

calendar

28 tues

Boston — Integrity regular meeting, special Christmas Service and reception, invite all your friends, 7:30-9:30, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St.

Boston — DOB rap for older women, 7:30 pm, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323.

NYC — West Side Discussion Group hosts Vernon Berg and E. Lawrence Gibson speaking on their discharge from the Navy, 37 Ninth Ave., 8:30 pm, \$2 donation.

Boston — On-the-air party with producers and excerpts of gay radio shows from all over New England on GAYWAY, WBUR, 90.9 FM, 8-9:30 pm.

31 fri

Worcester, MA — MCC New Year's Eve Open House, 10 pm, 2 Wellington St.

New Haven, CT — New Year's Eve Dance/Party sponsored by Gay Alliance at Yale, 10 pm, Hendrie Hall basement, open to everyone.

Boston — New Year's Eve Party sponsored by Gay Alcoholics, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., 10 pm-4 am, all welcome.

Cambridge, MA — Topics for Lesbians only, "Lesbians not celebrating New Year's Day," 7:30 pm, 21 Bay St., info call 661-2537.

1 sat

Northwood, NH — Daughters of Bilitis, NH will hold monthly get-togethers, for info write: Women's Group, Box 137, Northwood, NH 03261.

2 sun

Portsmouth, NH — MCC monthly worship service at South Church, 292 State St., special guitar service, 7 pm.

4 tues

NYC — West Side Discussion Group for men and women, "An Astrological Approach to Homosexuality," 37 Ninth Ave., 8 pm, refreshments follow, \$2 donation.

Boston — Gay Men's Center Pot Luck Supper, 7:30 pm, 36 Bromfield St.



5 wed

NYC — West Side Discussion Group for women only, "Sexual Problems," 37 Ninth Ave., 8 pm, refreshments follow, \$2 donation.

Boston — Gay Men's Center New Gay Topics Rap, 7:30-9:30; Drama Group, 7 pm, 36 Bromfield St.

6 thurs

Cambridge, MA — Discussion for Lesbians, "Booze," 21 Bay St., 7:30.

Boston — All Jewish gay women and men are invited to attend an organizational meeting for Beth Haskelah at Hillel House, 233 Bay State Rd., 8 pm.

7 fri

Boston — Gay Men's Center presents feature film *Bus Stop* starring Marilyn Monroe, info call 338-7967, 36 Bromfield St.

9 sun

Boston — Gay Men's Center Coffeehouse and entertainment, 36 Bromfield St., info call 338-7967

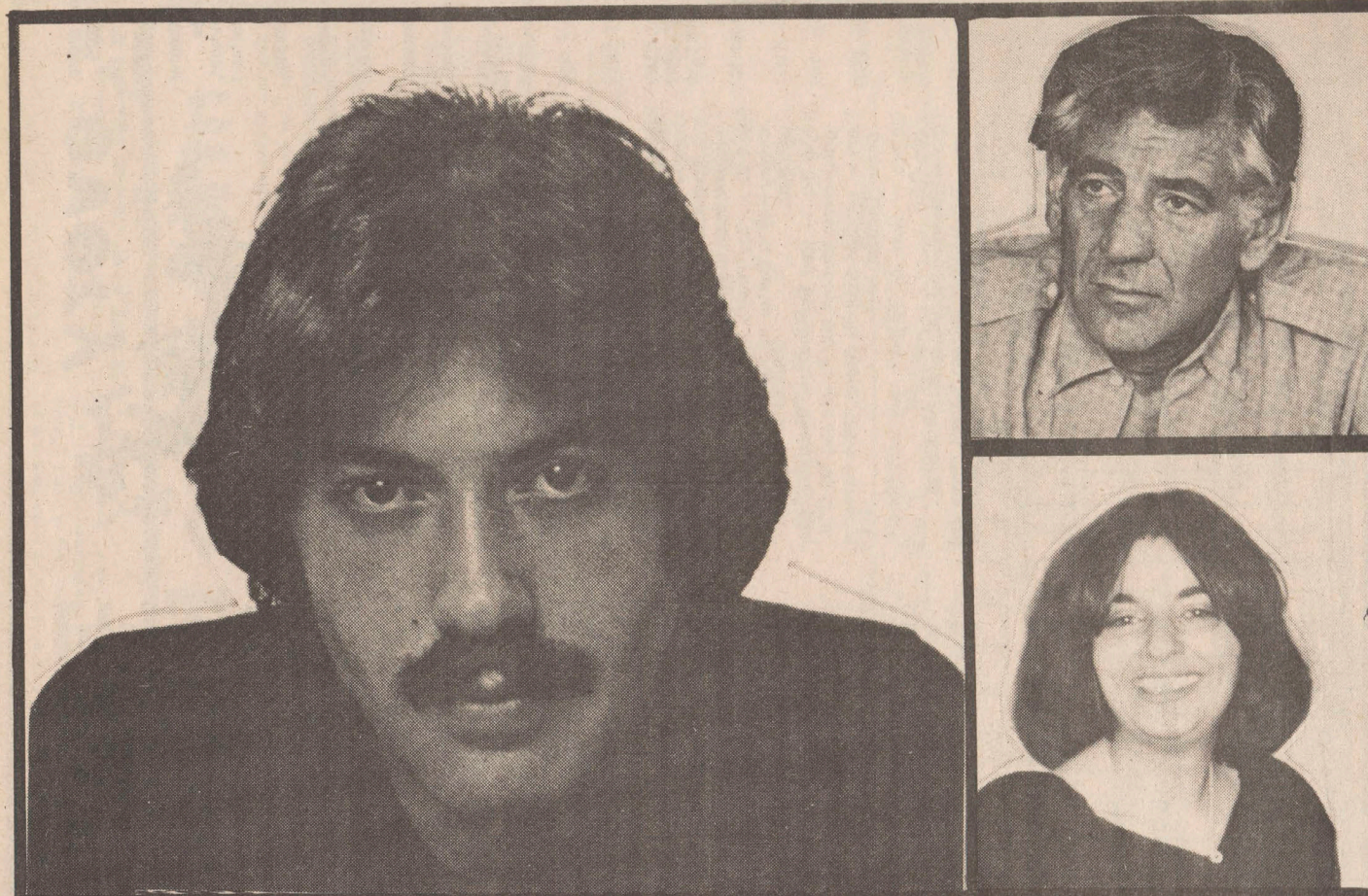
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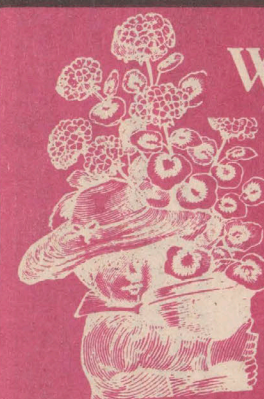
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Board Overrides Task Force on Membership

Mass. Council of Churches Rejects MCC

By Neil Miller

BOSTON — The Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Council of Churches has voted unanimously to reject the membership application of the Metropolitan Community Church. The Northeast District of the gay-oriented church had originally applied for membership in October, 1974, but the application was not voted upon until Dec. 6 of this year. The Northeast District of MCC has two Massachusetts parishes among its member churches — MCC/Boston and MCC/Worcester.

In rejecting the church for membership, the Council's Board of Directors voted to override the decision of its own Task Force, which had been set up specifically to study the application. The Task Force had narrowly approved membership for the Metropolitan Community Church by a 5-4 vote that pitted the women on the commission (all supporting entry) against the men (all opposed, except for Paul Barstow, the lone voting MCC member on the Task Force). Rev. Margaret Hougen, ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and wife of Rev. Edward Hougen, pastor of MCC/Boston, served as resource person for the Task Force but did not have a vote.

The Board of Directors gave no official reason for its rejection of the MCC application. However, at the same meeting at which the application was voted down, the Board of Directors did endorse three resolutions supportive of the struggles of gay people. One resolution urged its member denominations "to work together, in a joint and strong witness, to insure the civil rights of homosexuals, thus trying to eliminate all social discrimination against homo-

sexuals, in employment, housing, and sexual behavior."

Richard R. Valcourt, the President of the Greater Fall River Council of Churches and one of the members of



Rev. Ed Hougen of MCC/Boston

the Board of Directors who opposed the MCC entry, told GCN that it was "a decision which pained many. It was a long and involved process and not an easy decision."

Valcourt emphasized that each member of the Board who voted against the application had his or her own reasons. As for himself, a Unitarian-Universalist layperson, Val-

court stressed that he "would have felt more comfortable had the clergymen (of MCC) been 'breakaway clergymen' — clergymen who had been ordained in other denominations and left because of difficulties with their homosexuality. He also questioned the 'stability' of MCC, noting that the church was only established in the last few years.

"For me the main issues were organization, stability, and putting MCC on an equal par with Baptists, Unitarians, denominations that have been around for many years," said Valcourt. He noted that other members of the Board were concerned about traditional biblical injunctions against homosexuality. In addition, members were concerned that local churches might object to a vote in favor of MCC. "The Baptist Church already had gone on record against MCC's membership. The hands of at least that delegate were tied," he said.

Door Open

Valcourt left the door open for MCC membership at some future date, however. "For the time being most of us can live with our decision. But if MCC continues and grows and renders services in the next four or five years, the door is open, as far as I am concerned," Valcourt told GCN.

At the meeting, Valcourt moved for the adoption of the pro-gay positions.

Rev. Hougen: "Tragic"

Rev. Edward Hougen of MCC/Boston told GCN that "the fact that not a single voice on the Mass. Council was raised in support of MCC's application, despite the favorable recommendation of its own Task Force, demonstrates the extreme difficulty the established religious structures have in providing even minimal leadership in addressing the

urgent liberation struggles of our age. It is never a happy occasion to view any group repudiating its own principles. When that group, in the minds of many, speaks for the Christian Church, it is tragic."



Rev. Margaret Hougen, who served as resource person to the Council's Task Force.

MCC plans to reapply for membership next year and in the meantime, hopes for as much public interest in the church's situation as possible. The congregation is scheduling a special service on Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. At that time television cameras from Boston's public television station, Channel 2, will be present, and the station plans a news story on the membership rejection. Rev. Hougen strongly urges all members of the community to come out and support MCC.

D.C. Gay Bookshop Charged With Sex Bias

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Washington, D.C., woman has filed a complaint with the District of Columbia Office of Human Rights accusing Lambda Rising, Washington's gay bookshop, of sex discrimination. Antoinette White, a former employee at Lambda Rising, charges the bookstore and its owner Larry "Deacon" MacCubbin, in a formal complaint, of "not affording me an opportunity for promotion and then terminating me" because of "my sex [female]." White charges that she was fired by MacCubbin just hours after she had informed him that she was filing the complaint.

White had been employed in a position which she describes as assistant manager, and owner MacCubbin calls salesperson, at the bookshop near Dupont Circle, since July 22. White had been working 26 hours a week, but, she claims, as soon as the store's manager, Bo Bergstrom, resigned on Oct. 10, White's hours were cut from 26 hours to 5 hours. A new manager was hired at that time and was given some of White's previous hours. The other hours were taken away from her

because the store's operating hours were cut from 63 hours a week to 52 hours.

White told GCN that MacCubbin "showed definite preference for a man. He cut my hours from 26 to 5 and gave someone with no previous retail experience the job of management of the store. The outgoing manager told me that he had recommended me to MacCubbin for the job, but I was never considered. Besides not even considering me, MacCubbin fired me after I told him that I was going to file a complaint."

According to White, the second position in the store has always been held by a woman, while the managerial job has always gone to a man. "He always hires a woman for the secondary position. He's hired a woman to take my place now," she said.

White emphasizes that she has extensive contacts in the lesbian community and managed the store completely for a week on her own when the former manager was on vacation.

MacCubbin has a different view of the situation. He states that the departing manager did not resign but was fired. "Ms. White was the first person considered for the managerial position," he says, in an official reply to the Commission. While MacCubbin praises White's knowledge of lesbian literature and describes her work as a "salesperson" as "adequate," he says that "she has shown no inclination toward making improvements in the shop's operations, nor had she made suggestions in that direction. She did not seem to have much enthusiasm for the shop . . . Nor did she evidence much contact with, or interest in, the gay community generally . . .

"Ms. White could probably have done as good a job as Mr. Bergstrom [the outgoing manager] had done, but no better, and that simply wasn't good enough," said MacCubbin. The store was \$7,000 in debt, he says, and he needed "new blood." At this point MacCubbin decided to hire Richard McGinnis, who had been founder and first director of the Buffalo (New York) Gay Community Service Center.

MacCubbin claims that the decision to cut the shop's operating hours was a separate one. "I had long wished that the manager of the shop worked on Saturdays, since that is the shop's busiest day." The old manager, claims MacCubbin, was unwilling to do this, but the new manager agreed. The Saturday hours were then taken away from White. MacCubbin also asserts that he fired White because she no longer trusted him. "In a small, close-knit business such as ours, mutual trust is essential if we are to survive."

MacCubbin also strongly denies White's accusation that he has never hired a woman to manage the shop. Of the seven managers hired during the past five years, four have been women, he says. MacCubbin also presented evidence to the Human Rights Commission that his business evidenced a dramatic upturn after the two employees departed.

A group of women in Washington have called for a boycott of Lambda Rising. In the meantime, the Office of Human Rights has assigned an investigator to examine the case.

news notes

OLYMPIC OPINIONS

LONDON, ENGLAND — Gay ice-skater and Olympic gold medal winner John Curry has been speaking out about his homosexuality. In an interview with the mass circulation *Daily Express*, Curry said that he was opposed to all forms of prejudice but that he was not a "militant gay."

"I don't talk about sex," he said. "There is a lot of rubbish about gays being extra artistic. I don't think sexuality has anything to do with sensitivity. For every great gay actor there is one who isn't."

He said that he hoped that people would come to see his new ice show to see him skate "not to find out if I'm what a Montreal reporter called 'not sufficiently virile.' I'll admit it does hurt when the *Sunday Times* has the poor taste to hope I don't turn up in pink skates."



SOBER AND GAY

WATERVILLE, ME — A new group for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts has been formed in the greater Waterville, Maine, area. The group welcomes "all gays and bi-sexuals who are interested in living a chemically-free life." Anyone interested should write GSG, P.O. Box 893, Waterville, Maine 04901. The group meets on Thursday nights from 8:00 to 9:00.

ELLISON DENIED TRIAL

BOSTON — Ella Ellison, presently serving four natural life sentences for armed robbery, was denied a new trial at a hearing on Dec. 21 presided over by Judge Roger Donahue. Judge Donahue said he did not believe the most recent testimony of two men who were accused and convicted of the actual robbery. This testimony stated that Ellison had not participated in the robbery and that their earlier testimony accusing her of having driven the getaway car was false. The men, in their recantations, asserted that their earlier testimony had been given under pressure to make things easier on them.

Supporters of Ellison at the hearing speculated that the defense would appeal Donahue's decision and ask the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court for a new trial. The appeal process could take between 1½ to 2 years, and is expected to cost a large amount of money. For more information contact the Ella Ellison Defense Committee, c/o Boston Bail Fund, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

PRESBYTERIANS HEAR

ST. LOUIS, MO — Dates and locations for four regional hearings have been announced by the United Presbyterian Church's Task Force to Study Homosexuality, following the task force's Dec. 2-4 meeting here. The hearings, which will help the task force learn the opinions and experiences of persons throughout the church, will be held in Cleveland, March 10-12; St. Louis, March 31-April 2; San Francisco, May 19-21; and Philadelphia, June 23-24 (the last in conjunction with the meeting of the denomination's 189th General Assembly). The Philadelphia hearings will be two full days; in the three other hearings, sessions will be on Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday into the early afternoon. For more details, call Kathy Young at (212) 870-2101.

SNUFF ON TRIAL

MONTICELLO, NY — A feminist in Monticello, New York, has gone to court against a movie theatre owner who exhibited the pornographic film *Snuff* last March. The film depicts the dismemberment and murder of a woman as sexual entertainment. Judge Burton Ledina scheduled the obscenity trial for Thursday, Dec. 23.

After viewing the film, Complainant Jane Verlaine filed a criminal information against Monticello Theatre Operator Richard Dames on March 13, 1976. Judge Ledina charged Dames with obscenity in the second degree. The Sullivan County District Attorney's office then declined to prosecute but allowed Verlaine to retain her own counsel and prosecute the obscenity charge herself.

Women Against Violence Against Women, a feminist group which had already picketed the theatre and collected over one thousand signatures trying to prevent the film's being shown, then raised funds to hire Attorney Andrea Moran of Kingston, New York, to represent Verlaine in the case.

The defendants, Richard Dames and Cinemont, Inc., are represented by Monticello Attorney Stephen Oppenheim and have waived their right to a trial by jury.

GAY MEN'S CENTER

BOSTON — The Gay Men's Center will keep its present 36 Bromfield Street address for another month. The Center was slated to move on Jan. 1 but managed to get an extension from the landlord to stay on in order to search for new premises. Anyone with information of possible new quarters that would fit the needs of the Center — individual rap rooms, office, and a large dance function room are urged to call the Center.

During the month of January the GMC plans a full calendar of events which includes screenings of two highly-regarded feature films. Friday, Jan. 7 at 8 p.m., the Center presents the classic Marilyn Monroe vehicle, *Bus Stop*. Two weeks later Nicholas Ray's *Rebel Without A Cause* starring James Dean and Sal Mineo will be shown.

The first Gay Forum of the month will have Charles Norcross from Alcoholics Together. Norcross will speak and answer questions on the subject of gay people and alcoholism on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

On Jan. 3 the First Tuesday pot luck dinner will take place. The entire community is invited to share food and talk. The Gay Topics Rap groups has a new group forming on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Thursday group has chosen to close off membership and will continue to meet at the Center. So anyone interested in discussing a wide range of topics should plan to come on Wednesday night. In addition the Drama Workshop seeks the participation of new members this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in reading scripts and trying out for acting parts. Women are welcome to the Drama Workshop.

HAYAKAWA STRIKES AGAIN

SAN FRANCISCO — California Senator-elect S.I. Hayakawa, noted semanticist and former student protest hard-liner, has reiterated his views on gay people in an interview with the *Advocate* (Dec. 15). He called homosexuality a "shortcoming in emotional development" but asserted that "I would certainly insist on full civil rights." However Hayakawa added that "I do not think it has to be put into law . . . I would not add anything to the Civil Rights Act. It is adequate to cover everything that needs to be covered."

"There has come to be a kind of tyranny in the opposite direction, in the sense that people are quick to call you a 'racist' if you are critical of blacks," said the Republican who recently unseated incumbent Sen. John Tunney. "In the same sense, I hold my position that homosexuality is a shortcoming in emotional and psychological development and then people quickly take a hostile view. They claim I am 'uptight' and 'narrow . . .'. It is now becoming less and less possible to take the position that homosexuality is a shortcoming."



Benjamin Britten

BENJAMIN BRITTEN DEAD

LONDON, ENGLAND — Britain's most distinguished 20th century composer, Benjamin Britten, died at his home in Aldeburgh, Suffolk, on Dec. 4. Britten was 63. Composer, conductor, and pianist, Britten was well known for his operas such as *Billy Budd* and the recent *Death in Venice*. W.H. Auden supplied the text for several of his works, including the popular *Ode to St. Cecilia*. Britten was especially interested in children's music and his *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* is a standard text in many British schools. His most recent work, the *Third String Quartet*, was scheduled to be performed for the first time in late December.

Britten is survived by his friend of many years, the tenor Peter Pears, with whom he lived and who was with him when he died. Pears received a letter of condolence from Queen Elizabeth upon the death of the composer.

NO ACTIVISTS NEED APPLY

LONDON, ENGLAND — A London woman who was fired from her job in an insurance company for wearing a badge that said "Lesbians Ignite," was not ousted unfairly, ruled a London tribunal. "If I were a married woman, I would wear a wedding ring," said Louise Boychuk. "As I have a different role, I have to illustrate it by wearing this badge." However the tribunal ruled that an employer has the right to set standards for the appearance of employees.

U. MASS COURSE

AMHERST, MA — The University of Massachusetts' course "Images of Gays and Lesbians in Modern Literature" is now totally funded and will be offered next semester as part of the academic program. The course will take place at the Dickinson Lounge of Orchard Hill Residential College, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Works to be studied in the course include *The Immoralist*, *Death in Venice*, *Giovanni's Room*, *Portrait of a Marriage*, *Rubyfruit Jungle* and *The Front Runner*. The course will be taught by instructor Jim LaMacchia.

Gays Blame High School for Teenage Suicide

By Tom Hurley

LEBANON, Pa. — Three and a half months ago a sixteen-year-old high school student committed suicide here because he was being ridiculed by his peers and felt neglected by his parents. Now gay people in this central Pennsylvania community are trying to get the local and other high schools in the state to deal with their homophobia. So far their efforts have met with little success.

Kenneth Myers took his life last Sept. 5. According to the *Philadelphia Gay News*, he left a note explaining that he could no longer tolerate the harassment he was receiving in school and that his parents had filed to comprehend his "problem." Although some school friends knew Myers was gay and supported him, other students found out he was gay and made fun of him. To avoid the ridicule and name calling, he started skipping classes.

Myers did have gay friends in the Lebanon area and frequently socialized with them. One friend, Chris Poorman, said that Myers told her on Sept. 3 he was no longer able to take the abuse and was very anxious about returning to school. Myers had just finished ninth grade and was about to enter the senior high school.

Friends whom Myers talked with a day later suggested ways he could cope with the harassment. They noticed he was depressed but did not regard him as suicidal. They also reported that his



parents had been indifferent to his situation and that he was taking pills.

The day after that conversation took place, Myers shot and killed himself.

Gay League of Lebanon member Beth Farnum blames the high school for Myers' suicide. She feels not only that the students are directly responsible for the death, but that the teachers are indirectly responsible since

their task is to shape student attitudes. She and other gay activists did succeed in getting a meeting with the senior high school's assistant principal and presented him with copies of *Lesbian/Woman* and *The Gay Mystique*. But Farnum told GCN that the group "got nothing" in the way of promises or commitments from the school; the assistant principal accepted the books

but did not say they would be placed in the library. The school does not feel it has any responsibility in the matter, according to Farnum.

Myers' death was described by Barry Weaver of Gays United in Lancaster as "one more example of why a gay organization offering support and alleviating oppression is needed outside of major cities." "It shows again how often gay youth are misrepresented or totally overlooked," he added.

Several gay groups in the state are attempting to fill that need. They plan to request that guidance counselors be trained to work with gay students. In addition, the Rural Gay Caucus of Governor Shapp's Council on Sexual Minorities is designing a slide show on gay life to be presented at school assemblies. Ruth Steck, former co-chairperson of the Rural Caucus, told the *Gay News* that the group would offer the program and other information first to the Lebanon High School and then to other schools in Pennsylvania.

The Rural Caucus has also started a fund-raising campaign to supply Pennsylvania high schools with healthy gay literature. The books will be donated in Kenneth Myers' name. Contributions toward the fund can be made to Mary Nancarrow, c/o Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 182, Northumberland, Pa.

New Saxe Judge Must Stay, McLaughlin Rules

By Nancy Wechsler

BOSTON — Retiring Chief Justice Walter McLaughlin reaffirmed his assignment of Judge James Roy to preside at the re-trial of Susan Saxe now scheduled to begin Jan. 24.

At a pre-trial hearing on Dec. 21, Nancy Gertner and Tom Shapiro, Susan Saxe's lawyers, argued that McLaughlin should use a random selection system similar to the Federal system in selecting judges. Judge Roy had been chosen specifically for the re-trial by McLaughlin who will retire early next month.

McLaughlin stated over and over during the hearing that Judge Roy had an unquestionable record as a fair and impartial judge and pushed the defense to make specific objections to Roy. Defense Lawyer Shapiro maintained that the defense objected specifically not to Roy but to the manner in which the assignment was made. Shapiro did, however, comment that Roy does not have a fair and impartial reputation among criminal defense lawyers.

Leslie Cagan, a member of the Susan Saxe Defense Committee, talked to GCN about Roy's assignment to the case. "The appointment of one judge versus another will not be the thing that will determine whether or not Susan gets a fair trial. There is no way Susan can ever get a fair trial — no defendant gets a fair trial in this criminal justice system. But judges do have a great deal of power in the courtroom and it seems that Judge Roy is a particularly harsh judge, and is more up front about his homophobia than most judges."

Cagan was referring to the fact that Roy presided over the 1970 trial of Edward Rastellini who was accused and convicted of sodomy as well as committing unnatural acts and delinquency against a minor. Roy sentenced Rastellini to 5-15 years at Walpole. Rastellini later was killed at Walpole after serving three years of his sentence.

No Decision on Challenges

Judge McLaughlin heard arguments but made no ruling on a motion brought by the prosecution to grant the defense as well as the prosecution the same number of peremptory challenges for the next trial. In the first trial McLaughlin had given the defense 32 challenges to the prosecution's 16, to help counter what the defense charged was prejudicial pre-trial publicity.



Leslie Cagan of the Susan Saxe Defense Committee.

It had been expected that McLaughlin would rule in favor of the prosecution during the hearing, and came as a surprise to members of the Susan Saxe Defense Committee when McLaughlin said he would rule at a later date after carefully considering all the facts. "Perhaps, just perhaps, Nancy [Gertner] got through to him," said Cagan.

During debate over the issue of peremptory challenges Prosecutor Gaffney reiterated his claim that the publicity during and after the trial was "prejudicial against the Commonwealth." He called on the judge to order a change of venue or a continuance before resorting to extra challenges. McLaughlin, however, rejected the idea of change of venue saying that the defense did not want it and he would respect their feelings on that matter.

Attorney Gertner disputed Gaffney's claim that the trial publicity was beneficial to the defense. "We

clearly analyzed the new publicity and unlike the Commonwealth we presented (to the judge for consideration with this brief) ALL the publicity. We are not starting out on an even keel." Reading aloud in court headlines from newspapers which presumed Saxe's guilt, Gertner asked how Gaffney could say the publicity could help Susan Saxe. "I am flattered that Mr. Gaffney thinks Mr. Shapiro and I are such giants of the media that three sentences from us can shape opinion so much . . . but can the rarely published words of a defense attorney

really counter the six years of government initiated negative publicity around this case?"

McLaughlin is expected to rule before the next pre-trial hearing which is scheduled for Jan. 10, with Judge Roy presiding. At the Jan. 10 hearing it is expected the defense will once again argue for the charges to be dropped on the grounds of pre-trial publicity as well as on the grounds of violation of the double jeopardy clause and fifth amendment rights. The defense will also argue that Saxe be allowed to act as co-counsel.

One New Haven Bar Picketed,

Another Praised

NEW HAVEN, CT — Two of this city's gay bars were the focus of activity in New Haven last week. At one bar — Partner's — members of the Connecticut Gay Task Force set up a table to raise funds for the organization's legislative lobbying effort. However, at another local bar, Les Oubliettes, the scene was quite different as a group of gay men and lesbians picketed the establishment to protest alleged discrimination against blacks and women.

The picketers, mostly members of the Yale organization GAY, picketed Les Oubliettes — which, in French, means "the forgotten ones" — on Thursday, Dec. 16. One member of the Connecticut Gay Task Force told GCN that the bar's management had "gotten wind of the protest" and let in some blacks and women on that night. However, the activist asserted that the number of people admitted was only a token number and accused the management of "watering down" drinks that night.

Les Oubliettes manager Gary O'Leary strongly denied the charges of discrimination. "It was an illegitimate picket," he told GCN. "The night that we were picketed there were ten women and twenty to thirty blacks in our bar. At any night there are always women and blacks here. Although we do want the bar to be a mostly men's gay bar, we won't turn away anyone who has a majority card." A majority card is a statewide identification card, required by Connecticut law.

O'Leary accused the picketers of "trying to destroy a gay bar." He said that the protest did not cut into his business. "If anything it helped it. It was good publicity," he added.

While activists were critical of Les Oubliettes, Dai Thompson of the Connecticut Gay Task Force strongly praised the other New Haven gay bar — Partner's — for aiding the Task Force in its publicity effort. "They gave us a table and two bottles of wine to raffle off," she said. "They have gone out of their way to be supportive."

editorial

1976 in Retrospect

At first glance, 1976 was not the best year for the gay civil rights struggle. The United States Supreme Court dealt the gay movement its most severe defeat in years by ruling that individual states could pass laws regulating private, consensual sexual conduct. The U.S. military establishment continued its repressive policies against gay servicepeople as well-publicized attempts by Sgt. Leonard Matlovich and Ensign Vernon Berg to change policy proved unsuccessful. No gay civil rights bills passed in any state legislatures. The Democratic Party platform failed to mention gay rights and Bella Abzug, considered the most articulate spokesperson for gay concerns in Congress, lost her seat when she tried to run for the Senate. The Director of the United States Bureau of Prisons banned inmates from receiving gay publications. Two lesbian activists in Chicago found themselves in jail for a year when they tried a sit-in to get a marriage license. The most publicized lesbian mother case of the year resulted in the mother — Mary Jo Risher — losing her children. In Boston, Project Lambda lost its funding while the Homophile Community Health Service just barely weathered a severe financial crisis. Gay-related murders still remained mostly unsolved.

Yet for each negative happening, there seemed to be two positive events this year. Admittedly the Supreme Court decision was a stunning setback to the gay movement and its effects should not be minimized. But progress was unquestionably made on many fronts. In Boston, for example, Mayor Kevin White made good on a campaign promise and issued an executive order banning discrimination against gay people. Los Angeles passed a gay rights ordinance and its homophobic police chief, Ed Davis, found his heavyhanded anti-gay tactics backfired badly. San Francisco Sheriff Richard Hongisto hired an openly gay deputy sheriff and urged gay police officers to 'come out.' Amherst (Mass.) passed a gay civil rights ordinance, while Rhode Island had its first gay pride march and New Hampshire(!) decriminalized consensual, private sex acts. In Pennsylvania, Gov. Milton Shapp

established a Council for Sexual Minorities; in California, Gov. Jerry Brown was proposing that state employees be screened for homophobia.

Political candidates who tried to smear pro-gay candidates (Edward Dinis in Fall River, for example, who ran a gay-baiting campaign against Rep. Gerry Studds) made little impact at the polls. Openly-gay State representatives Elaine Noble and Alan Spear easily won re-election. An open lesbian won 8,000 votes in her campaign for District Attorney in upstate New York.

For the first time in history, a candidate pledged to support civil rights for gay people is about to sit in the White House.

Gayness was suddenly all over American television. Even if the portraits of gays weren't as positive as one would have liked, even though lesbians were virtually non-existent creatures, a taboo had been broken. Two popular films — both of dubious value — treated homosexuality. Ann Landers featured gay problems in every other column. Popular culture was beginning to deal — falteringly — with homosexuals.

The Catholic Church — despite the Pope's hysteria over being "accused" of being gay — seemed on the verge of wavering on the gay issue. Other churches were moving cautiously in the direction of gay rights, too.

On the left, the July 4th Coalition made at least a theoretical attempt at making gays equal partners with other groups in its bicentennial protest. On the right, the Libertarian Party came out with a strong condemnation of the sodomy laws.

One year later, where are we? Gay men and lesbians still face a hostile society, and we still have divisions, sexism, racism, within ourselves to deal with. But, despite its disappointments, 1976 was a year of many gains and, above all, a sense of movement. There is much ahead for us to do.

community voice

gay youth praises project

Dear GCN:

This is in response to the letter to the editor entitled "Men's Center — Age Bar." In this letter, it directly states that Project Lambda is closed. This is *not* true. Despite the present lack of federal funding, Project Lambda is open to all gay youths under 18 years old. Rev. Randall Gibson and co-director Steffi Somer have been doing their best to keep in contact with the youths and keep the Project going as well as it previously had. This effort has not been in vain.

I am sixteen and have been involved in Project Lambda for several months now. It has been very helpful in dealing with my identity. Until I became involved with the Project, I was plagued with guilt feelings and those of inadequacy. I, and many like me, felt I was "the only one." While I still have further to go, it would have been a lot harder to grow up alone.

At Project Lambda, 70 Charles Street, we have Saturday afternoon rap groups from 2-5 p.m. Any gay teenager, whether he/she is involved with the Project presently or not, can feel free to call 523-0368 for any other information.

I have found Project Lambda the only place in Boston where gay youth can meet gay youth. Furthermore, it is a comfortable and non-cruisy environment. If the Gay Men's Center wants to properly meet the needs of gay youth, it will have to make sure the young boys don't become a target for older men's needs. To date this has not been done. This has not been, however, the fault

NOTE

Last week's cartoon was reprinted courtesy of the *Body Politic*, the Canadian gay liberation journal.

of the Men's Center's staff. They cannot guarantee that every man there is not a "chicken hawk" and therefore not guarantee our safety. The only solution is to exclude the youth and I support it.

Project Lambda is open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. I encourage any gay youth reading this to get involved.

Thank you,

Paul D.

erroneous sloppiness

Dear Editorial Staff:

While I wish to thank you for your coverage of our GAU Conference, the article entitled "Women's Caucus Quits GAU" is so erroneous that it seems necessary to reply with corrections. First, the Women's Caucus did not quit GAU. Only some of the members of the New York Women's Caucus have withdrawn. There are women in all of the other GAU chapters around this country, none of whom joined the movement. Also, New York women do remain in the organization, some of whom are officers of either the New York Chapter or the National Board of Directors. The GAU Men's Caucus did not issue a statement of support of the women's grievances as was reported. That statement came from the socialist caucus.

Second, I, Jim Levin, was not the conference chairperson. That position was held by Louise Crawford. The speech to which your reporter referred was that which I made as the incoming president of the National Board of GAU. In that talk my main objective was to stress the bright future that I foresee for GAU and to share my belief that some of the noisy divisiveness of the general meeting would not deter our steady progress to our goals. In the three weeks since the conference we have already taken giant steps towards some of these ends and hope to share some exciting announcements with the entire gay community in the next two months. It would be shameful if the inaccuracies you have printed

prevented any women or men from sharing in the benefits of these new projects.

Sincerely yours,

Professor James Levin
President GAU National Board

P.S. Perhaps if Mr. Willenbecher had the courtesy to check his statements with a member of the conference committee, the errors could have been avoided. His sloppiness is dangerous!

missing music

Dear GCN:

According to your "People, Places, and Flings" column on Dec. 4, 1976, Jade and Sarsaparilla were to play at the Jazz Workshop on Boylston Street on Dec. 5. Taking your column to be correct, I organized a small expedition from Kingston, Rhode Island, to drive to Boston to see Jade and Sarsaparilla. Arriving in Boston (a two-hour drive) we found that Jade and Sarsaparilla were not playing at the Workshop and were never scheduled to play there. Needless to say, we were all upset. Please, if you are going to print a date and time for a concert, be sure it is correct.

Thank You,

Susan Sargent

(Ed. Note: GCN regrets the error. Our information came from Bill Russell, Jade and Sarsaparilla's manager, who was misinformed by the Jazz Workshop. Jade and Sarsaparilla did play at the Jazz Workshop but on a different date.)

gau corrections

Dear GCN:

It is bad enough that New York chauvinism exists in New York without it being perpetrated in other cities. In Thom Willenbecher's article on

the Gay Academic Union (GAU) dispute, there are so many inaccuracies that I question his worth as a journalist. First of all, the GAU did not split. The Women's Caucus of the NEW YORK Chapter voted to leave the GAU and decide at a meeting in January the future goals of their group. The women have not left the NEW YORK chapter, and they have certainly not left the chapters in San Francisco, Houston, Miami, Boston, and Toronto. In the New York chapter there remain a substantial number of women who are working with the men to restructure the group.

Secondly, the Men's Caucus did not support the complaint lodged against the men by some of the women. It was the Socialist Caucus which supported the withdrawal of the Women's Caucus. Their views are not representative of the organization but only representative of the Socialist Caucus.

Third, Thom Willenbecher stated that Jim Levin was chairperson of the conference. He was not the chairperson; Louise Crawford was chairperson. Jim Levin was elected president of the national organization at a business meeting on Sunday of the conference.

In the future, I would suggest that Thom Willenbecher research his article and, rather than base his piece on hearsay, base it on facts. This piece certainly seemed to lack any facts.

Tony Russo

Member of the Board of Directors, GAU

thank you

Dear GCN:

Thank you for the article on Brian McNaught's talk which appeared in the Dec. 25 issue. I had wanted to be present for this lecture, but missed out. Thanks for your coverage.

Sincerely,

John Russell



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community voice

word from prison

Dear GCN:

I am writing to correct an error that was made in an article about the John Gibbs case. The writer described me as a "fellow gay" prisoner. It is a harmless error, but things can easily be taken out of context. I would appreciate it if you print a correction in your next GCN issue and send me a copy of it.

The article on John Gibbs was well done. I just received a copy last night. The officials at Marion got down on me for reporting the beating incident. They tried to get me killed, but it backfired. They then put me on mail restriction, which is why I did not receive a clipping of the GCN article before now.

Keep up the good work! Gay prisoners as well as straight prisoners need your assistance.

Peace and love.

In Struggle,

Leroy Shorter

fag jokes

Dear GCN:

A letter writer complained recently about the "King for Queens" headline a few issues ago, on the grounds that the use of the term "queens" showed self-contempt. More to the point, the term is sexist. Coretta King was talking about "gay people," while the term "queens" clearly refers to gay men. (I know some real queens were lesbians, but that's another story.) No wonder many lesbians do not accept the term "gay women" for themselves — too often straight

society equates the word "gay" or the word "homosexual" with men only.

The question for us is: in order to make a joke, can we be sexist?

I remember in the early fall of 1970, gay men and women were engaged in struggle with New York University, which was refusing to permit a gay dance on school property. There were a number of demonstrations and an occupation. In the street newspaper I worked on, *Gay Flames*, we ran a cartoon showing an NYU building with a tube of KY under it, and the stuff coming out of the tube was drawn as if it were the fuse of a bomb. In other words, our cartoon used KY as a symbol of the exploding rage of gay people being directed against NYU.

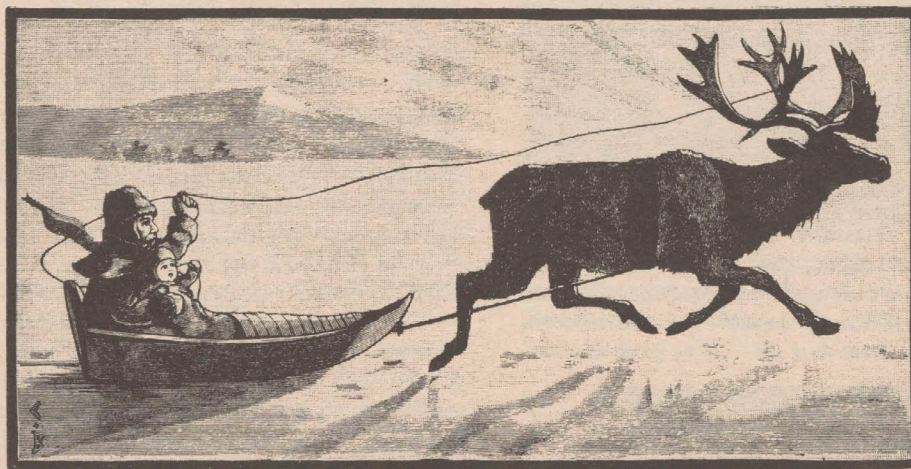
But the protesting gay people included men and women; KY is used primarily by men; it is

clearly something from the gay male sub-culture. Several women (and men) protested the cartoon as sexist. They were right, I am sure, but at the time we just thought it was funny and the humor was the most important thing. Then we wondered when the women became angry, and we wondered again when they decided to form their own separate organizations.

We have the dilemma of appearing to be "humorless," and it seems sad sometimes to take away someone's laughter. But people have always laughed at fag jokes, and that's laughter none of us want to hear anymore. So we should understand the idea that something may seem funny to some people, but if the humor reflects bigotry or insensitivity, what's so funny?

Yours,

Allen Young



speaking out

In Defense of the Gay Men's Center

By Al Bouchard

I'd been introduced to the Gay Men's Center by my friend Jim. He took me to the General Meeting last July. Three flights of stairs, dark, paint-chipped hallways, cast-off furniture with stuffing peeking through, a mad array of pipes, electric wires, sockets with bare bulbs, and dirty curtainless windows did nothing to endear me to the Center. What did come through was a spirit, a camaraderie, the good-will of the people at the Center that transcended the physical mish-mash that dominated the outward senses.

For several weeks I attended Round Table meetings, Pot Luck suppers, a dance and other activities. Occasionally, I was coerced into sweeping or painting a floor, cleaning the Center, setting up refreshments for an event, going to the store to buy paper cups, coffee or climbing up and down those interminable stairs to let people in or out. My ability to do these things and to tolerate hours making a decision that an ordinary person can make in less than ten seconds were proof positive that I was qualified to have a prestigious, power-wielding position on the Round Table. In mid-August I was accepted as the Program Chair. In addition to the Sunday, Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings I was volunteering at the Center at that time, I soon neatly filled up my spare Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at the Center once September rolled around and the educational programs went into effect.

I recap this information for you because in the Dec. 25 issue of both *GCN* and *Esplanade* I learn that I and all others on the Round Table are referred to as both "insensitive power trippers" and "self-serving ego trippers." Perhaps so, since anyone has to be r-e-a-l-l-y dumb to put in all that volunteer time in addition to climbing up and down three flights of stairs a half dozen times each evening.

These phrases come from a letter signed by Kent Barclay, Jimmi Doucette, Scott Goodwin, and Bob Nunziato. In the letter we, also, see many old, time-worn words such as "arbitrary," "capricious," "coping with rejection," "insensitive handling," "non-predatory atmosphere," "discrimination of the worst sort." The letter purports to be an "alert to concerned members of the gay community about a startling and pernicious development at the Center" — to wit: the Round Table's decision to limit membership and participation at events to gay men who had

passed their 18th birthday.

I feel moved to respond to this letter because my "insensitive power tripping" days (not to mention stair climbing days) on the Round Table are nearly over as this is being considered for print. I willingly pass my scepter of "self serving ego tripping" to more powerful hands and may he have strong legs and be long on wind.

Barclay *et al's* letter speaks of the age limit action as "discrimination of the worst sort foisted on an as yet-unaware community" and later states "we find gay men discriminating against other gay men in a more oppressive way than most straights would."

Have these writers no knowledge of historical discrimination against gay persons? About the torture, slaughter and abuse against gay persons? In my own life I was kicked out of a foster home at 13 for being gay. At 17 I was kicked off our community church board and choir for being gay. At 21 I was denied a security clearance by the FBI for being gay. I was then incarcerated 4 weeks in solitary confinement in a military prison and kicked out of the service for being gay. I have had a gallon wine bottle smashed over my head by a man who hated gays. I have been arrested by undercover police officers who pretended to be gay men looking for a sexual encounter. These are just a few of the world's real discriminations that I have been personal witness to. How many have we all felt or witnessed?

The simple truth about the whole matter is that if those who are unhappy about the age limit decision had then, or have now any plan for a program to serve gay youth at the Gay Men's Center they need only organize their ideas, show how the event or events are to be staffed and funded, then climb those long three flights of stairs to a Round Table meeting or two or three for consideration. Like all matters up for consideration at the Round Table the decisions are made on the evidence presented. If it is for the good and well-being of those participating, and has a chance of being successful, any program will be accepted.

If you want to change the policy at the Gay Men's Center, climb those stairs, my friends.

CLIMB THOSE DAMNED STAIRS!!!

V.D. Clinic — Reply to a Reply

By Ken Ross

The potential epidemic of penicillin-resistant gonorrhea which I reported in *GCN* (Dec. 4, 1976) is even more serious than previously stated, contrasting sharply with Drs. Reder and Ribner's attempt to play it down in their rebuttal. According to the most recent issue of *Science* (all quotes and references are to *Science* Dec. 24, unless otherwise stated), the resistant strain has already appeared in 13 states with a total of 41 cases (four in Massachusetts). Compare this with the doctors' claim that "none has been reported in Massachusetts . . . and only 23 cases have been reported nationwide."

There is no test that can distinguish the resistant strain from the non-resistant strain before treatment, which means that infected individuals will find out only after the failure of treatment or after long-term testing. Further, the strain thrives by splitting penicillin molecules apart.

Even more ominous is the fact that "It is not only likely but probable that the clever gonococci will develop resistance to spectinomycin (the penicillin substitute), as well (a few spectinomycin resistant cases have been reported recently in England), establishing the need for yet other antibiotics to which it will only become resistant." (This is corroborated in the *Journal of the AMA*, Dec. 12, 1976, p. 2, 728).

The first U.S. case was identified last spring in a civilian employee who had

been in the Philippines. "Most of the cases that have been confirmed by the CDC can be traced to the Philippines . . ." where it is speculated that "by continually dosing themselves with low concentrations of antibiotics, the women (i.e. prostitutes) created a situation that is biologically ideal for the growth of resistant organisms."

Apparently we can expect no cooperation from the Philippines, in which 20 to
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sincere woman's lament

Dear GCN:

Re: "Where have all the feminine women gone, long time passing . . ."

I have been out for approximately 4 years. Within the last two years since gay bars have been plentiful in the Boston area, I have been attending disco clubs and women's bars and have yet to find feminine women who are sincere. Most women talk a good line about friendship and when I respond to them with friendship, they bow out of the relationship quickly. There are other women who will dance with you and then ignore you; and last but not least, there are women who want to score you for the evening and that's it, and should you decline, that's the end of that relationship too!!! Are there any places in the Boston area where women, especially myself, can go meet other feminine women other than on a psyche level such as lesbian support groups or couples groups? Most women I meet at bars are snobbish and cliquey and because I am not a part of their cliquey crowd, I am ignored. About half of the women who used to go to 1270 no longer are going there; women seem to go to the Citadel on weekends only; the same with the Saints. Now 119 Merrimac St. is advertising Wednesday as women's night: why are all the bars trying to divide up women and why do they just allow one night such as Wed. women's night? What am I supposed to do, travel all over the city in one night? So please tell me, where have all the feminine women gone, long time passing . . .

Tracey Fine
Boston

WARNING

GCN continues to receive reports of arrests and increased police activity on "The Block" in Boston's Back Bay. Most of the arrests have been made by plainclothes officers. Men are advised to exercise extreme caution if traveling in this area.

URGENT NOTICE

Anyone who may have seen Northeastern University Professor F. Andre Favat prior to his murder on Dec. 11 has been asked to contact Det. Sgt. Frank Whalen or Det. Lt. Jerome McCallum at the Boston Police Homicide Unit. Your anonymity will be protected; however, the police are in dire need of persons who knew Favat.

DID YOU SEE?

"Dear Ann:

I have no one to turn to since I have exhausted my clergyman's time and patience. Will you listen?

When I was in my late teens, I had a homosexual relationship with my anthropology professor. I was deeply in love with him. Upon graduation, he left me and I turned to a psychiatrist. I was in therapy for three years, after which I was able to give up all homosexual relationships.

During my therapy I met a wonderful girl and was relieved and pleased that I was able to manage with her

sexually.

Now, 15 years later, I am married to this wonderful girl and we have two lovely sons. My problem is this: I find myself yearning for the love of a man again. Sex with my wife is possible but not very exciting. On numerous occasions I have invented excuses to sneak off and visit gay bars.

My needs are becoming more and more insistent. I now believe that all the therapy I went through was for my parents' sake because they refused to accept me as I was. I even feel that the psychiatrist was not looking out for my

best interest.

Should I discuss my past and present feelings with my wife or should I just run off and fulfill my desires? Please help me.

M.E.K.

Get back into therapy and see what happens. Give it six months. If after that time you still have the desire for a homosexual relationship, tell your wife about it and decide together the best way to deal with the problem.

—From Ann Landers' column, printed in the *Boston Globe*, Nov. 29, 1976.



Ann Landers
Writes —

speaking out

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40% of all prostitute infections are penicillin resistant. "A Philippine health officer . . . is quoted by the *Washington Post* as saying that he has instructions from the Philippine secretary of state not to let anyone make any more studies and not to send any reports to officials at Clark [military base]." Meanwhile, in



Liverpool, England, an apparently unconnected strain has appeared.

These facts contrast starkly with the assertion by Drs. Reder and Ribner that "However, if there is an awareness on the part of both providers and consumers, adequate treatment and follow-up may well prevent widespread dissemination."

(It has already been found in 10 countries other than the U.S., according to the *Boston Globe*, and this figure may already be outdated.) The doctors' assertion that "it is irresponsible to state categorically that 'within two years it will be widespread'" should be taken up with Paul Wiesner, assistant chief of the Division of Venereal Disease (CDC, Atlanta), from whom the estimate was taken.

As if all this were not enough, *Science* writes, "Selected strains of meningococci, those that cause meningitis in adults, have also gone penicillin resistant."

In reference to the doctors' statement that a recent paper predicts a vaccine will be ready within three to five years, I can only refer to a statement by Dr. Puziss, the coordinator of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, that a vaccine is not imminent exactly, and to Dr. Fiumara's comment that "It takes three to five years to get the FDA's approval even if we have a vaccine."

Considering the seriousness of this situation, it hardly seems that the Dukakis cuts were "from as rational a viewpoint as possible," as the doctors state. The closing of both Cambridge clinics, leaving a complete vacuum in the area, is hardly "Elimination of duplicate services within geographically proximate locations." Decreased funding for clinics which are understaffed and operating at a cost lower than authorized by the rate setting boards of their parent hospitals (which are now angrily footing much of the bill though the responsibility is clearly the state's) is hardly "an attempt to bring spending under control by promoting efficiency." To read the doctors' description, it sounded like Dukakis improved the clinics.

There is not the space to counter every accusation. The implied charge against me of yellow journalism is unfortunate. I understand that Dr. Fiumara has requested an apology in a separate letter for the charge of "bias regarding the gay community." I do not wish to insert myself any more than I have in Dr. Reder's and Dr. Ribner's debate with Dr. Fiumara. I can only hope out loud that any future debate will be less emotional.

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Prison Rape — Tool of the System

By John Zeh

PHILADELPHIA — Back in the summer of '73, a 28-year-old Quaker pacifist named Bob Martin was jailed after he refused to post a \$10 bond for his arrest at a peace demonstration at the White House.

The former seaman and journalist was at first placed in a "safe area" with older, less violent prisoners, including Watergate burglar C. Gordon Liddy.

Trouble was brewing that August in the crowded District of Columbia jail. Two riots occurred during Martin's first week there, and a third was about to break out in Cellblock Two.

In a move he believes was an effort to cool out the troublemakers, the boyish Martin was transferred to the rowdy wing. "I was thrown to the wolves in order to defuse the riot," he says now. "They transferred me down allegedly for my own protection into a cellblock of approximately 200 inmates, only one other of whom was white, D.C. jails being 99.9% black. I was thrown into a cell next to furthest away from the guardpost. In effect, I was set up by the prison administration for gang rape, and that's precisely what happened. Prisoners took a lot of their anger and frustration out on me instead of the prison system."

Over a two-day period, Martin was raped some 60 times and wound up in the hospital before being bailed out. He required surgery and a year-and-a-half before he recovered physically from the wounds he received.

"Prison sexuality is a management tool," he says. "For instance, say a leader is developing in an area. Now, prison officials don't want leaders to develop. They'll transfer him out of the cellblock where he has a following, put him in an area where he has no friends, and say, 'Here, take him,' and then he gets demasculinized. The way working class people think, he's made into a woman — and that destroys his leadership potential."

"No wonder they don't want to change things. Why give up an effective management tool unless there's public pressure for it?"

Helping stimulate such citizen aware-

ness is the reason Martin is speaking out about his traumatic prison experience. He visited Philadelphia last month under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Program for Women and Girl Offenders, which is trying to organize support groups for ex-prisoners who were raped in jail.

"I'm a Quaker," Martin told me. "And I believe I was following a leading of the spirit when I went to the White House and into jail. There has to be some reason for that. It wasn't just a meaningless suffering for me. I think it's given me a mission to help wake people up to what's going on inside these institutions, which are the main source of violence today. There probably are more rapes committed against males every day in this country than against females because prison rape is a constantly repeating pattern."

Martin says he was bisexual when he entered jail but now has trouble relating to men and is more chauvinistic toward women. When asked if prison rape is a homosexual problem, as many critics charge, he replied, "First of all, the whole categorization of homosexuals and heterosexuals is a middle class ideological concept that bears little relationship to workingclass reality. What's important is who's on top, who's the 'male,' and who's on bottom or who's the 'female'. That's the way workingclass people think about it, and that's what happens in jails."

"It's not a homosexual problem. Both the victims and perpetrators in most cases are heterosexual, and the victims invariably so. The obvious homosexuals get segregated out and put in sort of a queens' tank, leaving only heterosexuals to be victimized."

What, then, is the nature of the problem?

"It is primarily a question of violence and power. You take males who need power for their own self identity as a male; that's the way they're brought up and taught. They're placed in a situation where they have absolutely no power vis a vis the system and the only way they can express power and their masculinity is with other prisoners. So you have rape developing out of that."



Another side to the rape subject was illuminated recently in New York as women and men demonstrated against a remark made by popular TV weather announcer Tex Antoine. Antoine said on the air that the best way to deal with rape was "to sit back and enjoy it." He was later suspended by ABC-TV. Photo by Bettye Lane

"It is also a sexual problem. Guys in jail are very horny. They don't check in their sex lives with their wallets and civilian clothes and they have to have some sort of outlet. Masturbation is very much frowned upon by working class people and prison officials. So you put those together and you have individual or gang rape."

Although Martin's physical wounds have healed, the emotional scars remain. "I've been in therapy, and I'm still feeling it three years later. A lot of it was repressed at first and came up later. There's an incredible amount of rage and anger deep down inside of me that I have had to learn to control. This is a big problem for society. You have all these guys coming out of jails who have been raped, with tremendous anger against the system that put them in there. They're the ones who go out, rape other people, commit a lot of violence in our society."

The Quaker activist sees no easy solution to the problem of prison rape, but he suggests some ways to

improve the situation.

"You could provide women for the prisoners so they can act out their male role and don't have to take out anger and aggression on males. You can start treating prisoners as human beings instead of like animals and people will respond the way you expect them to. Prisoners are told 'you are animals,' they're put in cages, and they treat each other like animals. That's precisely how they react."

"Thirdly, you can take a lot of non-violent people out of prisons. There's no reason why someone busted for marijuana, check passing, or any other of these things to be in jail in the first place."

"These are just three things that can be done. You have to remember, prison rape is basically a problem of the prison system itself."

(John Zeh produces "Sunshine Gaydream," Philadelphia's gay radio magazine. This article originally appeared in The Drummer.)

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'Somewhere' Opens in Boston

By Steve Blevins

BOSTON — Friday, Dec. 17 saw the opening in Boston's Financial District of *Somewhere*, a new bar for men and women, located in what its managers hope will become the "gay entertainment district." Around the corner from the women's bar, *The Saints*, and near two other new faces, *The Powderhorn* and *76*, *Somewhere* has been opened by two persons well known to many in the gay community: Anne Maguire and Bob White. Anne Maguire, co-host of the WBUR program *Gayway*, formerly managed the Provincetown women's bar *Sisters*, and has a history of active participation in Boston's gay community. Bob White is known to many as the former manager of the *1270 Club*.

Somewhere — previously operated under the name *Rhinoceros* — is a spacious two-floor bar accented by exposed brick walls and triangular mirrors. An upstairs disco room (dubbed "Anywhere") resonates to the steady beat of D.J. Jimmy Evangelista, also a *1270* alumnus. Downstairs is an entertainment and piano lounge. On Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. a free brunch and free Bloody Marys are



Ann Maguire,

served.

Anne Maguire emphasizes that she wants the bar to be "a place where everyone will feel welcome." She sees the bar as being open "to all the gay community, male or female, young or old." She felt the congenial opening was attended by the sort of homogenous crowd she wants the bar to attract. She stated her impression was that "men and women do feel comfortable together here."

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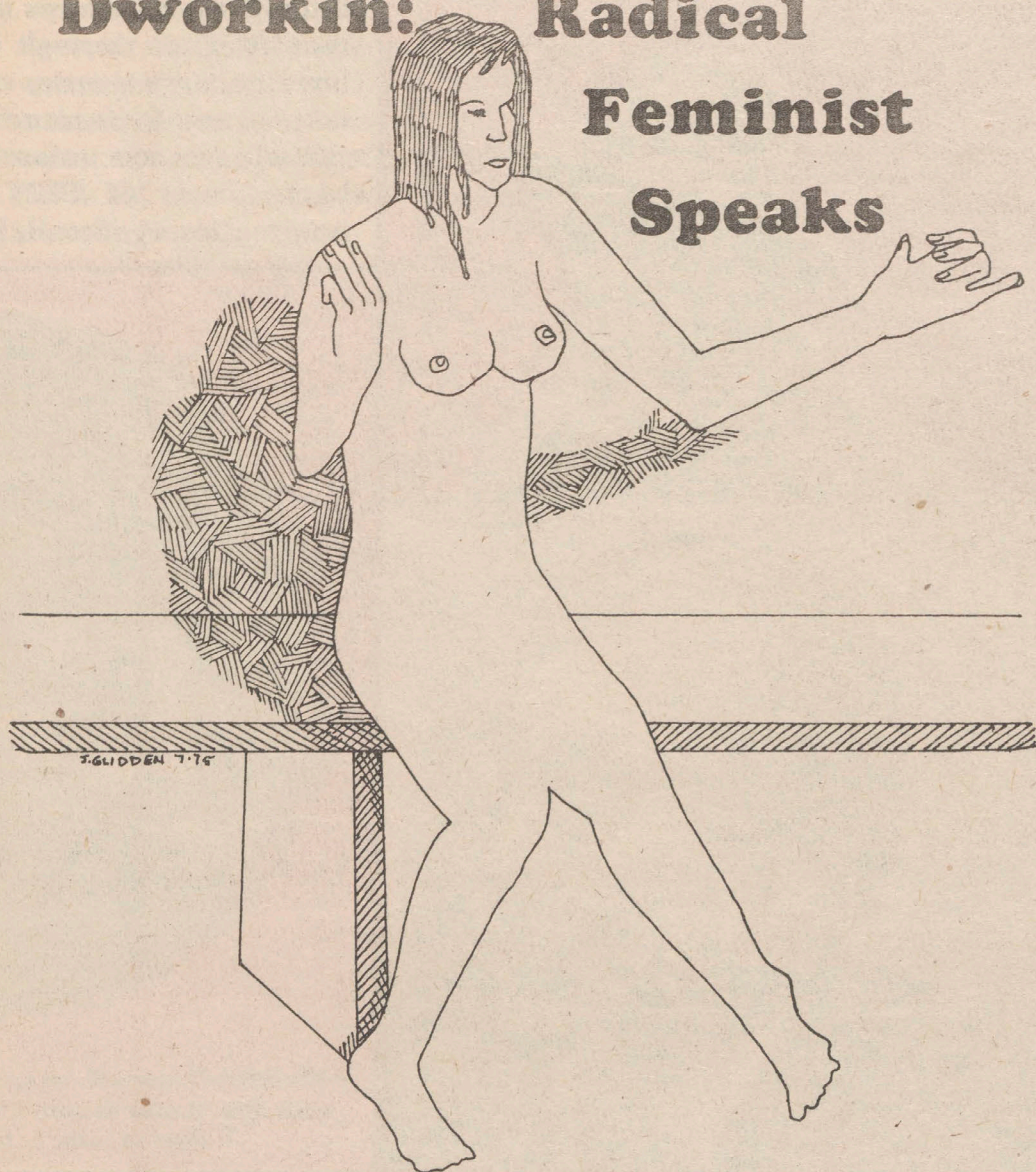
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Dworkin: Radical Feminist Speaks



Our Blood: Prophecies and Discourses on Sexual Politics, by Andrea Dworkin. Harper & Row, 1976.

By Allen Young

Andrea Dworkin is one of the most radical feminist writers of our time.

Maybe that's why her work has not been very popular. Her vision is challenging indeed, much more so than most of the feminist writing one finds in the establishment press, the counter-cultural press, or the Marxist press. In Dworkin's writing, I have felt a sense

of rage, imagination, joy, and ultimately beauty and peace — this has been extremely moving and inspiring to me.

Dworkin's feminism is so radical as to be almost unreasonable. Her vision is so far-reaching as to border on the unfathomable. There is nothing here about more familiar projects, such as lobbying in state legislatures, sharing housework, setting up women's coffee houses, or organizing rap groups for lesbians (though Dworkin, I suppose, would think all of these worthwhile). Rather, Dworkin is a social critic and visionary whose work is bound to move others to dream, and to act. In the tradition of the French anarchists, she demands the impossible.

Her goal is to create an awareness of centuries-old patterns of enslavement of women; this leads logically to the projection of a vision of freedom for women and all humankind.

Andrea Dworkin's work is highly intellectual and highly political. The intellectual/political thrust of these essays, however, is unique, because bound together with it, like a coin made of an alloy, is the great emotional outpouring of a person who has felt the pain of a woman-hating society and who has decided resolutely to fight back. Most political and intellectual writing, including the work of the Marxist "greats," and today's "radical" college professors, is sadly lacking in this quality.

Perhaps one of the most moving qualities in Dworkin's writing is her sense of unity with other women in struggle, for at every turn she quotes from and sings the praises of her sisters, from Sojourner Truth and Sophie Tolstoy to Shulamith Firestone and Yoko Ono.

On essay in this volume, entitled "Our Blood: The Slavery of Women in Amerika" (I find it strange that

Dworkin should use the New Left spelling of America) is dedicated to the memory of the Grimke sisters, Angelina and Sarah, two heroines forgotten by a century of sexist historians. In this essay, a brilliant interpretation of patriarchal law and religion, leads the author to a discussion of the result of the slavery of women as reflected in marriage ("genius destroyed . . . human potential diminished . . . strength ravaged . . . bodies plundered . . . will trampled . . .") and thence to a further discussion of black slavery, the abolitionist movement, and the nexus between racism and sexism: "The whip, used to cut the backs of white women to ribbons, was now wielded against black flesh as well." Dworkin proves that physical domination and the idea of inferiority were at the center of both black and female slavery, but in telling the heroic story of the Grimke sisters, she denounces the anti-woman betrayal of the abolitionists.

Earlier, I described Dworkin as a radical feminist. The word radical is batted about these days and risks losing its meaning (like the word socialist or even the word feminist), but for me radical continues to have very positive connotations. I call Dworkin radical (she doesn't label herself, really) because her vision of change is one that gets to the roots (the literal meaning of radical).

Thus, in an essay in *Our Blood*, Dworkin writes about rape not merely as a crime, but as "the first model for marriage," as an "ongoing atrocity against women," and she shows how prosecution against rape up to now is premised on sexist notions of women as the property of men. She cites "polar gender definitions" as a "root cause" for rape in their setting up of dominance/submission, active/passive dichotomies of human

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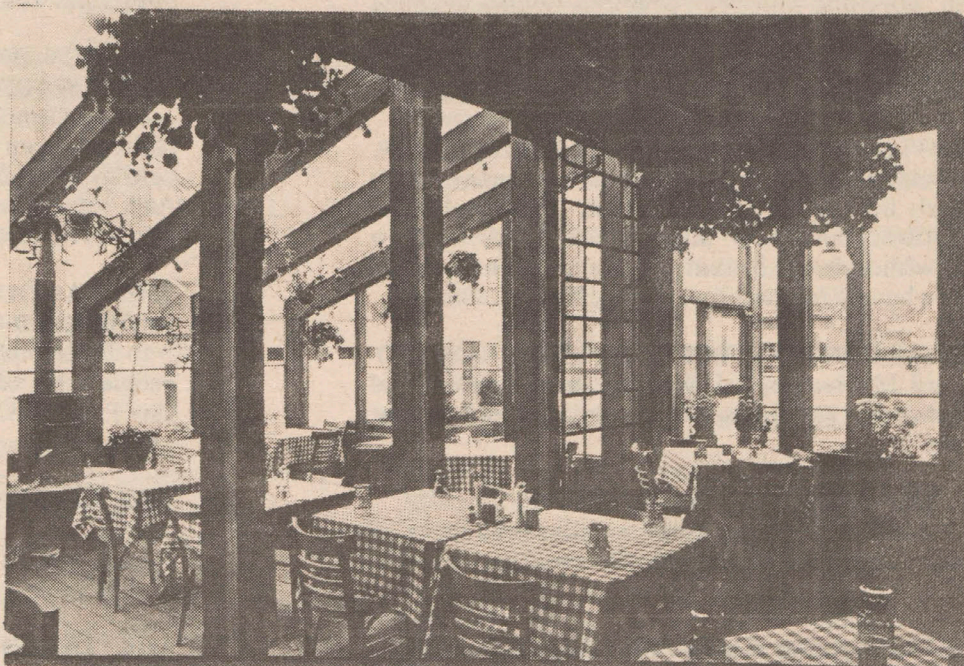
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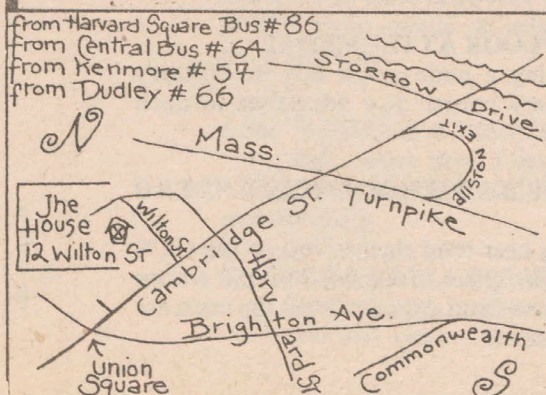


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THE GCN ANNUAL STRANGE BEDFELLOWS AWARD

to Gov. Meldrim Thomson of New Hampshire, one year late. When he signed a criminal code reform bill in 1975, it seems Gov. Thomson unwittingly made New Hampshire the nation's 18th state where homosexual acts are legal. To think that if GCN had not revealed it — a year later — Meldrim might never have known.

THE DO-AS-I-SAY, DON'T DO-AS-I-DO AWARD

to U.S. Army Gen. Walker and ex-Supreme Court nominee G. Harrold Carswell, each of whom was arrested during 1976 for propositioning plainclothes police officers in public areas.

A BIG NOSEGAY

to Boston Mayor Kevin White, who issued an executive order in April banning discrimination against gay people in city employment.

THE "IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN" AWARD

to Provincetown gay activist Ann Weld-Harrington, who in 1976 ran for Selectman and State Representative, and went down to defeat each time. In her first election she received only 100 or so votes, but a good 4,000 votes in the second.

THE GCN BOUQUET FOR THE SWIFTEST CHANGE OF CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE YEAR

to the Bunker Hill Community College Homophile League, whose Student Senate voted in February not to permit the gay organization on campus, charging that "Charlestown wasn't the place" for a gay group. A week later, they reversed their decision.

THE FRANCO CUP FOR HUMAN DECENCY

to the United States Supreme Court, which affirmed without opinion the right of individual states to criminalize private sexual acts between consenting adults.

THE FAMOUS "WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?" BOUQUET

to Rep. Bella Abzug, who lost out in her bid to become the nation's only woman Senator.

THE INFAMOUS "YOU CAN GO HERE, AND QUICKLY" MEDALLION

to Bristol County (Mass.) treasurer Edmund Dinis, who ran a smear campaign against U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, a sponsor of the federal gay rights bill. Studds squashed Dinis by a margin of 5-1 in the Democratic primary, even though his opponent placed newspaper ads accusing him of supporting "homosexual school teachers."

THE GCN "SOME OF OUR BEST FRIENDS ARE STRAIGHT" AWARD

to the Cambridge Licensing Board, which banned the gay film "Heart Throbs."

THE GCN "SOME OF OUR WORST ENEMIES ARE GAY" AWARD

to Chief Edward Davis of the Los Angeles Police Department, who charged that allowing gays to become police officers was akin to "putting armed bandits in uniform."

THE HALDEMANN-ERLICHMAN GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARD

to Sgt. Robert Burbank of the Upper Basin District of the Metropolitan District Commission police. When asked in July by GCN for information concerning arrests of men in the Cambridge "Bird Sanctuary" — information which is a matter of public record according to the MDC's own policies — Burbank responded, "I don't care if you bring the fuckin' governor with you, nobody's finding anything out about those arrests!"

THE ARTHUR D. LITTLE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AWARD

to Joe Leo (a/k/a "Vito Jay") former publisher of *Esplanade*. Now, as both Editor and Publisher, he will be able to assume many of the responsibilities formerly held by his Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, News Editor, and Office Manager — all of whom have somehow disappeared. If good wishes should be sent to those persons who need them the most, here's a bundle for you, Joe, er, um, Vito.

THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL GCN "GO BEGET YOURSELF" AWARD

to U.S. Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington, ex-presidential candidate who predicted that gay rights would ultimately lead to "the end of the human race."

THE J. EDGAR HOOVER RAGWEED COLLECTION

suspecting that this award will forever belong to Supt. John Doyle of the Boston Police Department, we have decided to rename this award as

THE JOHN DOYLE HONORARY RAGWEED COLLECTION

and give it to Detective Edward Miller of the Vice Control Unit, who has the distinction of being the most diligent member of the police department when it comes to entrapping men in movie theaters and drag queens on street corners.

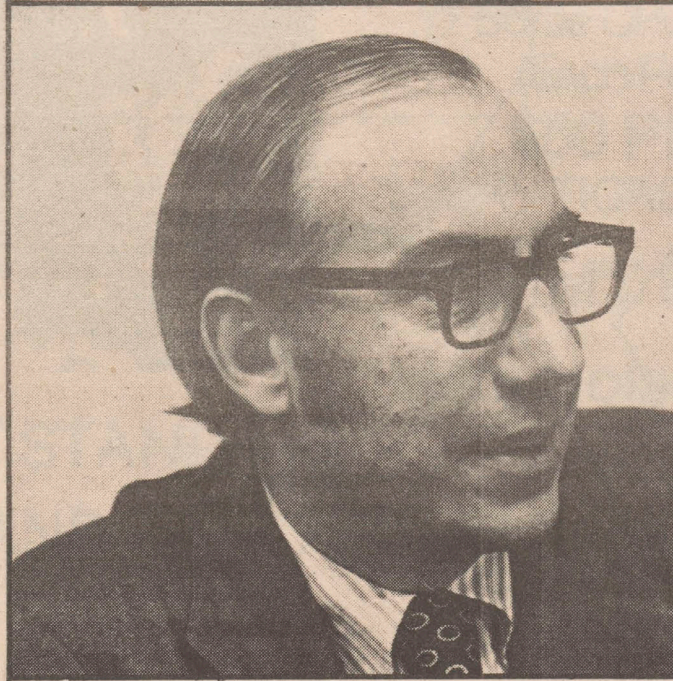
THE RASPUTIN PIN FOR PERSONAL PERSEVERENCE

to Boston barowner Henry Vara, whose Bay Village liquor interests have survived five years of neighbors, courts, trials, hearings, police, and publicity. And we thought "I have only just begun to fight" was something John Paul Jones said!

Ann Weld-Harrington — Someday the Presidency?



Photo by Gabrielle Brook Dix



U.S. Representative Gerry E. Studds — he's laughing now.

GCN has chosen this method individuals or groups within or outside the community who, through their tireless efforts, have become worthy of the commendation. Of course, some are more worthy than others, but the winners are unfamiliar to you, so we'll go back issues of GCN for 1976. To make your nominations yourself, let us know!



Orchestra Luna will be spreading their party at The Rat in Boston, Dec. 28, 29, 30; Club Dec. 31, Jan. 1; Jonathan Swift's, Jan. 2.

GCN Fourth Annual BOUQUETS AND BRICOLAGE

THE MISS UNDERSTOOD ACTION OF THE YEAR AWARD

to the infamous Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom who invaded a local men's bar in drag and set off the biggest controversy of the year between bars and the community.

THE GOLD DIAPER PIN

to Allan Spears whose political opponents tried to defeat him by printing posters saying, "Would you want this man to kiss your baby?" Spears still won the election.

THE GCN SPECIAL "OOH, AAH, ICKY-POO, NASTY, TSK, TSK" AWARD

to the Democratic National Convention for sending the gay rights platform down to defeat, after every primary candidate chased the gay vote so far that they took out full page ads in many gay newspapers. And, of course, accepted the help and endorsement of well-loved democratic gay leaders.

THE FAMOUS "READY OR NOT HERE WE COME" EMBROIDERED CLIPBOARD AWARD

to Philadelphia's Gay Democrats who ran five gays for committee people in the city, and they all won. And, of course, to the Cambridge Gay Political Caucus for their help in the victorious Sandra Graham campaign.

THE CLARENCE DARROW BUTTON FOR LEGAL ACHIEVEMENT

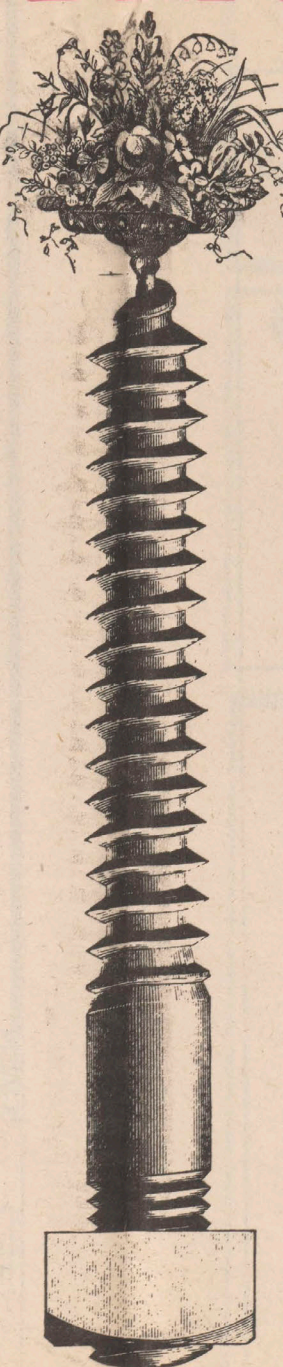
to Saxe's lawyer Nancy Gertner and team for hanging the first Saxe trial jury.

THE "DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT" MEDAL

to the Boston Police for arresting a nude go-go boy in Boston's infamous Combat Zone where every corner dive advertises in neon "Nude Girls 24 Hours a Day."

THE GCN "WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT YOU?" "DEAD SILENT" BOUQUET

to all those volunteers that bring beer (and themselves) to the GCN offices and give time, talent and gay cheer. To those intrepid troops who battle the Bromfield Street crowds and defy death on the staircase to the second floor, our heartfelt thanks.



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Loretta Lotman — a long way from home.

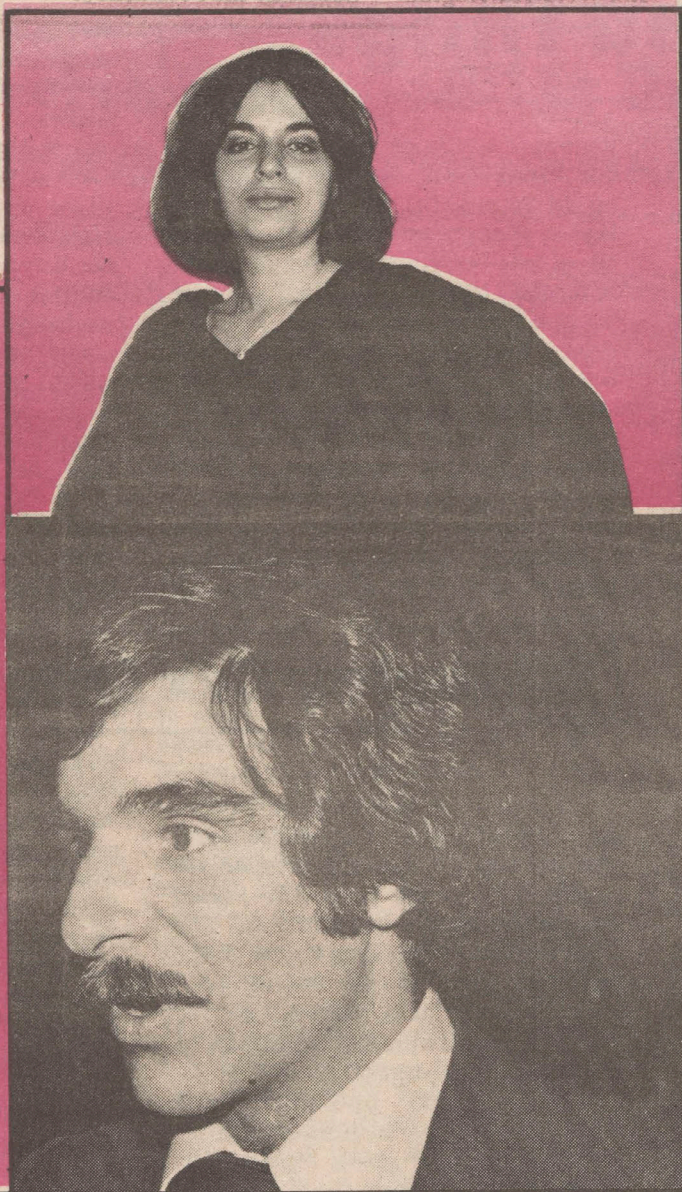
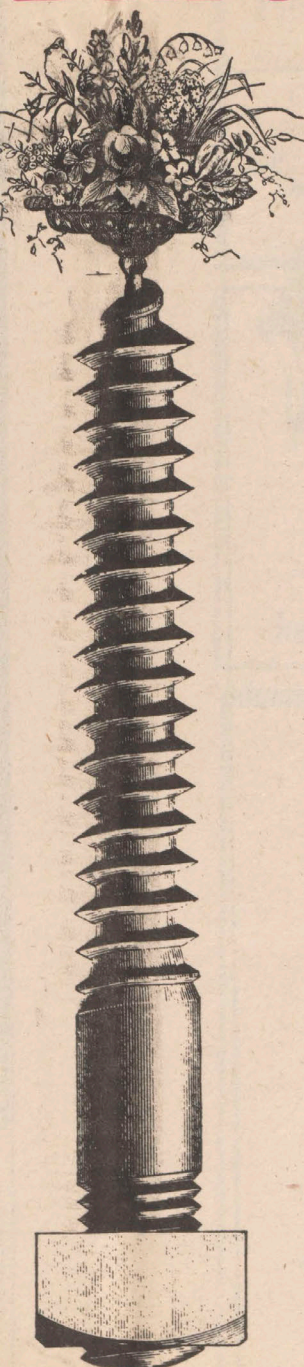


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Harry Reems

Fourth Annual BRICKBATS AWARDS



THE GOLD MYTH-SMASHING HAMMER OF THE YEAR

to Renee Richards for losing to another woman tennis player despite objections by male judges that, even as a former male, Richards must be too much competition for the ladies.

THE "YOU CAME A LONG WAY" RHINESTONE RIBBON

to Lily Tomlin for coming to Boston to do a benefit for Elaine Noble.

THE "KISS MY RING" MEDALLION

to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Pope for proving that in '77 you still can't get into heaven if you're gay or if you masturbate. Must be plenty lonely up there.

THE "LIBERTY CAN'T BELIEVE HER EYES" STATUE

to the Congress who voted to allow foreign gays to become naturalized citizens, overlooking the fact that gays are still forbidden to immigrate.

THE CLASS WILL TELL VELVET RIBBON

to Queen Elizabeth for showing us how to do it right, without a wrinkle in your panty-hose or a stain on your white gloves.

THE "LOOK AT US NOW" MIRRORED DECO PLAQUES

to sort-of-ex GCN'ers: Loretta Lotman for her wonderful dyke columns in the *Village Voice* and *Michael's Thing* — especially the high school reunion piece; to Jimmy Saslow for his magnificent series on gay artists in the *Advocate*; to Regina Kahney for her *Village Voice* review of Jonathan Katz' *Gay American History*; to Ellen B. Davis for the fine WBCN radio special on lesbian lifestyles. Congrats, but, boy/girl, do we miss you all.

THE "LOGIC IS A POLITICIAN'S WORST FEAR" AWARD

to Mass. State Sen. John F. Parker (R-Taunton) who argued that passage of a gay rights bill would encourage coprophilia, necrophilia, and bestiality.

THE PAT CADELL POLITICAL ACUMEN BOUQUET

to Robert Rygor, self-appointed head of "Gays for Carter," which was organized without the permission of the Carter campaign staff.

THE "WHOSE AMENDMENT WAS FIRST" PARCHMENT SCROLL

to Norman Carlson, Director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, for his directive that no gay publications should be allowed in U.S. prisons. He's afraid that they will lead to more prison rapes. Ooh, I didn't think we were that exciting.

THE "LEST WE FORGET 1968" FLOWERS

to Philadelphia's Dyketactics for taking radical action during the city hearings on gay rights bills. And a few purple hearts for the wounded.

THE BAD COIN COIN

to the Federal D.A. of Memphis, Tennessee for giving new meaning to the word "conspiracy" in indicting Harry Reems.

THE "GO JUMP OFF THE IVORY TOWER" PLAQUE

to Harvard Square's business community. Twenty out of twenty-five shop owners/managers refused to let us write them up (gratis, free) in a Harvard Square supplement. So goes the reputation of Cambridge for being a U.S. center of intellectual activity. Apparently, only money is tolerated.

THE "IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A SURPRISE IN 1958" BRICKBAT

to Leonard Bernstein

AND THE "WE'RE GLAD YOU MADE IT" RIBBON

to Holly Near.

THE "GAY MONEY IS STILL GREEN" GEMMY

to the major networks for the many gay characters sprucing up their ratings and, in most cases, ruining our image. Stay tuned for "Lucy Loves Lucy" and Ozzie and Gelbert," next season.

SPECIAL AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MULTI-COLORED GEMMY

to "Tony Orlando and Dawn" for featuring a black gay man in a sketch as a screaming faggot in furs and jewelry on his way to catch the gorgeous hunks at the disco. Perhaps Tony and Dawn think a step up is the place to step on others from.

MEANWHILE "THE LOCALS DO LISTEN" AWARDS

to the many local radio and TV programs in all cities and towns that have made an effort to include gay programming, even if we're still under the heading of "Public Affairs Programming." A special to Boston's "Woman '76" for featuring Ariadne Kane of TV Outreach to speak about transvestism. That is going a step beyond FCC requirements.

THE "RAINER WERNER WHO?" AWARD

to Jimmy Roby and the Back Bay Screening Room for giving Boston a high-class non-porno gay film showcase, introducing the films of Fassbinder and Pasolini. Special thanks from the S&M community for "Maitresse."

THE "ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE" AWARD

to Rick Kinscherf and Orchestra Luna for proving that there is more to rock & roll than macho posturing and for maintaining that gay love is mostly about being friends.

A GOLD LAMÉ TUTU AND BANANA BONNET

to theatre publicist Charles Cohen for bending over backwards to find beefcake shots to fill GCN press kits, assuming that we'll only run photos that are flesh-filled, tacky, or campy.

THE "MARY HARTMAN, MARY HARTMAN" CONFESSIONAL WAFER

to Christopher Isherwood for telling all in his new novel *Christopher and His Kind*, well, not really all, I mean, is all there is there all there is or what.

THE DOROTHY PARKER/ALEXANDER WOOLLCOTT COMMEMORATIVE CANDLE

to *Christopher Street*, the gay New Yorker, who proved that slick can be gay and, at last, brought humor into the community.

THE "WE WERE THERE" BOOK-OF-THE-CENTURY COUPON

to Jonathan Katz whose *Gay American History* finally puts us back in focus in The Big Picture.

THE BILL TILDEN MEMORIAL SPAGHETTI STRAINER

to Olympic and World Men's Champion Figure Skater John Curry who wouldn't let them change his style and won anyway.

THE COMBINED ANNUAL "AND YOU THINK WE'RE SICK" AWARD and THE AGNEW CUP FOR OFFAL ELOQUENCE

to S.I. Hayakawa, California legislator, who told press that gayness is caused by a shortcoming in emotional development and then wondered why we wanted our civil rights written into law. The Cup goes to President Jimmy Carter for defending to the death our right to be as sick as every other minority group.

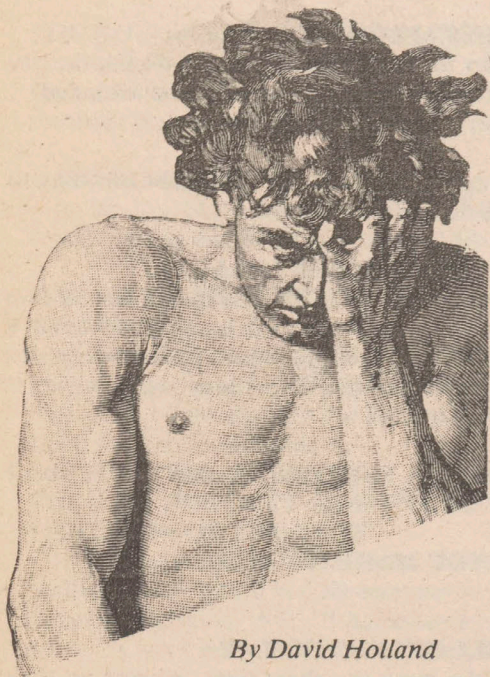
THE "SNUFF OF THE YEAR" MEMORIAL CANDLE

to the producers of the trite, boring and homophobic movie, "Norman, Is That You?"

THE BIEBER MEMORIAL "AND YOU THINK WE'RE SICK" AWARD

to Mayor E. Clay Shaw, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, who publicly denounced the "invasion" of his city by gays, and vowed a police crackdown to "clean them out of the city" just prior to the election.

people, places and flings



By David Holland

I suppose you know what lurks around the bend of the next weekend. It happens once a year. Too bad . . . 52 weeks, 365 days, or 8,760 hours (take your pick) come crashing headlong into one cheap bottle of champagne, an array of noisy party favors, and countless and soon forgotten sloppy kisses . . . After the party's over, somehow we are to pick-up the bits and pieces from the night and year before and re-arrange them into our new year . . . *Time* and *Newsweek* will arrive at the doorstep with a collage of what was supposed to be the party year-of-year's. The media will not let you easily forget what you are waving goodbye; it's auld lang syne to not one

but two hundred years, 200 champagne corks, and 200 equally sloppy kisses . . .

New years have a way of leaving me bitter and for the most part, unchanged. Perhaps I have seen too many resolutions vomited out in the same breath as too many gin and tonics. The whole affair distills to one thin excuse. It's a way of excusing oneself from the preceding year . . . Just before the Cinderella hour you can take yourself to a corner, whisper your due apologies, wait for the twelfth chime, and pat yourself anew on the back . . . I wonder what some of those secrets will be. I should like to record the resolutions that will so quickly fade like all the rest . . . Perhaps separatist lesbians will disarm for the moment to join hands this year to promote an understanding and peace among gay brothers. The silent war of hatred needs one of the greatest resolves (sic) liberations . . . Maybe this year we will see the varied components of our more sacred institutions come out from behind the draft spigots and begin to work together. What a simple resolution it would be to simply shake hands . . . Would the men who are fulfilling their S/M fantasies through brutal rapes resolve to do it to each other and leave my friends alone . . . Could I only hope, that on that teetering hour of past and present, novelists and screenwriters would lay aside money-making scripts that make us explain ourselves all over again . . . And for the rest of the media, how about a resolution that you will sell your wares with other covers. Even if you still do think that gay is oh-so-chic . . . And you, before you roll up

the paper and think that it's everyone else's resolutions, how about hanging up the bombardier parkas, putting the keys in your pockets, and heave-ho to a bit of one-two-three individuality. Or at the very least turn the tired and true oblique stares into a few friendly hellos. You don't have to take them home to make them a friend . . . The city has a million tales and just as many rights and wrongs. Change is inevitable. I hope this coming year it is for the right . . . And my resolutions? I don't imagine they will change that considerably from the past years. On my scant nine inches of video-wonder I

will watch the Times Square ball rise to the fated hour. I will be thankful that I am not in the crowd of teary-eyed well-wishers. I will get out my journal, turn to a blank page, and date it January 1, 1977 12:01. I'll take a gulp of champagne that has long since lost its effervescence, light a Camel (I should cut down in '77), and write: . . . It is another year and I should have a neat package before me of changes and new commitments for the coming year. I should swear on it like some sacred stack of Bibles only to let the compounded resolutions flutter away as if they are elusive dreams. I don't have the package; it's just not that neat . . . By then I will be tired. I will snuff my cigarette, crawl into bed, and go to sleep.

Bringing Sex Into The Sun

By Jeff Britton

Years ago the controversial psychiatrist Wilhelm Reich warned the world that the wages of sexual repression are neurosis. From his book *The Sexual Revolution* right on down to *The Cancer Biopathy* (wherein he links cancer to sexual hunger and atrophy) he insisted that man could not be free until he allowed himself the pleasure of full and guiltless orgasm.

Perhaps the philosophy of Sandstone Ranch was inspired by these very principles for sexual repression is heartily combatted there by an atmosphere of nudity, permissiveness and the opportunity to explore the parameters and boundaries which each of us has set for himself somewhere along our crazy paths of development. Nestled among the Malibu Hills in a somewhat remote spot overlooking

Topanga Canyon, Sandstone draws most of its membership from the Los Angeles metro area which is not too far away geographically yet seemingly worlds apart in psychological outlook.

Sandstone has been touted and examined by some of the celebrities who frequent the place such as author Gay Talese or the English poet and sage Dr. Alex Comfort whose *Joy of Sex* provides a substantial section on it. The focal point of Sandstone for many is the 'ball room,' a large room fitted with waterbeds, mirrors, and erotic sculptures. It is in the 'ball room' where the freedom to enjoy sex for its own pleasures is provided for members and visitors alike. To many gays the ball room would appear to have the same purpose as the baths, the only difference being the heterosexual emphasis. However, the spirit of openness

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"Otherwise Engaged" Is Brilliant Satire Of Heterosexuality

By Don Shewey

It is not often that Boston theatre-goers get a chance to see a play that is awesomely well-written, alternates between being funny and provocative, and sends you out of the theatre with a week's supply of food for thought. If you love good theatre, you must get down to see "Otherwise Engaged," the new play by Simon Gray, directed by Harold Pinter, playing at the Colonial through January 2.

Simon Henry, a successful London publisher, has everything he wants in life — a good job, an attractive wife, a posh home stocked with the best that money can buy — but what he wants most is to pass this drizzly afternoon alone in a private orgy of opera (with a new recording of Wagner's *Parsifal*). Instead, he spends the day with a procession of friends and relatives, a sorry lot of have-nots demanding brandy and sympathy as they complain about their dreary tribulations. Mistaking Simon's distracted politeness for smug superiority, his visitors one-by-one transfer their self-pity to open resentment of his refusal to take seriously their frustrated sexual exploits, professional ambitions, emotional appeals. Throughout it all, Hensch remains unperturbed, sensible, even downright indifferent. Yet at the end you wonder if he is indeed "a freak . . .

deeply contemptuous of human life," and "patronizing," or whether, considering the soap opera concerns of his unhappy accusers, he is perfectly justified in preferring Wagner to vicarious vapidness.

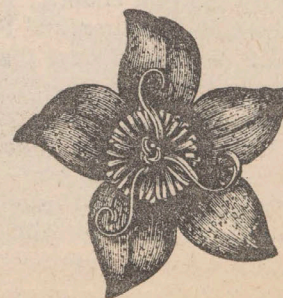
As he demonstrated before with "Butley," playwright Gray has this oh-so-literate and oh-so-put-upon academic milieu down cold. More than almost any other playwright I can think of, Gray can get away with an evening of talk, talk, talk without wearing out the audience. His dialogue is innocently outrageous, sublimely bitchy, always wickedly witty. His characters are skillfully crafted, their complexities never watered down for mass consumption. His language slips imperceptibly from unerring naturalism into momentary flights of poetry (a long-forgotten schoolmate describes his marriage as an endless discussion of "her mastoids, my hemorrhoids, and the mortgage on our maisonette"). The long scene between Hensch and his wife Beth in act two, a mini "portrait of a marriage," is one of the finest scenes ever written for theatre.

But I think what delights me most about Simon Gray is his devastating understanding of contemporary sexual attitudes. Particularly in "Otherwise Engaged," heterosexuality gets its comeuppance. Attributes often



thought to be the exclusive province of homosexuals — sexual compulsiveness, neurotic tendencies, lack of emotional development — decorate the sordid sex lives of these specimens of "straight" society. Also intriguing is the matter-of-fact way that Gray works in the tradition of British boarding-school homosexuality. The unrecognized schoolmate visitor (Wood) jogs Hensch's memory by recalling enviously, "You were the sexy little boy that all the glamorous men of my year slept with." Although Wood is ostensibly looking for his girlfriend Joanna, whom he rightfully suspects Hensch of sleeping with, it's apparent that Wood hasn't entirely gotten over his schoolboy crush on Hensch; in fact, he later leaves a message on Hensch's answering machine that is a combination suicide speech and masturbation monologue. The role of Simon Hensch (originally

performed by Alan Bates) is here played by Tom Courtenay who gives a strange but affecting performance. His cadaverous countenance and sexual ambiguity (accentuated by very tight pants) give conflicting signals at first, but he gets better and better as the play goes along. The other actors vary from good to simply adequate, but none of them interferes with the thoroughly competent production of an extremely fine play.



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Dworkin

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behavior. The destruction of such polarity is one of Dworkin's primary visions; her androgynous vision is explored further in another essay on sexual polarity entitled "The Root Cause."

Dworkin's radicalism is seen in another essay, "On Redefining Non-Violence," in which she addresses women in other political movements, especially challenging women's roles as "helpmates" in the established left in America. For socialists and pacifists who currently see feminism as a diversion or a side issue, this essay is a must. Dworkin convinces me that trying to fit feminism (and by extension gay liberation) into an existing Marxist model is a sorry waste of time for modern radicals. If you start with feminism, if you deal with patriarchy as the enemy, then whatever is needed from Marxist thought and pacifist thought will follow naturally, she says; the rest is probably too poisoned with patriarchy anyway. (Writing this, I am reminded of a friend who picked up a biography of John Brown when the abolitionist martyr was much in vogue in 1969. In the first chapter, she read about the many children and the wife Brown left behind to raise them; she closed the book forever.)

Another example of Dworkin's radical vision comes in an essay entitled "Renouncing Sexual 'Equality'." The feminist vision is not for women to partake in the male sexual model, Dworkin insists, but to

do away with it. End the pattern of dominance/submission in the sexual world, she avers, and you are on the path toward justice and freedom. "Equality" within that pattern of dominance/submission, in other words, perpetuates the behavior model and solves nothing. Dworkin does not envision a "feminist" future with female soldiers winning a bloody sex war, any more than she envisages a dating system where men sit at home nervously waiting for a woman to call them up to go out Saturday night.

The light within women — "ecstasy, warmth and healing" — is for Dworkin the ray of hope for our future. Affirming her lesbianism in a speech at the 1975 Lesbian Pride Week rally in New York (the text is printed in this book), Dworkin predicts a "terrible storm" coming in America, and she urges her sisters to remember the light within. The driving force behind *Our Blood*, as in Dworkin's earlier work, *Woman-Hating*, is love for women. Her lesbianism is more this love than it is involvement in the gay sub-culture.

Woman-Hating, recently released in paperback, contains many of the same themes as the essays in *Our Blood*. Dworkin's first book, which deserves a much wider audience than it has had, presents the facts of "a systematic despoliation of women" in the modern world. These lucid essays include an unforgettable and chilling analysis of pornography, fairy tales, a thousand years of Chinese foot-binding, and the



slaughter of millions of witches.

I especially recommend Dworkin's work to men and women who think of themselves as radicals but doubt the radicalism of feminist thought. If you've been getting your view of feminism from slick women's magazines, the straight dailies or Marxist journals, Dworkin's writings will surely set you thinking on a different track. I also recommend Dworkin's work to anti-sexist men who may have read a few feminist books and who feel that's enough. I found myself acquiring more knowledge, fresh understanding, and heartwarming inspiration from this work. I also felt that the author's strength as a

woman is projected in her writings to women in a humanist tradition. This makes it possible for a man to read Dworkin's work and to understand that while men oppress women, sometimes horribly so, there is a humanistic vision in this kind of radical feminist thought which welcomes the participation of men in this monumental effort toward social change. What I felt was not a sense of being put down, nor did I feel overtaken by the burden of guilt; rather what I felt was inspiration and love.

(Note: Allen Young is the co-editor, with Karla Jay, of *Out of the Closets*, *After You're Out*, and a new gay liberation anthology currently in preparation.)

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eye on the camera The Fonz Is An Old Story In A New Body

By Tommi Avicoli

I have never been fond of the Fonz. Nor of *Happy Days*, *Laverne and Shirley*, and the whole faddish nostalgia trip back into the so-called fun-filled and glorious 1950s. Besides the fact that the 50s were a dark ages for gays — the 50s also produced many extremely obnoxious "cool dudes" like the Fonz who harassed gays.

It's possible that *Happy Days* was launched as a satire on the 50s; however, it's become a cult. They now have Fonze tee-shirts, records and dolls. The Fonz has become the mouth piece of a generation returning to strict masculine and feminine role identification. It's hard to believe that only a few short years ago we were rejecting such absurd roles as the one personified by Henry Winkler on *Happy Days*. But then the country has gone through quite a few changes since the Sixties faded into oblivion.

The Fonz is quickly becoming a folk hero — his inane utterances are the new vocabulary of the high school crowd. And his tough style of dress has replaced the unisex look of the early Seventies.

As a role model for young boys, I find the Fonz an appalling apparition of our culture's worst hangups. The Fonz's invulnerable demeanor is stereotypically masculine, like John Wayne's in his countless macho roles. Yet the Fonz is no more macho than a typical Hemingway character; or even a TV Western hero. What makes the Fonz even more threatening than the latter two is his ability to transcend the mere media image and become a god-

like presence in our culture. Never before in human history has any given media had the potential for such an impact on the mores of a society. Of course one can reasonably argue that the Fonz will disappear in a few seasons as all TV shows do; yet will he? It is common enough practice when one series fails, TV execs merely xerox it with slightly different faces and names and try again to sell the idea. There's little originality in TV. Besides, the Fonz does not exist in a vacuum. If you drop a stone into a body of water, it causes ripples. And characters like the Fonz and to some degree J.J. on *Good Times* have revived a faddish interest in their "cool" macho behavior.

The Fonz is not only "cool" and click, he is also extremely chauvinistic and of course homophobic. In one particular *Happy Days* episode, a new owner takes over the garage where the Fonz works. The man is somewhat effeminate, and "uncool" to the point of not wanting to get grease on himself because it makes his "eyebrows fall out."

The man is clearly a gay character — it's not specifically stated that he is, but the inferences are there. The Fonz, the epitome of all that's male and hence sacred, manages to belittle this strange man who wants the garage employees to wear vinyl overalls so the grease will slide off.

The Fonz's treatment of women is, naturally, misogynistic. He is the great white Zeus, and all of creation bows to him — especially every woman. He has little time for relationships, and even

for romance. With him it's all in the conquest rather than the feeling. The Fonz's feelings are greatly subdued.

So what's wrong with the Fonz? Isn't he just a harmless Hollywood gimmick created to ring bells in cash registers and stuff the bank accounts of already wealthier-than-thou TV execs? A gimmick he is, but harmless he's not. Unlike the hero of *West Side Story* (another play about the 50s) who was able to transcend the gang mentality and bigotries of the 50s, the Fonz glorifies the macho male who will not confront his own homophobia and misogyny. In fact to abandon his homophobia and to relate to women as

human beings would be to lose his base of power over the others. Notice how the other boys in the series tremble in the Fonz's wake; he's attained what they can't — the ultimate male fantasy — to be completely invulnerable. Well, almost invulnerable, because the writers of *Happy Days* allows the Fonz some weaknesses, though very few.

The Fonz is far from harmless. He's a venom in the guise of a buffoon, the worse sort since, as Puccini discovered with Pagliacci, the buffoon arouses the empathy of whole generations. And in the case of the Fonz, what a dreadful thought!

Sandstone

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marks for me a clear difference. There is at Sandstone none of the furtiveness and guilt-tinged decadence which permeates the gay bath scene. On the contrary, sex becomes a celebration of the vitality and wholesomeness of life itself. It is precisely this vision which moved Reich so deeply in pursuit of the ideal place in which to bring about the sexual revolution. His tragic life marked by untimely moves to several European countries and finally the United States ended in disgrace and imprisonment.

Sandstone has provided me the rare opportunity to explore my bisexuality and feel good about it. For once I was not taking something sexually, manipulating others, or playing seductive games. I have become more aware of my gay preferences and more accepting of that while no longer feeling the alienation from women or straight men that is far too common in the gay

world.

Sandstone is also a growth center for the various humanistic psychotherapies such as gestalt, bioenergetics, and sensual massage. I have grown and have seen others in the same beautiful process. What can we as gays learn from the Sandstone philosophy? Perhaps the most valuable lesson is the goodness of sex and the need to decurrupt it from society-at-large and our own subculture in particular. We see occasional annual thrusts in this direction with the gay pride marches across the country. The other 364 days of the year find too many gay brothers acting out the "sex-negative" force which Reich spoke about. This is manifest in the phoniness of dimly-lit bars, secluded parks, and the baths. In the sunshine which surrounds Sandstone on a summer day there is a freshness and energy of which the world could use a lot more.

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By Linda Carford

THINK SNOW! To find gay oriented snow and ski areas, I traveled north.

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Further north in **Dunham, Quebec**, is the new **Tara Nord**, an old farmhouse run by men who want weekend skiers. Cross-country skiing is available on their property and they are 7 miles from Sutton, 12 from Echo, 30 from Jay Peak. Fireplaces, free pool table and breakfast is included in their nightly rates (breakfast only on weekends). Transportation is needed to get there and to the slopes. BYOB.

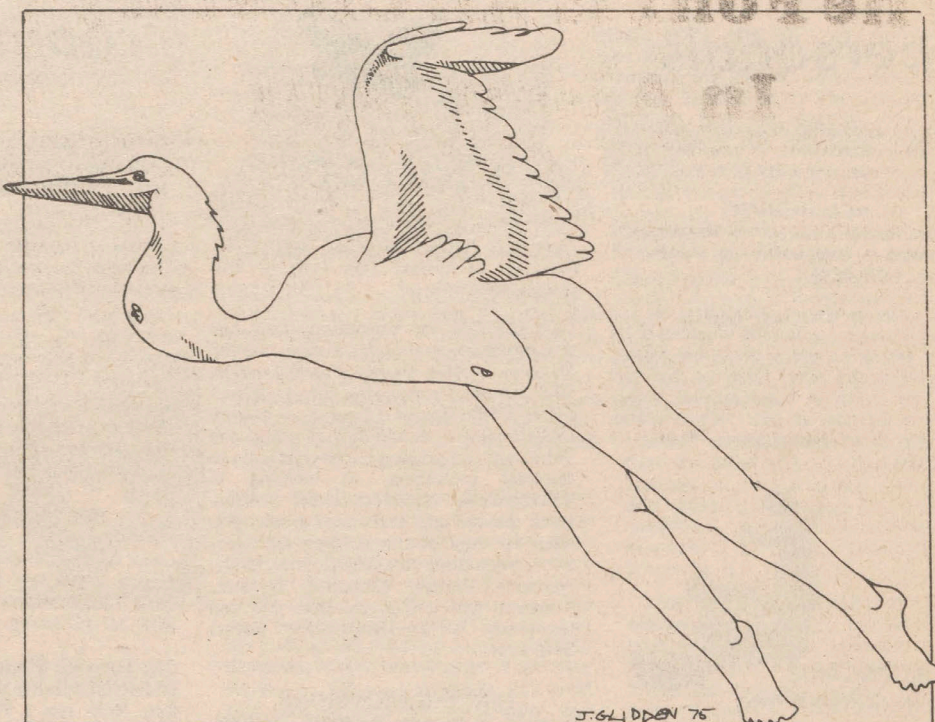
The only gay "hotel" in the ski area is **Andrew's Inn** in **Bellows Falls, Vermont**, close to many ski areas and the only place that offers gay apres-skiing sports. Located in the midst of a semi-commercial, small industrial

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For those skiers that want to head west, there is a lodge outside of **Denver** called the **Bunkhouse**. It is noted for its large room with bunkbeds, near the ski area in Breckenridge. Rumors were heard that skiing was not the most active sport.

THINK SUN. Where Can I Go That Is Warm, Cheap and Gay? That is the most frequently asked question in a gay travel agency, especially as the snow starts falling and temperatures go below 40°. Briefly, I will try to describe the areas that I have found to be the most popular with later articles going into each in detail.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, known as a mecca for gay people world-wide, is still quite active although not as "in" as in previous years. San Juan has a gay beach, many gay guest houses, a wide variety of bars, and movies.



There were rumors that gays were purged, bars & guest houses closed down two years ago, but the gay activities have survived and are thriving.

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, is only a short plane ride from San Juan. Noted for its beaches, shopping and liquor prices, it is a favorite of many gay travellers. It is not as active as San Juan but does have a "gay beach," hotels that advertise for gay clients, and a few meeting-place bars.

St. Marten is half Dutch and half French, and can be quiet. There are a few mixed bars and one gay guest house. Most of the major resorts are very straight but the smaller places are mellow.

Haiti and Santo Domingo are

rapidly becoming the place to go for a wild vacation. Small guest houses, lots of fun and lots of sun. Definitely an all-male vacation spot.

Caracas, Venezuela, has no gay guest houses or hotels but does have bars. It is an attractive city surrounded by mountains and about 20 minutes from a beach. Very Latin and friendly.

FLORIDA: The **Miami, Ft. Lauderdale** area has a multitude of bars, baths, etc. with all-gay resort hotels. It is the most popular destination every winter for men.

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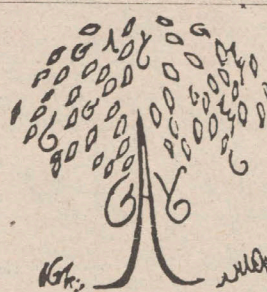
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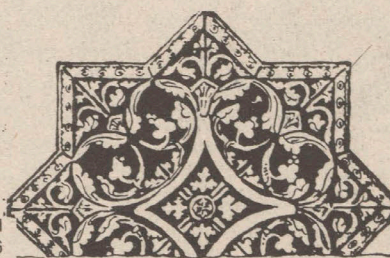


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9:30 pm — Tufts Gay Community meeting, Laminan Lounge, East Hall, Tufts
WEDNESDAYS
11 am — Gay discussion group at Drop-In Center of Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA; open to everyone
6:30-8:30 — Gay Health Services, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.
6:30-8 pm — Gay Social Club, Roosevelt Hall, group room, 4th floor, U of RI, info call 792-5256
7 pm — Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH
7-9 pm — Univ. of Vermont Gay Switchboard, 656-4173
7 pm — Liberation Rap Group; (617) 756-0730
7 pm — Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701
7-8:30 pm — Gay-straight Rap, U Conn, Mental Health Clinic, 203-486-4705
7:30 pm — Gay Men's Center, Psychic Healing and Gays in Fiction Workshops, 36 Bromfield St., Boston
7:30 pm — MCC-Extension discussion group, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH, 523-7664.
7:30 pm — Open Rap Group, 2 Wellington St., Worcester, MA
8-10 pm — Harvard-Radcliffe GSA meeting, Phillips Brooks House, 2nd floor, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, MA, 498-2111
8 pm — HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420
8 pm — Yalesblains Meeting, Rm. B-8, Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT, 436-8945.

8:30 pm — Alcoholics Together, St. John the Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston
8:30-10 pm — Drop-in Center for men, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford
9-12 pm — Gay Social, Columbia U., Fernald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.
10:15 pm — "Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

3:30 pm — UMass Amherst, Gay Male Rap Group, Cottage B, near Worcester Dining Common
5 pm — Brandeis Gay Alliance, Usdan Student Ctr., Conf. Rm. C, Brandeis Univ., Waltham, MA.
7 pm — Game Night, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI, Alternate weeks
7 pm — GRAC Swimming, Lindemann Cntr., Boston, 254-6689
7-10 pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438
7 pm — Gay Alcoholics, St. Vincents Hospital, Worcester, MA
7:30 pm — Peoples Gay Alliance, UMass Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center
7:30 pm — Gay Men's Center Gay Topics Rap, 36 Bromfield St., Boston
8 pm — Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210
8 pm — Dykes & Tykes, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA, third floor, care for young people, 354-8807
8 pm — Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
8 pm — KALOS, Hartford, CT; 568-2656
8 pm — Lesbian Mothers group; 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA; (617) 354-8807
8-9:30 — Gay Alliance at U Conn in Commons, rm. 312
8-9 pm — Lesbian Mother rap group, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA 661-2537
8:15 pm — Drinking problems rap group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston
8:30 pm — Gay Women's Caucus, UMass Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center

8:30 pm — Lesbian Alcoholics, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 842, Boston

9 pm — Emerson Homophile Society, Rm. 24, 96 Beacon St., Boston
9:30-10:30 pm — Drop-In Center for men, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford

FRIDAYS

7 pm — Alcoholics Together, Worcester; 754-7817
7:30 pm — Rap group for men and women, MGTF, 193 Middle St., Portland, ME
7:30 pm — Lesbian Feminist Workshop, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA, info call 783-9415

7:30 pm — Gay Get-together, downstairs round-room, Billings Center, U of VT, Burlington
7:30 pm — Games Night, 2 Wellington St., Worcester, MA. Alternate weeks.
8 pm — "Somewhere Coffeehouse," MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford
8:30 pm — Alcoholics Together, Our Lady of Victory Church, Isabella St., Boston

SATURDAYS

1 pm — GRAC soccer, Hatch Shell, Esplanade, Boston. For info call 289-7678
7 pm — GRAC Basketball, Lindemann Cntr., Boston, 254-6689
8 pm — East Conn. Gay Alliance; 889-7530
8 pm — MCC/Hartford Drop-In Center, 11 Amity St.
10 pm-3 am — Worcester Hotline, 791-8562
9 pm — Coffeehouse, Hendrie Hall, Basement, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am — "Closet Space," WCAS-AM, (740)
1 pm — GRAC Swimming (Women only), Lindemann Cntr., Boston, 254-6680
2 pm — GRAC Swimming (Instruction), Lindemann Cntr., Boston, 254-6689
2 pm — MCC/Worcester Service, Central Cong. Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
2:30 pm — "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
3 pm — GRAC Swimming (Men Only), Lindemann Cntr., Boston, 254-6689
4-6 pm — Gay Women's Group of Providence rap, (401) 831-5184
5 pm — MCC/Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St.; 523-7664
5:30 pm — Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm — Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME
7 pm — GRAC Basketball (Women only), Lindemann Cntr., Boston, 254-6689
7 pm — MCC Services, 134 Mathewson St., Providence, RI
7 pm — MCC/Albany, NY, 332 Hudson Ave. (except first Sunday of month at 6 pm)
7 pm — MCC/NY worship, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.)
7 pm — MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
7 pm — Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford, CT
7:30 pm — MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT
7:30 pm — "Come Out Tonight," radio WYBC-FM, 94.3, New Haven, CT
8 pm — GRAC Basketball (Men Only), Lindemann Cntr., Boston, 254-6689