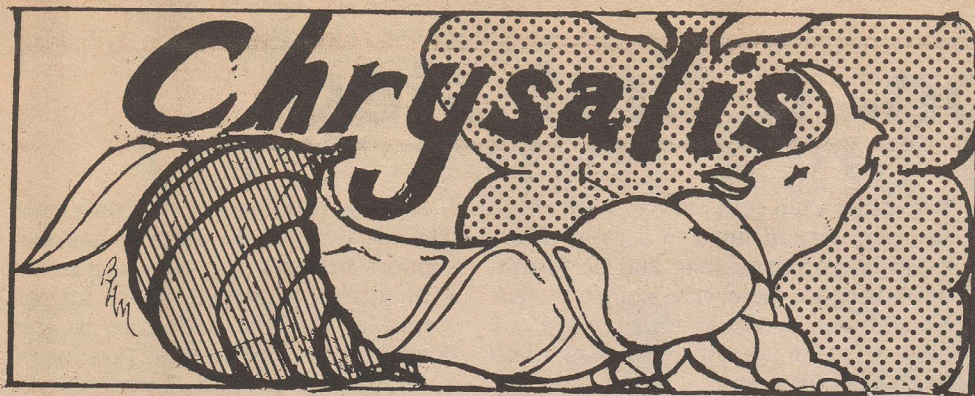
I have never met a gay brother in jail who was doing time for a sex beef.

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To Tod's right is a somewhat good-looking, obviously young teenage boy, a bit too colorfully dressed, though on the whole presentable. Tod glances over at him from the corner of his right eye and says with a certain flourish that catches the attention of the table, "Really, she's the only woman I know who spreads her food in the general vicinity of the table and then proceeds to play in it." Laughter. The boy beams with pleasure.

Later he ventures toward the center of the table. Somehow, amid the brisk pace and laughter of the cock and bar talk and the gay gossip of who has recently cornered who and its consequences, he manages to keep interjecting references to Plato, Spinoza, and Freud. Freud, people don't seem to mind so much; he was into cock talk also, but Mary what does Plato's theory of love have to do with the time Jerry Horowitz stuck a banana up his back end. Who does this kid think he's

fooling anyway.

The boy is unconcerned with the positivity or negativity of response. Just as long as they know he is an intellectual, it is enough. Infant that he is, he lives in a world of binary oppositions: yes/no, win/lose, pretty/unpretty and so on. In the course of a year he will grow into a pseudo-adult. The bond with Tod will be broken and he will have migrated to the opposite end of the table where sits Tod's lover of seven years, Don. Now the curious thing about Don is that he is just as out of place in that house as the 17-year-old who sits on his left, only he lives there, endlessly waiting for Tod to change. He is bored by the superficiality and is always interested in the boy's convoluted, tongue-in-cheek, Freudian-Platonic theory of why Jerry really did stick that banana up you know where. Together it will sit, a table divided against itself. At one end the gossip, at the other an ongoing critique of the gossip and the superficial values it embodies. It was a marriage that couldn't last — and didn't.

Anyway, the liqueurs have been sipped and the goblets have begun to trickle into the living room for the films. Eyes dart nervously around the table, sizing up the evening's potential mates. The 17-year-old ferocious intellectual has put on his negligee (metaphorically, of course) and has mysteriously transformed into The Seductress.

Soon the orgy is underway. In the atmosphere of nudity and casual sensuality many pretexts simply fall away as

BACK TO THE ORGIES

By KENNETH ROSS

you enjoy a leisurely evening of love-making, knoshing, skinny dipping, talking, and generally enjoying the leisurely pace that only citizens of tropical climates have truly perfected.

To one side is a people mound. Glancing casually at it Tod recounts to you the time a cry rang out from just such a mound, "Hey, why am I sucking you Mary. I don't even like you!" and the mound collapsed. To another side a notorious Cuban fellow (how can I say this diplomatically) is being screwed by two men at the same time. Multi-fuck. To his right is an amazed couple wondering out loud how it fits. One of the two inside, an M.D., takes a moment out to reply, "Medically speaking it shouldn't fit. But it fits."

In from a skinny dip whirls the whirling sexual dervish, his wet curly hair bulging out on top from his tall, thin body so that he looks like a tootsie roll ready to be sucked. With that unscarred innocent "I am a seventeen year old" look he does the rounds trying to win points and influence penises. Bragging about the fabulous oral techniques he has imparted to his young protege, Tod asks the boy to demonstrate on you. Graciously, the boy declines.

This is a paradise of sorts. The boy is in his element though he fits in it most awkwardly. But the boy will change both physically and mentally. Most

important the element will change drastically. The orgies will be taken over by a group of aggressive men who he cannot compete with until he finds himself in an environment in which he can no longer play his game successfully. Then his subconscious will worm its way into the act and devise a means of escape, an excuse to exile itself from the strangling paradise. But then the subconscious will have its day of strangulation, and the energy once poured into roles will now be funneled into the active pursuit of neurosis. A payment for sins.

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Speaking for Myself

By Allan Stewart

I skipped this year's New England Gay Conference in Provincetown. I should have gone. That many gay activists in one place would have given me a year's worth of columns easily. But I didn't go, for a very simple reason. It was in Provincetown, New England's mecca for sun- and fun-loving gay people who didn't mind rampant, well-organized oppression and exploitation.

There are only a couple of cities where I'd consider living, but almost anywhere can be fun to visit. Provincetown, however, tops my list of places I'll never visit again if I can help it.

It wasn't always thus. P-town was once a rather pleasant, somewhat "bohemian," eminently respectable and fun place to go. Then, during the sixties, it became more and more known as a "gay" resort. The powers-that-be decided this was too much and, for a couple of seasons, gays were emphatically not welcome. Predictably, P-town was nearly a ghost town, and the economic implications were extraordinarily clear: Gays did spend money, lots of it, and they were a "tourist attraction" of sorts. Maybe they should be brought back?

Subtly the word went out. Gays were welcome again in P-town. But what got lost in the message was the classic love/hate feeling P-towners still retain toward gays. The attitude was succinctly summed up by an overheard waitress in a P-town restaurant: "We have to put up with those damned faggots for the money, but we're damned if we have to be nice about it!"

The last time I visited P-town is a

good illustration. An old friend, whom I hadn't seen in a couple of years, worked there for a summer. I drove down on a beautiful Friday afternoon in late June, anticipating a long, luxurious weekend of sun, fun, and my friend. I was back in Boston by one o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Friday night we ate in one of P-town's "best" restaurants. The prices were high enough, though the food (what there was of it) was only tolerable. The service was non-existent. My friend wasn't concerned. His attitude was, that's what you expect in P-town. I excused it as my unwinding from a hectic week. We even left a respectable tip, I'm ashamed to say.

We joined the "Grand Promenade" on Commercial Street. If ever a street was well named, that's it! Of course we saw people we knew, and we would have liked to stop and talk. But every time, one of P-town's ubiquitous cops was right there to tell us to keep moving. The shops were just as bad: over-priced, shoddy merchandise, rude clerks, and a buy-or-get-out attitude.

We quit. Maybe the bars would be better? At least we could talk and dance and be together. But no way. High-priced drinks, hustling bartenders, and being herded like cattle on a dance floor aren't things we like. So we went to bed. That was fun.

Next morning, a waitress in the cafe where we had breakfast had derisive things to say about faggots to the cashier, who apparently agreed. It was the last straw. I dropped my friend at his job and headed home, vowing never to go back. (My friend couldn't

take it either. He quit his job the next week and went back to New York.)

Even worse (though perhaps more understandable) than patronizing, oppressive, exploitive P-towners, gay and straight, are tourists who go to "see the faggots" as if we were curious creatures in some erotic zoo. Of course there are some people who are only too willing to put on a performance for the folks. It's hard to tell who is worse.

I truly don't understand why otherwise sensitive gay people put up with it. Behavior gay people wouldn't tolerate

anywhere else is called "quaint and charming" in P-town, but its provincial allure escapes me. There are nicer towns, nicer beaches, much nicer people elsewhere. I keep hoping it will get better, but friends who go there often tell me it's just the same, perhaps worse.

So it's too bad the New England Gay Conference met in Provincetown this year. P-towners will probably add arrogance, from this recognition and "legitimizing," to their already sordid list of faults.

PROVINCIAL ALLURE?

Prison Book

(Continued from page 11)

Asking questions of people with up to thirty years experience in jails all over the country, I learn that this is generally true. Gay people don't get jacked into skin cases of any kind. Child molesting especially. Hence, it is most unlikely that gay people would be involved in the rape "of young and inexperienced inmates," however, the authors never note this and by omission, indict all gay people everywhere.

It pains me to report that the *Advocate*, in the March 26 edition, liked this book. At first I simply concluded that George Whitmore might not have the same intimacy with the things that Weis and Friar say, that I have. Since then I read some very interesting things in the Spring '75 *Gay Sunshine* about the new *Advocate* which suggest a less innocent motive.

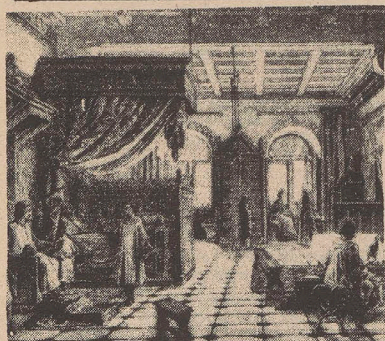
There are better books which give a truer picture of American prisons. Malcolm Braly's *On The Yard* (a Fawcett paperback), a fiction that captures the essence of prison life; Karlen's *Sexuality and Homosexuality* has a lengthy section on prison sex citing all the same studies used by Weis and Friar but interpreting them quite differently.

It's easy spouting off homophobic homilies and other subdolous twaddle prevalent in the larger society of which every jail is a microcosm, but printing the same as universal "givens" make this a dangerous book.

It seems to suggest that the segregation of gay prisoners would somehow help American prisons. This premise, carried to its logical conclusion, would in time lead to forced "cures." First, in the culture's institutions, and then . . . ?

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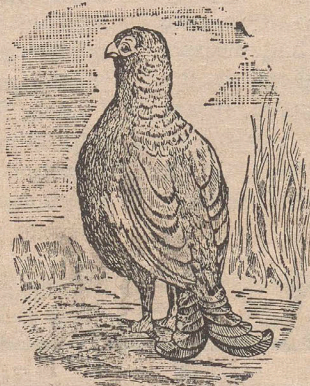
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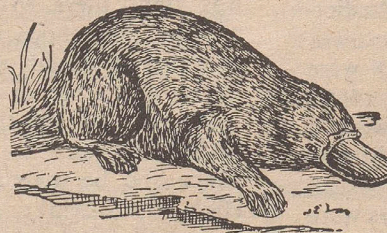
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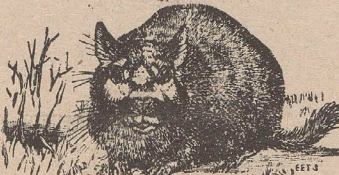
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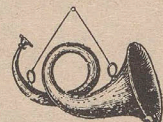
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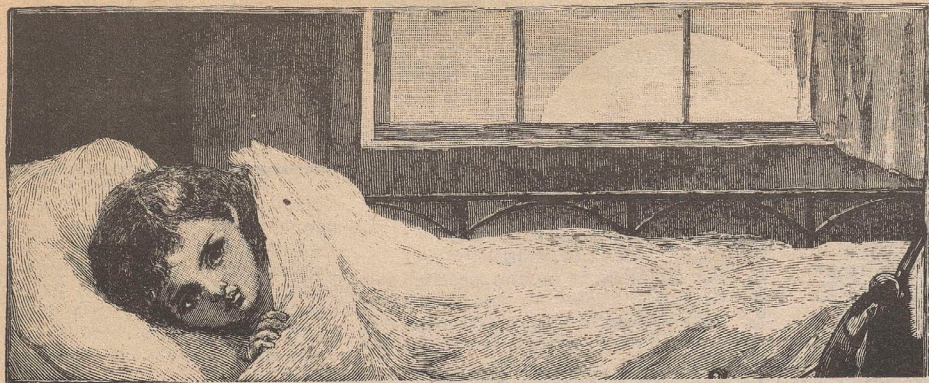
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Quick Gay Guide

BOSTON AREA [area code 617]		NEW HAMPSHIRE [area code 603]	
Adolescent male rap session:	227-8587	Gay Women's Rap Group	772-6636
4 p.m.-6 p.m.		Seacoast Area Gay Alliance,	
Boston College,		Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801	
Box 28, Chestnut Hill, Ma. 02167		Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization,	
Boston Gay Recreational		c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824	
Activities Committee (GRAC)		Women's Group, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261	
c/o GCN, Box 8000		(DO NOT use "gay" on any mail to this group)	
Boston University Gays	353-3635	MAINE [area code 207]	
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group)	265-6409	Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus,	
Brandeis Gays, Box 2089 Brandeis Univ.,		PO Box 1046, Bangor 04401	
Waltham, Ma. 02154		Brunswick Gay Women's Group,	
Cambridge Hotline	876-7528	136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011	
Cambridge Women's Center	354-8807	Gay Community Center/Gay Support	
Charles Street Meetinghouse	523-0368	and Action, c/o Bangor Tenants' Union,	
Charlestown Gay Neighbors' Assn.	241-8357	23 Franklin St., Bangor 04401	
Civil Liberties Union of Mass.	227-9469	Gay Rights Organization (GRO),	
Closet Space (WCAS, 740 AM)	492-6450	PO Box 4542, Portland 04114	
Daughters of Bilitis	262-1592	Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011	
Dignity of Boston, c/o 1105 Boyl-		Maine Freewomen's Herald, Box 488,	
ston St., Boston 02215		Brunswick 04011	
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts,		Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis,	
Rm. 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108		Passamaquoddy Library,	
Fag Rag	536-9826	Pleasant Point 04667	
Fenway Community Health Center	267-7573	Maine Gay Task Force/MGTF Newsletter,	
Fengay, c/o Tom Nylund	267-1066	Box 4542, Portland 04144	
Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom	440-8551	The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union,	
Gay Students Organization, c/o Student		Colby College, Waterville 04901	
Federation, Rm. 152, Ell Center	437-2654	Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union,	
Gay Hotline (3-9 Mon-Fri)	426-9371	U. of Maine, Orono 04473	581-2571
Gay Academic Union of New England,		NEW YORK CITY [area code 212]	
PO Box 212, Boston 02101	266-2069	Gay Activities Alliance, P.O. Box 2, Village	
Gay Alert (for gay community		Sta. 10014	966-7870
emergency only)	523-0368, 267-0764	Gay Media Coalition, Box 218,	
Gay Media Action, c/o GCN, Box 5000,		Ansonia Station 10023	
22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108	523-1081	Gay Men's Health Project,	
Gay Community News	426-4469	247 W. 11th St.	691-6969
Gay Media Action Advertising	783-1627	Gay Switchboard	924-4036
Gay Nurses Alliance	232-6323	Lesbian Feminist Liberation, c/o Women's	
Gay People of UMass/Boston	287-1900x2396	Center, 243 W. 20th St.	255-9802
Gay Speakers Bureau	547-1451	Lesbian Switchboard	741-2610
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9 FM)	353-2790	National Gay Task Force,	
Gay Legislation '75, PO Box 8841,		80 Fifth Ave., Rm. 506	741-1010
JFK Sta., Boston 02114	491-2787, 661-9362	Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop,	
Gay Youth Advocates, 70 Charles St.	227-8587	15 Christopher St.	255-8097
Gender Identity Service	864-8181		
Golden Gays	482-9998		
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	354-8807	Dignity/Springfield, PO Box 488,	
Center		Forrest Park Sta., Springfield 01107	
Lesbian Mothers	354-8807	Hampshire College Gay Friends	542-4889
Lesbian Therapy Research Project	354-8807	Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Amherst	253-2591
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union	661-0450	Southwest Women's Center	545-0626
186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge		Springside Gay Alliance	583-3904
Metropolitan Community Church	523-7664	UMass Student Homophile League	545-0154
MIT Student Homophile League	253-5440	Valley Women's Center, Northampton	586-2011
National Organization for Women	267-6160	RHODE ISLAND [area code 401]	
Other Fund Inc. (Gay United Fund),		Brown University Gay Liberation,	
PO Box 1997, Boston 02105	426-0412	c/o Student Activities Office,	
Other Voices Bookstore,		Brown Univ., Providence 02912	863-6878
30 Bromfield St., Boston		Dignity/Providence, Box 2231,	
Project Place	267-9150	Pawtucket 02861	
Fr. Paul Shanley	267-0764	Gay Women of Providence	831-5184
Project Lambda	227-8587	Homophile Community Health	
Representative Elaine Noble	727-2584	Service (Providence)	274-4737
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Frances Craig,		Kingston Gay Liberation	792-5817
P.O. Box 291, MIT Branch, Cambridge 02139		MCC Coffee House, Providence	274-1693
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Ariadne Kane,		MCC/Providence, 37 Clemence St.	274-1693
Box 161, Cambridge 02140		VERMONT [area code 802]	
Tufts Gay Community		Counseling for Gay Women & Men,	
(ask for referral)	628-5000	c/o Vt. Women's Health Center,	
Waltham-Watertown Gays,		158 Bank St., Burlington 05401	
c/o GCN, Box 7100		Counseling for Gay Women & Men	863-1386
Women's Community Health Center,		Gay Student Union, Billings Student	
Cambridge	547-2302	Center, U. of Vermont,	
EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS [area code 617]		Burlington 05401	658-3830
Alcoholics Together/Worcester	756-0730	Vermont Gay Women	862-7770, 863-3237
Clark Gay Alliance, PO Box 2118,		Women's Switchboard	862-5504
Clark Univ., Worcester 01610		CONNECTICUT [area code 203]	
Dignity/Merrimack Valley,		East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich	889-7530
PO Box 348, Lowell 01853		Gay Alliance/Yale,	
Gay Activists Alliance, c/o Postmaster,		2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520;	
General Delivery, Provincetown	487-3393, 487-3344, 487-3234	3-9 pm Mon-Thurs.	436-8945
George W. Henry Foundation,		Hartford	522-2646
Homophile Union of Montachusett,		Hartford Gay Counseling	522-5575, 523-9837
PO Box 262, Fitchburg 01420		MCC/Hartford	522-5575, 523-9837
MCC/Worcester	756-0730	UConn/Storrs	465-2359
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center	487-0387	Institute of Social Ethics/National	
Provincetown Homophile Assistance		Gay Archives, 1 Gold St.,	
League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657		Suite 22B, Hartford 06103	547-1281
New Bedford Women's Clinic	999-1070	Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford	568-2656
Salem Gay Hotline	745-0594	MCC/Hartford	522-5575
8-10 pm (Tues Only)		The Church of the	
Worcester Homophile Organization	892-9113	Eternal Flame Universal	527-5612
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS		Wesleyan Gay Alliance, c/o Wesleyan	
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women)	545-0154	Women's Center, Wesleyan Sta.,	
Everywomen's Center, Amherst	545-0883	Middletown 06457	
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM 91.9)	545-2876		
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst	545-3438		

Coming... May 27 thru June 15



27 tues

Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM will have as guests, Jack Nichols, author of "Men's Liberation" and Rita Mae Brown, author of *Rubyfruit Jungle*. Tune in at 8 pm this evening.

Join Peter Fisher and Marc Rubin for evening of poetry and music at the National Gay Task Force "Monthly Event", 6-9 pm at Calvary Church, 21st and Park Ave. South. Donation \$3, to benefit National Gay Task Force.

THE REVEREND NANCY WILSON, of the Metropolitan Community Church of Worcester, will offer the opening prayer at the formal session of the Massachusetts House of Representatives this morning at 11:00 am. Rev. Wilson will be the guest of Rep. Elaine Noble, and the gay community is invited to be present in the House Gallery, on the fourth floor of the State House.

Rap on Sexuality, sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, 8 pm, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. The topic this week is "The Sexuality of Jesus", the resource person is the Rev. Jeff Pulling of MCC/Boston.

28 wed

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

A potluck supper and an evening of music for teenage gay women will be held at 10 Chandler St., Somerville. For more information call Project Lambda at 227-8587 and ask to speak to Lyn, Stephanie or Linda.

Open Rap, this is a good opportunity vent your feelings and listen to others. The topic will be picked by the people in attendance. Go to 140 Chapin St., Providence, 3rd floor at 7 pm. For further information call (401) 274-1693. Sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church of Providence.

29 thur

"Flo" — film of Florynce Kennedy will be shown tonight, Friday night and Saturday night at the Charles Street Meetinghouse at 8 pm. Admission \$2.00.

30 fri

The Good Gay Poets presents Ed Cates, Mary Damon and Ann Morgan, this evening at 8 pm, reading at the Other Voices Bookstore, 30 Bromfield St., Boston, (between Tremont & Washington).

The New England District Conference of MCC will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church Center, 11 Amith St., Hartford, Ct. Representatives and clergy from 13 churches in the district will be represented. The conference will be held through the weekend.

31 sat

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

Charlestown Bicentennial House Tour, from 10 am-4 pm. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance or \$3.75 on the day. For further information call 242-4783. Sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society.



1 sun

Metropolitan Community Church, Hartford, receives its formal charter, 6 pm during the monthly buffet. There will be a charter service at 7:30 pm. MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St.

A presentation by Jeb Boswell on "Homosexuality and Religion" and brunch, 4:30 pm, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. MCC/Boston invites you to come hear a stimulating talk while sharing a light meal. Donation \$2.50.

2 mon

Alcoholics Together, a place for gay alcoholics, can be most open and honest. Go to 37 Clemence St., Providence, R.I., phone 274-1693.

4 wed

For Women Only! Want to exchange thoughts, ideas, and have a good time doing it? The National Gay Task Force invites all women to a party with hors d'oeuvres and drink at 205 West End Ave., Apt. 11H, from 4-6 pm. Admission \$3, to benefit the National Gay Task Force.



5 thur

Sign language anyone? Want to learn to communicate with your deaf brothers and sisters. An 8-week beginners course in manual communication starts tonight at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Sponsored by MCC/Boston.

Gay Students Organization, Northeastern University meets tonight at 7:30 pm, room 247, Ell Center. For more information contact Student Federation, Room 152, Ell Center, 437-2654.

7 sat

Gay Pride Meeting, 2 pm at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. Gay Pride Parade this year is Saturday, June 21 — only seven weeks away. Come and take part in the planning for the parade and a week of celebration.

8:00 pm — Charles Street Meetinghouse — Educational for the gay community about recent FBI and Grand Jury harassment, and What Are Our Rights. Free.

8 sun

The Gay Academic Union of New England presents a panel on Literature and Sexuality. Featured speakers will be Paula Bennett, Tom Hurley, and Judith Sand. The panel will begin at 2 pm, on the first floor parlor of Phillips Brooks House, at the NW corner of Harvard Yard. The parlor has been reserved for an extra hour afterwards for a mini-party. As usual, non-GAU members are cordially invited.

Rev. Ann Montague, assistant pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of New York City, will be the guest preacher at MCC/Providence, 7 pm, 37 Clemence St. "Samaritan Sunday."

15 sun

Hiking and a Cookout at the Middlesex Fells Reservation, just north of Boston. Meet in front of the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., at 9 am. Bring whatever you wish to eat; fireplaces will be available. People who can provide transportation are urged to call . . . 241-8357 or 426-4469 ask for George or leave a message. There will be a \$1.00 donation to cover expenses. Sponsored by the Gay Recreational Activities Committee.

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

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MONDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM.
5:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.
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 Clemence St., Providence
8:30 pm—Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group (203) 522-2646.
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.
7 pm—Pot Luck Supper, MCC/Prov., 37 Clemence St., Providence
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.

7 pm—Women's Rap, 63 Chapin St., Providence
7 pm—Open Rap, 37 Clemence St., Providence
7:00 pm—Straight-Gay Rap, Conference Room, UConn Infirmary (side entrance), Storrs, Ct.
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—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.
8:30-9:30—Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573.
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.
7:00 pm—Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester.
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, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.

8:00 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn., Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge.
8:30 pm—Gay Alliance at Yale meeting in library of Dwight Hall on High St., New Haven.

FRIDAYS

12:30 pm—UMass/Boston Gay Group, Columbia Point, College II, room 620.
7:00 pm—Alcoholics Together, Worcester, 756-0730, 754-7817.
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 Clemence 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

2 pm—Gay Soccer, 241-8357
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW, 91.3 FM.
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine.
8:00 pm—East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.
8:00 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 Centra 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 pm—MCC/Prov. Public Worship, 37 Clemence St., Providence
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 Homophile Organization (formerly W.G.U.), 892-9113 for meeting place.
9:00 pm—UConn Gay Alliance Coffee House, Inner College Trailer, "R" lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Ct.

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