

calendar

17 mon

Lesbian Support Group meeting today and every Monday at the Tufts Women's center, 11:30am. For information call 628-5000 ext. 702.

18 tue

NYC — Integrity, Eucharist of St. Luke the Evangelist at the Church of St. Luke in the Fields, Hudson St. at Grove St. After Mass Happy Hour.

Medford, MA — Gay roller skating to live organ music at the Bal-a-Roue every Tuesday, 8-11pm (\$3), 376 Mystic Ave.

19 wed

Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, pot luck supper, and voter registration session. To be held at 1 Corless Place, Cambridge at 7pm. Details call 426-2020.

Cambridge — Movie at Bread & Roses, 134 Hampshire St., 9pm, *In This House of Brede*.

21 fri

Boston area Women Against Violence Against Women will be holding a slide show and discussion concerning the use of sexually violent images of women and children in advertising, and possibilities for consumer activation in response to this promotion of violence. Begins 7:30 pm in the basement of Morse Auditorium, rm B1, at B.U. Sponsored by the B.U. Women's center \$1. donation appreciated.

22 sat

Andover, MA — Films at Christian Formation Center, 8pm. *Monday Morning Pronouns*, producer, Micki Dickoff will be present; \$1 donation.

Pro-Abortion Picket: Picket Henry Hyde, leader of the national movement to restrict women's right to choose abortion and control our own lives. To be held at 5:30pm at the Chateau de Ville, Framingham, MA, on Rte 9, 2 blocks past Shopper's World. If you need or can give a ride, come to Kendall Sq. Camb., at 4:30 pm. Sponsored by the Abortion Action Coalition & The Abortion Rights Coalition.

23 sun

Gay Academic Union of N.E. meets from 4-6pm in the Shepard Room, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard University, Cambridge. The topic for discussion will be socializing.

29 sat

Assertiveness Training — A two day workshop for women is being held at the Lenox Hotel, 710 Boylston St., Boston, sponsored by the Women's Educational and Resource Enterprises, "WE ARE". For information call 277-5944.

Boston area "Women Against Violence Against Women" will hold a rally in support of an end to the use of sexual violence in advertising. The rally will include a Guerilla Theatre presentation concerning the boycott of Warner, Elektra and Atlantic records. All supporters are encouraged to attend. 1pm at Harvard Square, Camb.

Women's Concert Series presents Sherli Sherwood at Kingston, MA, 1 pm. For directions call 1-585-8826.



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Mass. House Crushes Gay Rights Bill 129-93

By David Brill

BOSTON — After three days of sometimes acrimonious debate both on and off the House floor, the Massachusetts House of Representatives killed H.3676, a bill banning discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual preference on Oct. 13. The final vote on the bill, which had narrowly cleared the Senate in June, was 93-129.

The first of 15 hours of debate on the bill began on Tuesday, when Rep. Edward P. Coury (D-New Bedford), who had debated against gay rights many times in the past, said that he supported the Oct. 3 Supreme Court decision refusing to hear the case of a gay teacher fired for "immorality."

Rep. Nicholas Buglione (D-Methuen), who was carrying the bill on the House floor on behalf of the Public Service Committee, argued that the bill covered only state and municipal civil service employees, not teachers. "We want people to be hired on their qualifications," Buglione said.

Rep. Elaine Noble took the floor briefly, and explained that the bill was patterned after the U.S. Civil Service Commission's 1975 regulations which state that homosexual conduct of employees must be evaluated in the same fashion as heterosexual employees.

Rep. Paul Shea (D-Lowell) called Noble "muddled." "Everyone has to come to the conclusion which is good for the Commonwealth and our constituency. A green vote [yes] today is condoning, accepting homosexuality."

Rep. Thomas Lopes (D-New Bedford) then spent twenty minutes conveying to the membership his perception of the gay community. "My first experience with a homosexual was in college when a respected dean invited me over to dinner. Before we could



Rep. Marie Howe, gay rights opponent

start he asked me if I would sit on his lap."

Rep. Sandra Graham (I-Cambridge) said that if the legislature is unwilling to provide job protection for gay people, then it should be willing to support them with welfare benefits. She was joined in support of the measure by Rep. James A. Whitney (D-Dudley), and Rep. Peter C. McCarthy (D-Peabody).

Shortly after 3:00 p.m., Shea again took the floor to question the sincerity of Noble's motives. "She said she wished sex would be a private matter. Turn the clock back to January 1974." Shea recalled that Noble appeared on the Tom Snyder show one evening.

"She was exploiting the fact that she was elected as a lesbian."

Rep. Barney Frank rose to a point of order, but Acting Speaker Gerald Lombard (D-Fitchburg) said that the point was not well taken. He cautioned Shea, however, to keep his remarks restricted to the issue at hand.

Noble asked Shea if he thought her presence was "demeaning to the House." "You're a hypocrite, in my opinion," he responded.

At that point, Lombard gavelled the House into a recess, and both he and Rep. John E. Murphy, Jr. (D-Peabody), a sponsor of the bill, walked over to Shea and told him to watch his words. Majority Whip George Keverian (D-Everett) also approached Shea and firmly chastized him for his remarks.

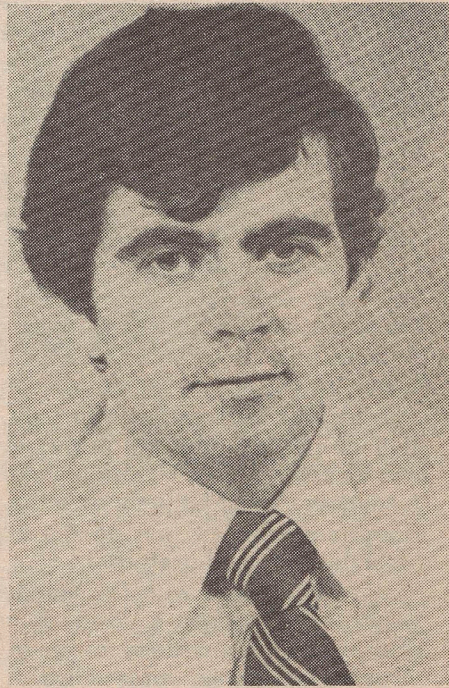
When the House resumed debate, Rep. Nicholas Paleologos (D-Woburn) said, "Since I've been in the House, I have never heard a more ungentlemanly remark."

At 3:30, a roll call on the bill was ordered, and it was defeated by a vote of 101-120. Noble immediately moved reconsideration.

A Feverish Night

Tuesday night, Gay Legislation worked feverishly to gather constituent support to try to overturn the votes of several legislators known to be "on the fence" on the issue of gay rights. A telephone campaign was begun with the assistance of CPPAX, Americans for Democratic Action, and the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, and telegram-tables were set up in a number of Boston gay bars. Noble was awake until 4:00 a.m. working on strategy for the next day.

Gay Legislation co-ordinator Joe Martin said the group singled out approximately 20 legislators whose votes



Rep. William Galvin

"could be swung." Former Rep. Joseph Garczyński of Chicopee telephoned representatives from western Massachusetts, and Boston City Councillor Larry DiCara agreed to contact members of the Boston delegation and ask for their support for reconsideration.

On Wednesday, the overnight effort apparently succeeded, with reconsideration winning 116-107. During the debate for reconsideration Lopes predicted that passage of the bill would make "Massachusetts the National Headquarters of the Gay Liberation movement . . . a new mecca for all to come to."

Rep. Robert L. Fortes (D-Mattapan) rose in clear anger to rebut Lopes. (Although both legislators are of Cape Verdean origin, Fortes is a member of the Black Caucus, which Lopes has

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British Member of Parliament 'Comes Out'

LONDON — A British Labour Party Member of Parliament has come out openly as a lesbian after the local party committee voted that she could not be a candidate for re-election. As a result of revelations in the London *Daily Mail* that she had left her husband to live with another woman, Labour Member of Parliament for Northampton North, Maureen Colquhoun, was denied re-nomination for the next elections. The decision to field a new Labour Party candidate and to deny re-nomination to Colquhoun was made by a 23-18 vote of the general management committee of the Northampton North Labour Party on Sept. 27.

In their decision not to support Colquhoun, the Labour Party listed six charges against her, not one of them referring to the fact that the MP was a lesbian. However, believing that her lesbianism was the underlying issue in the attempt to unseat her, Colquhoun decided to come out publicly just after the vote was taken.

"I am gay and proud of it," she told the press after the meeting. "I am glad that in my private life I have love and care from someone. I hope that everyone receives the love and affec-

tion I do. This has been an underlying issue here and I am astounded by the hypocrisy of my opponents. My sexuality has nothing to do with my ability to do my job as an MP."

There were reportedly no complaints about Colquhoun's constituency work until the *Daily Mail* article appeared. The article revealed that the MP was now living with Babe Todd, formerly of the lesbian magazine *Sappho*. Immediately, the local party began a series of meetings to discuss the situation, culminating in the vote to pick a new candidate for the next election.

"In all this time," Colquhoun told the London *Gay News*, "nobody has ever come up to me and asked me, are you gay? Nobody has said openly to me, 'Look, as a lesbian you are an electoral liability and we want you to resign' . . . we could have had this issue out in the open from the start and done battle on it. Even when at one meeting I challenged them about this, they laid their hands on their hearts one by one and said it was nothing to do with my private life. . . . That is what has shaken me — the lack of integrity, the hypocrisy."

Colquhoun is also critical of the way the national Labour Party has acted in



Britain's lesbian MP, Maureen Colquhoun.

the matter. "They [the national party] could have put a stop to this long ago, but they just let it happen. The Labour Party would have liked me to fight it all like a Tory — fight it quietly, stiff upper lip. But I'm a Socialist, not a

Tory. If I lose my job as an MP I'm unemployed. I am a working woman."

Colquhoun intends to appeal to the Labour Party National Executive Committee in an attempt to get the national party to confront the issue. However, the committee does not generally interfere with a local party's selection — or rejection — of candidates. Colquhoun, who was first elected in 1974, will continue to serve in Parliament until new elections are called. The present government of Prime Minister James Callaghan does not have to call national elections until 1979, but might call elections before that date if the Labour Party is believed to be in a strong position.

Asserting that there were important lessons for gay people in her experience, Colquhoun told the *Gay News* that "I think it is terribly important for all gay people not to let other people tell them that they do not have the ability to do a job of work. . . . It is important that gay people, openly gay people, are seen getting on with their lives and with their work. . . . I am not Britain's Lesbian MP. I am the working Member of Parliament for Northampton North and I am carrying on with my job."

news notes

APA BACKS GAY TEACHERS

NEW YORK — As the national debate continues on the subject of gay teachers, American Psychiatric Association president, Dr. Jack Weinberg, has come out strongly in support of the right of homosexuals to teach in the public schools. "The APA is alarmed about a growing movement to discriminate against homosexuals as teachers in our public schools by courts and boards of education here and there throughout the country," said Weinberg. "The Association, ever since 1973, has repeatedly affirmed that homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgement, stability, liability, or general vocational capabilities. As Dr. John Spiegel said in March 1975: 'Many fine teachers from Socrates on have been homosexuals. There are many homosexual teachers in our school systems now, but they are forced to live in fear of being "found out" — at considerable psychological cost to themselves and in turn to society. Others stay out of the teaching profession because they fear exposure. This situation should be remedied. A teacher should be judged on the basis of professional competence, not on the basis of personal lifestyle or sexual preference.'"

"I fully agree with Dr. Spiegel's earlier comments," said Weinberg, "and can only add that the effort to frighten citizens into fear of the influence of homosexuals on our children is utterly without scientific foundation, and the effort should be combated by all citizens of good will."

The Weinberg statement was made at the request of the National Gay Task Force. NGTF is in the midst of preparing a packet of statements and court decisions on the subject of gay teachers.

EPISCOPAL STEP BACKWARDS

FORT ST. LUCIE, FLA. — The Bishops of the Episcopal Church have adopted a theological statement that condemns homosexuality, bars the ordination of homosexuals to the priesthood, and forbids priests from blessing gay marriages. However the Bishops declined to censure Bishop Paul Moore of New York for ordaining lesbian Ellen Marie Barrett as a priest last January. The censure of Bishop Moore was tabled after the Bishop read an impassioned statement in which he warned that such a resolution could set off a "McCarthy-like purge" of gay people serving in the church.

In their theological statement, the bishops maintained that the Bible "rejects homosexual practice" and that the church therefore "is right to confine its nuptial blessing exclusively to heterosexual marriages." The statement made the distinction, however, between "advocating and practicing" gay people who the bishops said could not be ordained as priests and persons with "a dominant homosexual orientation." The second group could, according to the church statement, serve as priests if they remained celibate.

The Bishops also overwhelmingly adopted a "conscience clause" that would allow bishops or priests who do not agree with the church's decision to ordain women priests not to comply with that decision. The action means that no bishop can be required to ordain a woman and that individual bishops could bar a woman priest from their dioceses.

JOCK PATROL

LONG BEACH, CA. — The Gay Athletes Union of Long Beach State University has stated that its members are now patrolling rest rooms along city beaches in an attempt to "clean up" public sexual activity. Group spokesperson Tom Clark told the *Advocate* that such sexual activity was "sickening to the vast majority of gay men and women." Said Clark, "We've put a number of jocks on patrol, mainly to tell these people to take their sex life home where it belongs . . . We're really strong on seeing this activity stopped, even if it means having to get pushy with some of these characters."

Long Beach police, however, have urged the athletes to "make a citizen's arrest rather than take the law into their own hands."

IS THERE HOPE FOR THE ERA?

WASHINGTON, D.C. — US Attorney General Griffin Bell revealed last week that the Justice Department is attempting to determine if it would be legally possible to extend the ratification period for the federal Equal Rights Amendment. 35 states have ratified the ERA thus far and 3 additional states must ratify the amendment by March 22, 1979 for the ERA to become law. However, because of setbacks in several states, ERA proponents fear that prospects for ratification by the 3 needed states are dim at this time.

Historically, the texts of the majority constitutional amendments have set a seven year period for ratification by the states. However in the case of the ERA, the seven year limit was not part of the amendment itself but in the resolution under which the ERA was introduced by Congress. The Justice Department is therefore checking if this "loophole" could enable the time limit to be altered by vote of Congress.

The Carter Administration strongly supports the ERA and women's organizations would applaud any extension of the time period for ratification.

FRANK TEACHING

WALTHAM, MA. — "The Politics of Permissiveness" is the name of a course to be taught by Rep. Barney Frank at the Brandeis University Institute on State and Local Government. The course will be held on Mondays beginning October 31 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., and the tuition is \$30. For further information contact the Office of Continuing Studies, Rabb Graduate Center 247, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02154.

DUTCH BENEFIT RAISES \$40,000

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS — 2,000 people, including Amsterdam mayor Wim Polak, paid \$10 to \$40 to attend a gay rights fund-raiser called "The Miami Nightmare," held in the city's concert hall. The rally raised \$40,000 to pay for an advertisement in *Time Magazine* criticizing Anita Bryant's Save Our Children campaign. Mayor Polak said that he had attended the fund-raising event, despite a "stack of mail" from citizens protesting the rally.

BROWN TAKES A STAND (SORT OF)

SACRAMENTO, CA. — California Governor Jerry Brown has taken a stand cautiously supporting the right of homosexuals to teach in the public schools. Brown, who made his remarks at a news conference on October 5, appeared to come out in opposition to the Briggs initiative. The initiative, which would enable school boards to fire openly gay teachers, needs to gain the required number of signatures in the next month to appear as a referendum question on next June's state-wide ballot.

"I think the laws we have on the books are adequate," said Brown. "I wouldn't give any advice to the school boards or the licensing authorities on the Superior Courts . . ." Current California law, as interpreted by the State Supreme Court, states that homosexuality is not grounds for dismissal from teaching.

However Brown refused to give his own viewpoint on the dismissal of openly gay teachers and, when asked if he believed homosexuality to be immoral, the Governor answered, "I'm not going to offer my judgement on individual behavior."

"GETTING BACK TO NOW"

FRAMINGHAM, MA. — Massachusetts' National Organization for Women (NOW) will hold a day-long conference at Framingham State College on October 22. The focus of the conference, called "Getting Back to NOW," will be to provide women with practical administrative and political skills. Speakers at the day's events will include Rep. Lois Pines (D-Newton) and National NOW Vice-President Arlie Scott.

For additional information women are urged to call Priscilla Leith at 969-6837 or Deborah Buresj at 484-1860 (evenings).

KOPAY SPEAKS

AMHERST, MA — On Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m., David Kopay, co-author of *The David Kopay Story*, will present his topic: "The Right to be Gay" in the Student Union Building at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst.

Kopay, former professional football player, has been invited to speak as part of the Distinguished Visitor's Program at UMass/Amherst. The DVP seeks to stimulate awareness by inviting topical speakers of diverse backgrounds and cultures to the UMass Campus.

Following Kopay's presentation, a social is being planned by the People's Gay Alliance.

Inquiries should be addressed to Paul Gosselin, Office Manager, at the People's Gay Alliance, telephone (413) 545-0154.

New Jersey Notes

by James Rosenheim

PRINCETON, NJ. — Over 150 people were present at "A Call to Action," the day-long conference and first of its kind in this state, sponsored by the New Jersey Gay Coalition. The conference was held at Princeton University on October 1st. Among those attending were representatives from such groups as Sapphic Sisters, United Sisters, Gay Alliance, Gay People, Princeton, Gay Activist Alliance of New Jersey, G.A.A. in Morris County, and Dignity (Princeton).

The aim of the conference was to discuss how to consolidate and increase gay and lesbian political power and effectiveness. Keynote speaker Virginia Apuzzo (co-chair of the Gay Rights National Lobby) stressed that "enthusiasm in and of itself won't sustain us over a long, hard haul." "Organize, don't agonize," she said, going on in detail to discuss how groups and individuals can organize, locally and nationally. Apuzzo described affairs at a national level as "abysmal," and she emphasized the increasing danger posed by the 'New Right' in all its many guises. Ending on a somber note, but to enthusiastic applause, she warned that for the Right to succeed in this country "all that has to happen is for enough people who are forces for good to do nothing."

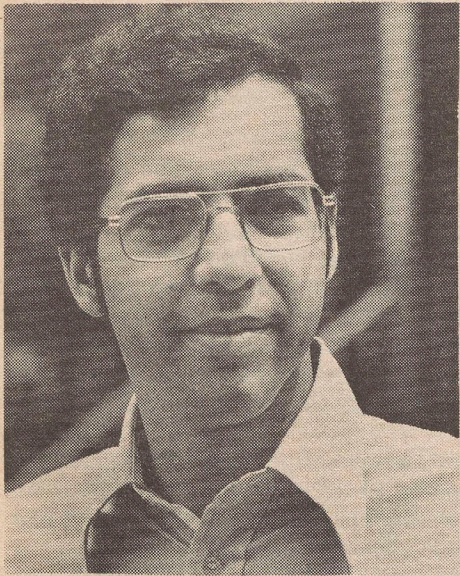
At one of the two morning workshops Jan Rubin (of United Sister and N.O.W., New Jersey Lesbian Taskforce) talked of the history of gay-related legal cases in New Jersey. She related that the state's Civil Rights Commission has up until now inter-

preted civil rights legislation as extending protection from discrimination to gays and lesbians in the areas of housing and public accommodation, though not in employment. In a second workshop Lloyd Levin of Alltogether (a group concerned to further all non-traditional lifestyles) told his audience that social change would only come from economic power, and he appeared to suggest that gay men and lesbians should embrace the country's economic structure and try to make the market economy work for us.

After lunch Ethan Geto, media campaign director for the Dade County Coalition, spoke on the lessons, both strategic and tactical, that need to be drawn from the Florida campaign. After describing the work done there, he maintained that "when a civil rights advance . . . has . . . gone before the public to vote, it has lost." Thus, if possible, we should avoid such confrontations and accept that "we have a 5 or 10 year struggle on our hands in terms of creating a national . . . campaign to change attitudes about homosexuality." Until that is done we can expect little, since so many people remain ignorant about or deny the seriousness of our oppression.

In the afternoon workshops lawyer Mary Stevens of G.R.N.L. and "Lesbians in Law" talked about lobbying and other strategies. At the other workshop, a representative from Dignity, New York, spoke about the activities of that group and its place in the future of the gay movement.

Cambridge Political Caucus Surveys Candidates



Insurgent council candidate and gay rights backer, David Sullivan

CAMBRIDGE, MA — A survey by the Cambridge Gay Political Caucus has found widespread support for gay rights among candidates for city council and school committee. The Caucus, which officially supports the slate of candidates endorsed by Cambridge Convention '77, conducted the survey to explore the attitudes of all the candidates in the upcoming November vote.

The CGPC survey revealed that four of the nine incumbent City Councillors — Sandra Graham, Barbara Ackerman, Frank Duehay, and David Clem — would vote for a gay rights ordinance if it were introduced today. Of the

other incumbents, only Councillor Walter Sullivan has actually come out against gay rights. "The others have ducked the issue," survey coordinator John Ward explained. "With Mayor Vellucci, it may be a case of simply not being able to reach him, but I personally delivered our questionnaire to Councillors Dan Clinton, Tom Danehy and Lenny Russell at City Hall. When I went to pick them up I was told through an aide that they hadn't had time to answer them."

People who support gay rights should register and vote these people — Danehy, Clinton, Russell, and Walter Sullivan — out of office unless they change their tune before election day. Otherwise, you can probably forget a gay rights ordinance for another two years.

Among the other candidates for city council, the CGPC received pro-gay rights responses from Mary Ellen Preusser, David Sullivan, David Wylie, Beryl Breny, Kevin Crane, Larry Frisoli, Louis Solano, and Florence West.

In the race for school committee, incumbents Alice Wolf, Sara Mae Berman, and Glenn Koocher have come out in favor of a policy of non-discrimination. School committee candidate Charles Pierce has also voiced his support. Joseph Maynard has stated that he will definitely not support a policy of non-discrimination against gays, and the other candidates have not responded to CGPC's questionnaire. "Everybody but Wolf, Berman,



At a fund-raiser for pro-gay council candidate Mary Ellen Preusser: (l-r) GCN editor Neil Miller, Gay Legislation co-coordinator Joe Martin, the candidate herself, and Russ Hoyle, *Real Paper* Managing Editor. Photo by Elizabeth Harshbarger

Koocher, and Pierce should be figured as against gay rights until they say otherwise," according to Ward.

The Cambridge school committee has the right to hire and fire gay teachers.

The CGPC urges Cambridge residents who are supporters of gay rights to register and vote in the November elections. Special tables will be set up by the Election Commission in Harvard and Central Squares over the weekend of Oct. 14 and 15 to register

new voters. Because of Cambridge's proportional representation system, a relatively small number of new voters supportive of gay rights can drastically alter the outcome of the November election.

The CGPC will hold a pot-luck supper on Oct. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m., at the home of Hugh Russell, 1 Corliss Place, Cambridge, followed by a registration session. Further details on the pot-luck can be obtained by calling 491-0968.

Fear New Pressure from President Silber

B.U. Gay Group Suspended, Then Reinstated

By John Fowler

BOSTON — The Boston University Gays were reinstated as a student organization last week following a one week suspension of their rights and privileges by BU officials, apparently "testing" the group's leadership. Herbert Ross, program coordinator at BU, agreed with BU Gays president Cindy Bolduc that there "had been a misunderstanding," adding that he was glad to be meeting her as he "wanted to see who the BU Gays executive board was, anyway."

The controversy started after the group's first organizational meeting of the year, a wine and cheese party held at BU. Ross claims that the room was "left in a shambles," and in a letter to the BU Gays dated Sept. 27, adds, "as a result of this behavior all organizational privileges extended to your group are temporarily suspended, pending a meeting with [Ross and] the BU Gays."

Following an Oct. 4 meeting, the BU Gays were granted their previous status by Ross, who conceded that there had been a misunderstanding, but did not explain his action further. Ross was unavailable for comment. However, Maura Gorman, director of BU's Program Resource Office (PRO), claims that such a suspension is a "common occurrence."

The immediate effect of the order was to delay the organization's work on a crucial funding proposal to be presented to P.R.O. within two weeks. "We'll have time to prepare a proposal for funding, but this delayed us considerably," said BU Gays' Bolduc, adding that she has no plans for receiving any funds from P.R.O. "If we're funded this year, it will be for the first time in three years," she said. "Each year the BU Gays make a proposal and are quickly turned down."

Bolduc also denied that the suspension was even necessary. "The room was not in a shambles," she said. "The food service man left with the wine and cheese, cleaning up his table. When I left, the tables were out of place to make room for the meeting, and a few cups were left — that's all." Bolduc indicated that she felt little animosity from Ross, whom she feels was "shocked" that she wore a dress into his office. "I'm not what they expected," she admits.

In light of this early set-back, Bolduc says the BU Gays expect further difficulties and are gearing up for them. "At first I wasn't so sure this was the work of John Silber (BU president),

but I began looking around, and now I'm not so sure what to think. It's very possible this was all Silber's doing — I don't know."

The organization is preparing a detailed funding proposal, outlining a lecture/film series, dances, and weekly meetings, and after the expected refusal, plans to step up work in making the BU Gays more visible and vocal on campus. "In the past the [BU] Gays have been quiet, discreet," said Bolduc. "We're going to try to be more aggressive and do more. We want to be more vocal and make the campus aware of our presence. What's happened to WBUR, *B.U. News*, and the *B.U. Exposure* are examples of what

the BU Gays can expect from Silber. We want to be ready."

Bolduc referred to alleged censorship, harassment, and financial pressures being placed on three major campus media outlets by the Silber administration.

Plans for the "coming out" of BU Gays include a current barrage of letters and editorials in campus publications, and a highly publicized Open House to be held Oct. 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the George Sherman Union, room 320-321.

"We plan to distribute flyers, leaflets, and posters all over campus for that," Bolduc explained. "We want to be more visible."

650 Picket Anita in Indianapolis

By Maida Tilchen


INDIANAPOLIS — Anita Bryant's Oct. 7 appearance at a "Rally for Decency" here was met by a spirited picket-line of almost 650 straight and gay protestors. Holding signs and chanting, they marched in continual rain across the street from the rally at the Indianapolis Coliseum. Protestors came from throughout Indiana and neighboring states. The picket line was endorsed by the Indianapolis Gay People's Union, the Indiana Coalition for Human Rights, the Bloomington Gay Rights Coalition, Bloomington Gay Alliance, and Indianapolis N.O.W., among other gay, feminist, socialist and civil rights groups.

The "Rally for Decency" was attended by only half the expected crowd of 10,000. Its stated purpose was to "reinstate sodomy as a felony in Indiana." (Consenting adult sex became legal in Indiana on Oct. 1, 1977.) The rally was organized by an Indianapolis minister and state legislator Don Boys,

both of whom have been on a well-publicized anti-gay crusade for several months. Although the rally organizers claimed that the rally was sponsored by churches of 100 denominations, an advertisement in Indianapolis newspapers supporting gay rights was signed by many Indianapolis clergy. Television coverage of the rally and protest was favorable to the gay picket on all three Indianapolis stations. Newspaper coverage was neutral.

Before the rally, both TV and newspaper coverage had tried to sensationalize the picket line by referring to "the expected confrontation between gay and anti-gay forces."

People who marched in the picket line were satisfied that Anita Bryant's appearance did not go unprotested in Indiana. As one picket sign claimed, "Anita Bryant is molesting human rights."




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DR. DON BOYS

editorial

In Support of Charter Reform

On November 8, voters in Boston will go to the polls to elect members of the School Committee and City Council. There will also be two questions on the ballot that should be of vital importance to all gay people in the city. If approved by the voters, the 5-member-at-large School Committee and the 9-member-at-large City Council would each change to 13 members, four members at-large and nine by district. This change would become effective in the 1979 elections.

GCN strongly endorses the proposed referendum questions. The School Committee and City Council have become jokes to many people because of their 'at-large elections.' In a city where 25% of the population is non-white, there are no minority members of either board. There has not been a black on the school committee for 100 years. There has been only one black city councillor in this century.

The black community is accorded the same treatment as other areas of the city which do not adhere to the "family makeup" of the southern half of the city. Allston and Brighton, areas with a large student population, have not been

represented on the city level for 25 years. The South End, where there is an ever-growing gay population as well as most of the city's Hispanic community, similarly has no representation. Back Bay and Beacon Hill, where gay people certainly comprise a substantial segment of the population, send no one to either board.

In a diverse city such as Boston, with 22 wards each with their own needs and characteristics, such a monopoly on city government is inexcusable. Gay people need to have input into their government. We have seen city councils and school committees in other cities be very helpful to gay people. Under the present system, anything city government does that is beneficial to gay people is either very rare or by accident.

We believe it would be in the best interests of the entire city, and especially for the gay citizens of Boston, that the proposed charter reform be accepted on November 8. We urge all our Boston readers to go to the polls next Tuesday, and cast two "yes" votes for a more fair, equitable city government.

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bell doesn't ring

Dear GCN:

Thom Willenbecher in his letter published in your Oct. 8 issue claims that *Esplanade* has published such names as Arthur Bell.

How? I've never written for them. About three months ago, Thom Willenbecher did a long interview with yours truly which I still haven't seen. Is that what he's talking about? Has it been published?

Strange.

Arthur Bell

gays and the left

Dear Folks,

Robert Rosenberg's article on "Gays and the Left," a review of a Spartacist forum, is accurate as far as I could see. I have known the Spartacist League for a number of years, and Rosenberg's report fit my previous experience.

However, the report leaves the impression that SL represents the left in general, which is hardly the case. It spends all of its time criticizing the rest of the left.

SL might at least be credited for having a better position than the Stalinist "Community Party, U.S.A." and their youth group, the Young Workers Liberation League. Let me quote from an article from the Militant about YWLL's recent convention:

Another movement for human rights — one that did the most to popularize the slogan "human rights begin at home" — is the gay liberation movement. But the YWLL document makes no mention of the rights of gays — not a single word.

The September-October issue of the *Young Worker*, the YWLL newspaper, does have an

interview with YWLL National Chairperson James Steele, who speaks of the fight "against decadent cultural trends and degenerate forms of behavior."

Unfortunately, Steele is not speaking here of Anita Bryant and her fellow bigots. Stalinist leaders have repeatedly made clear that they think it is gay people who are the "decadent" and "degenerate" ones. In the Soviet Union, the bureaucratic regime enforces Anita Bryant's repressive antigay demands.

This criticism of the YWLL, as I mentioned, appears in the Militant, the paper of the Socialist Workers Party. I believe the point is clear that you cannot characterize the whole left by the actions or statements of one group. The left is too disorganized in the United States to allow that.

Sincerely,
Ken Withers

the inflammatory and the useful

Dear GCN:

I nearly cancelled my subscription upon reading Wayne Dynes' diatribe against lesbians in the Aug. 20 issue. I changed my mind after you ran Andrew Hodges' article from the *Body Politic* in the Sept. 10 issue. The Canadian article is an example of the sort of analysis that is helpful to our movement. It makes a point that the concerns of lesbians and gay men are not identical and that we shouldn't pretend that they are. From acknowledging our differences we can begin to talk. In contrast, Dynes' inflammatory article retards dialogue and is therefore reactionary.

I am not a separatist, but I believe strongly in the present necessity for autonomous women's

groups and that is where I am working for the time being — for example in Lesbian-Feminists of Los Angeles, a new organization which works in coalitions with men around some issues and demonstrations.

I think Dynes is using his anger at one woman's extreme position to justify a male-supremacist backlash *against* all lesbians and what little recognition our issues have gained in the gay male movement. His anger should more properly be directed at the oppressive society we live in. One aspect of this society is that it is a patriarchy; women *are* oppressed economically and sexually by men. The spectre of a man-exterminating Amazon army is hardly a reality. A feminist utopia would mean the end of all hierarchies and domination. Gay liberation will never occur unless there is also a feminist revolution. I hope Dynes will direct some of his anger at gay male leaders to whom gay liberation means democratic rights for white, middle class and "straight-appearing" gay men.

Thanks for listening,

Barbara M. Bennett

[Ed. Note: The Wayne Dynes article to which the letter-writer refers was a "Speaking Out" piece and in no way represented the views of GCN. "Speaking Out" space is a forum column in which readers may express their views and the space will continue to be open to those with divergent views.]

homophobic harry

Dear GCN,

Jimmy Buffet isn't the only musician who has expressed anti-gay feelings. Harry Chapin is another performer who is insensitive to gay people.

I attended a Chapin concert in Chapel Hill, N.C. in 1975 in which he asked the men in the audience to sing along with him. When there was a weak response from the males he said, "You sound like a bunch of faggots." The audience laughed.

I couldn't get to Chapin after the concert, so I

wrote him. I said in the letter that although he may have been unaware of any harm in his remark he could have caused further pain to some gay men in the audience. This was another example of gay people being the object of ridicule. I requested that he acknowledge my letter. I am still waiting for that response.

Chapin is slated for benefit concerts for World Hunger in October. This is certainly a worthy cause but if any of you attend one of his benefit concerts be prepared to counter his faggot remark. He shouldn't get by with his flagrant bigotry.

Sincerely yours,
John C. Whitener

omission apology

To The Women's Community:

When Women's Community Health Center published our Third Annual Report this August we made the inexcusable error of totally omitting any mention of our long and supportive relationship with the Boston's Women's Health Book Collective (authors of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*). We want to publicly correct that omission by communicating to the women's community our appreciation for the support and encouragement which the Book Collective has offered the Health Center over the past few years. Through joint educational projects with the Boston Women's Health Book Collective we have had the financial means to produce our Third Annual Report (August, 1977) and to participate in the production of the monthly women's health packet which is sent to women's health groups around the United States.

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Massachusetts Gay Bill

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refused to join.) Fortes said he was "shocked and appalled" that Lopes would raise the question of discrimination.

"Sickness in the House"

At that point, Noble and Frank, after conferring with Gay Legislation lobbyists, asked Keverian, who was in the chair, if the vote on the actual bill could then be postponed until the next day. Keverian attempted to accomplish the request on a voice vote — a procedural maneuver which is rarely questioned. However, when Keverian announced that the bill was to be held over for one day the House chamber nearly exploded.

Rep. H. Thomas Colo (D-Athol) called Keverian "You dirty sonofabitch," whereupon Keverian took a swing at him. Rep. Marie Howe (D-Somerville), her voice louder than a fire engine, screamed at the podium and said, "We are not going to have this railroaded."

For the next hour, House members debated Noble's motion to postpone. Rep. William G. Robinson (R-Melrose) said "There is a sickness in the House. We are hating each other." Robinson said the bill should be postponed "before the chamber explodes."

The bombshell of the afternoon was thrown by Rep. Nils L. Nordberg (R-Reading), who claimed that seven (out of ten) of the telegrams he had received in support of the bill appeared to be signed by nonexistent persons or persons who moved from Reading several years ago. Rep. James E. Smith (D-Lynn) suggested to him that one reason may be that some gay people are afraid to sign their names, although it was later determined that the originator of the telegrams was an overenthusiastic gay rights supporter who had a number of relatives in Nordberg's district who did not give permission to send telegrams.

The vote to postpone was accepted on a vote of 120-103, with a number of

former opponents voting with Noble and Frank to postpone. However, Frank pointed out that on a procedural vote such as postponement, it is rare for legislators not to agree to another member's request for postponement.

Crippling Amendments

Wednesday evening, it became well-known that Rep. William F. Galvin (D-Brighton) would introduce an amendment to exclude police officers, firefighters, and corrections officers from the protection of the legislation. With those exclusions, Galvin and several other legislators indicated that they would support the measure.

Gay Legislation was faced with a dilemma: On one hand, if they agreed to the Galvin compromise, they could gain the few extra votes needed to pass a gay rights bill and give the gay move-



Rep. Saundra Graham

ment a badly needed boost, perhaps its only one of 1977. On the other hand, many gay people had philosophical objections to excluding any professions, since such a move tacitly acknowledges the validity of the opponents' arguments.

Gay Legislation co-coordinator Joe Martin, after consulting with lobbyists and Frank and Noble, agreed to a substitute bill. Instead of a nonbinding referendum appearing in Section 2, the following was proposed: "This section shall not apply to the position of police officer, firefighters, or corrections officer, or any other position which the

THANK YOU, SPEAKERS

GCN would like to thank Stan Cushing, Bob Donner, Chuck O'Brian, Marion Tholander, Ron Zutz, and Nick Deutsch of the Gay Speakers' Bureau for their generous donation to the newspaper. We really appreciate it!

WARNING

Continued arrests have been taking place on "The Block" in Boston's Back Bay. Men travelling in this area at night are advised to proceed with caution.

employees of the Department of Mental Health and all employees of elementary and secondary schools.

Long's amendment sparked an hour of acrimonious debate, with Lopes telling his college story, and Fortes criticizing him for it.

Rep. Philip W. Johnston (D-Marshfield), a sponsor of the bill and an expert in the field of child welfare, told the House that in his years of experience in children's rights he had only three cases of children being molested by social workers and other youth personnel, and all of them involved heterosexual men attacking young girls.

Long responded, "We've heard about the rights of homosexuals. What about the rights of those people who are not homosexuals?"

Ultimately, Long's amendment passed by a vote of 118-105, a vote that appalled the gay lobbyists.

Noble made a motion to reconsider the amendment. She was joined by Rep. Paul E. Means (D-Stoneham) and Rep. John A. Businger (D-Brookline), who are also sponsors of the original bill.

Noble's motion to reconsider was defeated 92-128.

On a voice vote, however, House Speaker Thomas McGee (D-Lynn) refused to substitute the weakened bill. Noble then rose to be recognized, but McGee erroneously referred to her as Miss Howe instead of Miss Noble, at which point the entire chamber burst into laughter.

"There is a difference," Noble said into the microphone.

Howe then rose to a point of personal privilege, and shouted from her seat, "Thank God for the difference."

Noble's Confusion

Noble then said that she was planning to vote against the bill and urged other members to do so — even though it was the exact same bill which was on the calendar on Tuesday. At that point, every member of the State House press gallery was thoroughly confused, and McGee gavelled the session into a brief recess to determine why Noble was suddenly opposing her own bill.

"She got confused," said Rep. Barney Frank later in the day. "She got everyone confused." Frank said that more than 20 other representatives approached him and asked what Noble was saying.

Ten minutes later, Noble said that she still supported the bill and urged other members who supported it to also vote for it. When the roll call was taken it was defeated by a vote of 93-129.

Analysis

Observers generally agreed that the reason for the bill's defeat was traceable more to the 1978 House redistricting than either Anita Bryant's Dade County victory or the Supreme Court

Personnel Administrator determined that certain physical, psychological, or occupational qualifications exist and are necessary and desirable for such original appointment or promotion."

Long said he disapproved of even the weaker bill, and suggested an amendment to exclude not only the above three job categories, but also



Rep. Barbara Gray

decision. The redistricting has created an emotion-charged atmosphere in the House this year that has affected a number of other issues besides gay rights.

The strategy behind lobbying for the bill was also unclear at times. There were times when Noble did not make clear to Gay Legislation what the desired or expected action was to be. For example, although nearly everyone in the House was confused by Noble's brief withdrawal from support of the bill, her former campaign manager, Santa Fareri, approached this writer after the vote and insisted that Noble had been taking her orders strictly from Gay Legislation lobbyists.

Some observers felt that there was also a tactical error made in expecting the House leadership to "deliver" votes for Noble, who has been responsive to the leadership this year. Of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the 22 standing committees (who are generally considered to be part of McGee's leadership team), 26 voted against the bill the first time, while only 14 supported it.

Gay Legislation co-ordinator Joe Martin expressed his appreciation to all gay people who participated in the lobbying effort, particularly those who contacted their legislators in support of the measure. He also cited Rep. Robert Nardone (D-Watertown) and Rep. Barbara Gray (R-Framingham), who did a large share of the on-the-floor lobbying for the measure. "And we can't give enough thanks to Barney and Elaine for everything they've done to help us."

Martin said the group plans to continue its efforts at fund-raising for next year's legislative program. "We gave a very good fight," he said.

(The complete roll calls from last week will be published and analyzed in next week's GCN.)

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By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK — Sallie Herson taught at Hunter College about three years ago. One of her classes was a human sexuality course. Through another instructor who had often invited lesbian and gay speakers to visit classes, Ms. Herson contacted members of Lesbians Rising Collective and Gay Men's Alliance to arrange a classroom speaking date. I was one of the speakers who visited her class.

It was an enjoyable affair. The class was receptive and asked intelligent questions, listening intently to our responses. Ms. Herson demonstrated good rapport with the students and had obviously encouraged them in preparing for our visit. After class, she joined us in the cafeteria for coffee. We talked and she confided about her personal life; the woman she lived; their children from previous marriages; the desire she had to share fully and openly with her students in their group discussions. Ms. Herson showed warmth, sensitivity, and an awareness of her own self-expansion.

Ms. Herson lost her Hunter teaching job during the city budget cuts. The open university system was especially hard hit.

After leaving her Hunter position, Ms. Herson was hired for a special experimental program which involved running 'rap' groups with students in the city school system. She was not hired for this position under her regular teaching license, but under a special Certificate of Competency issued by the board of education. She was dismissed from this position about a year ago as the result of her 'coming out' and her supervisor's fear about how other people would react.

She felt she couldn't participate fully

as a person in the rap groups she was conducting if half of her life had to remain hidden. The rap groups included such areas as relationships and love and Ms. Herson was compelled to share from her own experience.

The students, themselves, brought up the lesbian/gay topics, and when Ms. Herson shared her own gayness, their reactions were "Fine" and "O.K." "The communication was excellent," she said.

Ms. Herson says she did "a really positive job" in the position she held. She felt she was "right" in coming out to the students and that she was clearly fired because of her gayness. She says "I made it my business to make sure they didn't get away with it."

A number of people are supporting Ms. Herson in continuing the fight against her dismissal. Meryl Friedman of the Gay Teachers' Association has provided tremendous support and factual knowledge and is appearing in court with Ms. Herson. Eve Carey of the New York Civil Liberties Union filed Federal Court papers in August and the response to the matter is expected in the next couple of weeks.

It is unusual that such a suit is filed against the board of education, which has issued statements of non-discrimination regarding sexual orientation on several occasions. In this instance, however, Ms. Herson was hired under the Certificate of Competency and not her regular license which would have provided more protection.

Sallie Herson was born and raised in northern Maine, an "earthy background." She was married for 13 years to a psychiatrist and has three children. She and her lover, who was also previously married, live together and are

raising six children in common. Ms. Herson's eventual goal is to be a practicing therapist, a goal she'll be working toward more fully after her present difficulties are resolved. She has agreed to participate in the 'Speak Out' being held at New York University on Nov. 12, where Joseph Califano, Carter's HEW Secretary, is scheduled to appear.

Talking with Ms. Herson was a positive experience. As a person, she's bigger than the situation she's involved with and she's bigger than even the gay issue. She acknowledges that she was cause in her own dismissal and doesn't treat herself as just another unfortunate victim. When she has her upcoming hearing with the board of education, she's going to walk in, acknowledge

her own responsibility as well as the unjustness of the situation, and proceed to present new proposals for high school programs she's been developing. Her energy, creativity, and intention are all there. She's creating the whole experience for herself and the outcome as well.

Ms. Herson refuses to limit herself to being "just a gay cause." Graduating from the Erhard Seminars Training (EST) has assisted her, she feels, in realizing that her potential and her being as a person is so total that no one thing can ever limit her. At the same time, she's continuing the suit with the Board of Education. It's a full participation without being strangled in the process.

Wichita Bishop to Defy Ordinance

WICHITA, Kan. — Wichita Diocese Bishop David Maloney has vowed to defy the city's recently enacted gay rights ordinance and has urged all Catholics to join him in "prayers and in active works" towards repeal. Early this month, Wichita became the 37th municipality in the country to enact an ordinance protecting gay people from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

"We shall not hire, and we shall readily discharge any person in our employ who practices or advocates sexual conduct contrary to the clearly established teachings of the Roman Catholic Church," announced Bishop Maloney. In a letter on the subject to the parishes in his diocese, Maloney added that "we do not pronounce judgment on personal tendencies or temptations."

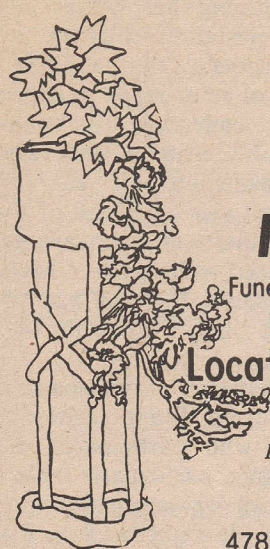
Jesse Rice, the executive director of the Wichita Civil Rights Office, asserted that he will "take action"

against the diocese as soon as it violates the ordinance.

Rice said that the Bishop's statement "caught him by surprise." "It's pretty strange coming from a religious organization that talks about brotherhood," he said. "I've been hoping that I wouldn't have to do anything against the diocese. I thought Maloney would get a reprimand from his higher-ups but nothing's happened."

Rice noted that, in addition to Bishop Maloney, the only other major threats of defiance have come from "a few black preachers, the ones who didn't help us blacks fight for civil rights. I can deal with the black preachers but I don't know what to do about the Bishop."

Opponents of the Wichita ordinance, the second such ordinance to be passed since the Dade County vote, have promised to work for a referendum initiative to repeal the new law.



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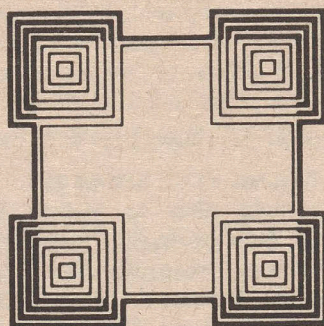
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Licensing Board Hears Community Club's Case

BOSTON — The Boston Licensing Board held a public hearing on Oct. 5 to consider the application of Paul Ciampa and Steven "Skip" Rosenthal to establish the Community Club at 252 Boylston St. The gay club has been operating for several months under a different license.

The Boston Police Department opposed the license transfer, which involved the relocation of a Charles-town licensee to Boylston Street. Opposition was based on two factors: 1) That the expansion of the bar to a three-floor nightclub was not desirable in the particular neighborhood (opposite the Public Garden), and 2) A charge that the bar's management had harbored a known felon and impeded the police in attempting to apprehend him.

Rosenthal denied the police officer's

testimony, and told GCN that he was personally suspicious of how the particular detective became involved in the matter. According to Rosenthal, the complaint was based on an incident when two offers entered the bar in a disruptive manner without stating their business. "That citation was on file at the Licensing Board for weeks, and they didn't even think it was important enough to follow up," he said.

Atty. Joseph Edwards, a Bay Village resident, said he opposed the transfer because the planned expansion would create a strain on the already congested area.

Mason Winegar, representing the Boston Redevelopment Authority, pointed out to the Board that the Community Club building is located in a block where Phase II of Park Plaza is scheduled for construction in five or

six years.

However, Maurice Frye, representing Friends of the Public Garden, said that their group had no opposition to the license transfer, so long as certain steps to preserve the vicinity are taken.

In written testimony submitted to the Board, Rep. Barney Frank also supported the license transfer, assuming four conditions are met: 1) That there be no health club on the upper floors, 2) No neon lights be placed on the

outside of the building, 3) No take-out food to be served on the premises, and 4) That the exterior of the building be repainted a dark color.

Licensing Board Commissioner Jon Straight told GCN that he expects the Board will arrive at a decision on the application within one week, after which the action must be approved by the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

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And the State of New Hampshire is perhaps the most consistent violator of the standards of equality and fairness required under federal law.

When the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sought statistics from the state government on the number of minority persons the state employed, Gov. Thomson ordered state officials not to fill out the forms. . . .

The governor's vigorous attack on homosexual students at the University of New Hampshire, denying them the rights practiced by other students, is yet another example of the administration's pro-discrimination policy. . . .

The state of human rights in the State of New Hampshire is in such tenuous circumstances that it deserves the President's attention.

—from an editorial in the Concord (N.H.) Monitor, Sept. 27, 1977.

L.A. Anti-Gay Probation Rules Challenged

LOS ANGELES — The National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties has filed legal action in the Los Angeles Superior Court challenging a municipal court regulation which forbids gay defendants from associating with other known homosexuals or from frequenting places where homosexuals congregate.

The case involves a Los Angeles man, Edwin Womble, who was arrested in 1976 for soliciting a lewd act. When Womble appeared in court for sentencing, Judge Jack B. Tso ordered him not to associate with known homosexuals while on probation. His attorney at the time of sentencing was Thomas F. Coleman, an openly gay man. Coleman informed the judge that this order would prohibit Womble from standing next to his own attorney in open court, from attending gay

churches or gay political organizations, such as the A.C.L.U. Gay Rights Chapter of which Womble is a member. Judge Tso refused to modify the order.

Documents submitted to the Superior Court show that this order was not an isolated incident but that other gay men have been given similar conditions of probation by various municipal court judges and commissioners. Some municipal judges have attempted at various times to stop the imposition of these conditions, but have failed. This case asks the Superior Court to put a halt to this practice, once and for all.

The National Committee argues that these conditions violate the First Amendment freedom of association, in addition to his Sixth Amendment right to counsel of one's choice.

Coleman has been able to gain judicial support for the elimination of these conditions of probation from two Los Angeles municipal court judges, Brian Crahan and Eric Younger. Judge Younger has stated that these conditions "are inappropriate."

The Municipal Court regulation challenged in the Womble case states the the defendant on probation in a "homosexual" case must "1) stay out of public parks, streets and sidewalks immediately adjacent to public parks; 2) stay out of places and areas where homosexuals congregate; 3) do not publicly associate with known homosexuals; 4) submit to and cooperate in field interrogations by any peace officer at any time of day or night; 5) obey all laws."

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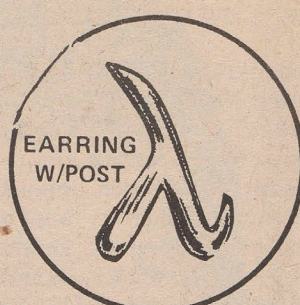
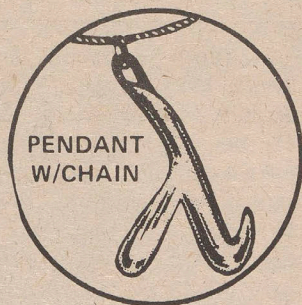
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Surely one of the most legendary figures of our century is Thomas Edward Lawrence (1888-1935). That he should be a legend is not surprising. Many journalists, biographers and romantics (including Lawrence himself) devoted much time and effort to creating the story of Lawrence of Arabia, great hero of the desert, who freed the Arabs from the yoke of the Ottoman Turks during the First World War. Certainly that war was exceptionally squalid and bloody. As one of Lawrence's biographers puts it, "To a generation reared in Flanders with its mud and slaughter, Lawrence and the desert campaign were exhilarating and romantic."

When the War ended, Lawrence returned to a grateful nation to write of his exploits in *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, a vastly popular and admired book which solidified his reputation and carried it around the world.

Historians like Robert Graves and journalists like Lowell Thomas (then at the beginning of his lengthy career) devoted themselves to the Cult of Lawrence of Arabia, laying the foundations for an enormous literary industry. (There are dozens of books on Lawrence, more than on any other personality of the Great War.) The zenith of such idolatry was reached in 1962 with the release of David Lean's film extravaganza, *Lawrence of Arabia*, with a cast of zillions riding on camels through picturesque deserts.

But ours is a cynical age and we delight in lifting the ceremonial robes in which we cloth our heroes to see their feet of clay — and Lawrence had many of them.

The debunking process began in earnest in the 1950's with the publication of Richard Aldington's *Biographical Enquiry* into Lawrence's life. It has grown steadily (with much opposition from Lawrence's numerous fans) until the present publication of Desmond Stewart's *T. E. Lawrence*, which is easily the single best volume I have ever encountered on this enormous but rather sad personality. Stewart, unlike most of Lawrence's biographers, is an Arabist, and his knowledge of the Near East (probably greater than Lawrence's own) has enabled him to write with both an Arab and an English perspective — to bridge the cultural gap between East and West and examine closely Lawrence's adventures in both places, fitting them carefully together with many flashes of dry wit.

Lawrence was many, many things: medievalist, archeologist, author, secret agent, guerrilla fighter — and homosexual masochist. It has been only in recent years that literary detectives have pieced together enough information to substantiate the many rumors about this last occupation. As more facts have been discovered, Lawrence's homosexuality and his efforts to flee it through pain have become the dominate subjects of the latest rash of biographies. (John Mack, a Harvard psychiatrist, has recently written an enormous Freudian fantasy on Lawrence's life with homosexual masochism as the focal point.) Stewart's discussion of what still seems to be a slightly scandalous subject is dispassionate and extremely insightful, with some very new ideas.

'The Particular Sin of Boyhood'

It is by now well known that Law-



Sherif Ali

rence and his four brothers were all illegitimate (about which Lawrence was always deeply ashamed). Their father's real name was Chapman, not Lawrence. He was the scion of an Anglo-Irish landed gentry family unhappily married to a fanatical Puritan. He began an affair with a household employee, Sarah Junner (sometimes called Maden) and eventually ran off with her, adopting the name of Lawrence. They settled in Oxford where the new Mr. Lawrence gave his mistress five sons.

Unfortunately, Sarah was as much a Puritan as Lawrence's real wife and for the rest of her extremely long life (she died in the 1950s at the age of ninety-eight) she fretted about the state of sin into which she had plunged. She relieved her anxiety by frequently beating her sons, trying to make them virtuous. She was especially severe about masturbation (what Mr. Stewart calls "the particular sin of boyhood"). The Lawrence household, with so narrow a woman presiding over it, bred a need to escape, particularly in Sarah's second born, Thomas.

So escape he did, first by retreating into medieval and archeological studies at Oxford. While there, he fell into a crowd of "Uranians," young homosexual esthetes (among whose alumni was Oscar Wilde's beloved "Bosie," Lord Alfred Douglas).

Vyvan Richards, a member of this coterie, made a pass at Lawrence who neither accepted nor rejected it. "He had neither flesh nor carnality of any kind. He just did not understand. He never gave the slightest sign that he understood my motives." This seems to have been Lawrence's reaction to all his Uranian friends, and their devotion to him grew in direct proportion to his inaccessibility. He left Oxford much adored but quite possibly a virgin.

In 1909, Lawrence paid his first visit

to the Near East.

He was remarkably impressed with the Near East and its desert peoples. In *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, he speaks thus of the Bedouin: "In his life he had air and wind, sun and light, open spaces and a great emptiness. There was no human effort, no fecundity in Nature: just the heaven above and the unspotted earth beneath. There unconsciously he came near God." And, most importantly, "(He) perverted his human kindness to the image of the waste in which he hid. Accordingly he hurt himself, not merely to be free, but to please himself. There followed a delight in pain, a cruelty which was more to him than goods. The desert Arab found no joy like the joy of holding back. He found luxury in abnegation, renunciation, self-restraint." "Renunciation" is, I believe, the operative word. We shall see that much of Lawrence's life revolved around it.

On this first of so many trips to the Near East, Lawrence began (so Stewart says) to mythologize about himself. His parents had given him an expensive camera. He sold it for ready money, but wrote home that it had been stolen by desert brigands who beat him and left him for dead. He was ashamed to admit he had himself disposed of it.

The Halfati Incident

On Lawrence's trip in 1910 to the great archeological dig at Carchemish in Syria, he met "the beautifully built and remarkably handsome" Dahoum, water and donkey boy for the archeologists. Lawrence, Stewart tells us, made Dahoum into his "page." He also engaged in a ritual of affection for the boy by wearing his clothes — the first time Lawrence donned the Arab costumes for which he was so famous. No biographer, apart from Stewart, so explicitly (and I think so correctly) attributes Lawrence's fetish for Arab

dress to his attachment to Dahoum. "In disguising himself, not merely as an Arab, but as Dahoum, he was expressing the wish that what happened to himself would happen to his Arab friend." Somewhat Freudian, but convincing in view of Lawrence's odd adventure with Dahoum in Halfati (something other biographers have overlooked).

The two of them, both in Arab dress, were arrested in the town of Halfati as possible deserters from the Turkish army. Stewart carefully describes the beatings with which the Turks punished suspected deserters. He surmises plausibly that both Lawrence and Dahoum experienced such a beating, but then escaped.

Why would Lawrence undergo such mistreatment? Why did he not simply identify himself as an Englishman? (This was before the Great War began and the English could still defy Turkish law.) Stewart supplies two possible answers: "His acquiescence involved identification with Dahoum," and, more importantly, "Possibly for the first time he experienced the irradiation of pleasure through pain." It is interesting that after the incident, Lawrence became fascinated with the sado-masochistic poetry of Swinburne (though "He was never to share the poet's desire for surrender to a commanding woman; the Lawrentian masochism was exclusively connected with males.")

I myself suspect that even more was involved — Lawrence's guilt. We must remember his interest in the Arab capacity for renunciation, something which no doubt appealed to the Puritanism beaten into him by his mother. Perhaps the adventure in Halfati was Lawrence's idea of punishment for his attachment to Dahoum — a punishment that was a pleasure as well, as is true of many masochistic experiences.

The Deraa Incident

Fans of the David Lean film of Lawrence's exploits will remember what was once thought to be the shocking scene of Lawrence's capture by the Turks during the Great War. Jose Ferrer played a lecherous, epicene Turkish Bey who made a pass at the long-suffering Peter O'Toole, was rebuffed (with a knee in the groin) and ordered our hero to be savagely beaten. The scene closely follows Lawrence's own account of it in *The Seven Pillars*, a chapter of Lawrence's life that every biographer has seized upon as the most traumatic. But Stewart has other ideas, and good ones.

During the various wartime campaigns in the desert, Lawrence encountered a new Arab companion, Sherif Ali, a semi-savage desert nomad (and inveterate homosexual). Most biographers have carelessly overlooked him or confused him with another, older man of the same name. It is interesting that when we first meet him in the pages of *The Seven Pillars*, he is busy beating his cousin. At every other encounter Lawrence describes him as doing something violent, usually involving beatings.

It was with this rather sadistic man that Lawrence went to the town of Deraa (in what is now Syria) to blow up a vital Turkish railroad. The mission failed, leaving Lawrence bitterly disappointed (and perhaps desirous of punishment). Shortly thereafter, he supposedly returned to Deraa where he was captured and forcibly bugged by the Bey.

Stewart maintains, after carefully examining Lawrence's own lurid, almost pornographic account of the in-

cident in *The Seven Pillars*, that it was *all* invention. His belief is reasonable, in view of Lawrence's own numerous alterations in the story. He never told it twice in the same way, and once said to Bernard Shaw that it was all false (leaving Charlotte Shaw to call Lawrence "an INFERNAL liar").

But Stewart believes that something important did indeed happen, not in Deraa but in Lawrence's camp at Azrak some distance away. Stewart's thesis is that at the time in question, Lawrence entered into an elaborate S & M relationship with the violent Sherif Ali. Several months later, Lawrence was passing by Azrak with a British companion and said mysteriously that he had been "imprisoned" there for weeks, a remark his companion couldn't understand. If we remember that Lawrence, as is indicated in *The Seven Pillars*, was attracted to Ali's violence, as well as to his beauty (and Ali was by all accounts most beautiful), then his "imprisonment" becomes less mysterious. We also learn from Lawrence himself that, as with Dahoum, he exchanged clothing with Ali. When parting, they even kissed "like David and Jonathan."

I am completely convinced that Stewart's thesis is correct, or at least highly plausible: that the encounter with a depraved Turkish Bey was merely invented by Lawrence to try to justify to himself his discovery with Ali that "pain was the vital ingredient, if not for pleasure, then release." A Puritan's punishment for sexual desires.

him sexually, but aspects of the same experience made him feel the need for physical penance." Such penance he sought by resigning all his posts, refusing all decorations and enlisting under false names as a common soldier in the RAF and the Tank Corps where, "Those who . . . exercise their authority upon us, do it in the lust of cruelty. Evident through their clothes is that tautening of the muscles (and once the rise of sexual excitement) which betrays that we are being hurt not for our good, but to gratify a passion." These words appear in Lawrence's only novel, *The Mint*, about lowlife in the military. Again his obsession with beatings and domination appears.

His career as a common soldier enabled him to meet other soldiers, particularly Jock Bruce in whom he inspired extraordinary devotion. He induced Bruce to engage in elaborate S & M rituals. To set the stage for them, he invented a strange story about a rich relative, the "Old Man," who supposedly sent him an allowance but occasionally wanted him "punished" for bad behavior. Lawrence wrote letters to himself, alleging they were from the Old Man, with very specific instructions about how the beatings were to be administered. "Unless he (Lawrence) strips, the birch is quite ineffective. The twigs are so light that even the thinnest clothing prevents their hurting him. I ask you to use either your friend's jute whip . . . or a useful little dogwhip which I could send you by post." Lawrence even sent

himself the whips! Jock Bruce, a very gullible man, firmly believed in the existence of the Old Man and duly administered the beatings, assisted occasionally by other soldiers.

Here, then, is the ultimate S & M fantasy — the sad but probably inevitable end of Lawrence's identification of pain with pleasure and, I believe, his Puritanical guilt about his own homosexuality. (It is interesting to note that the very name "Oscar Wilde" was a swear word in the Lawrence household when Lawrence was a boy.) It is, I believe, apparent that Lawrence craved punishment desperately to escape from, to renounce, what he was — homosexual.

Lawrence died in 1935 in a motor bike accident. Some claimed it was no accident. Romantic minds find it hard to accept that a man like Lawrence of Arabia could die in such an ordinary manner. In any case, Winston Churchill declared that he was one of the greatest men of his time and that we would not soon see his like again. I myself am inclined more to Lawrence Durrell's judgment: "His own personality decreased as the saga grew. What a little neuter, ripping and goring his body because he loathed it so . . . a sort of nasty child." I fear that Lawrence was a true Pervert, not because he was gay, but because he tried so hard not to be.



The camp at Azrak



Dahoum

The Old Man

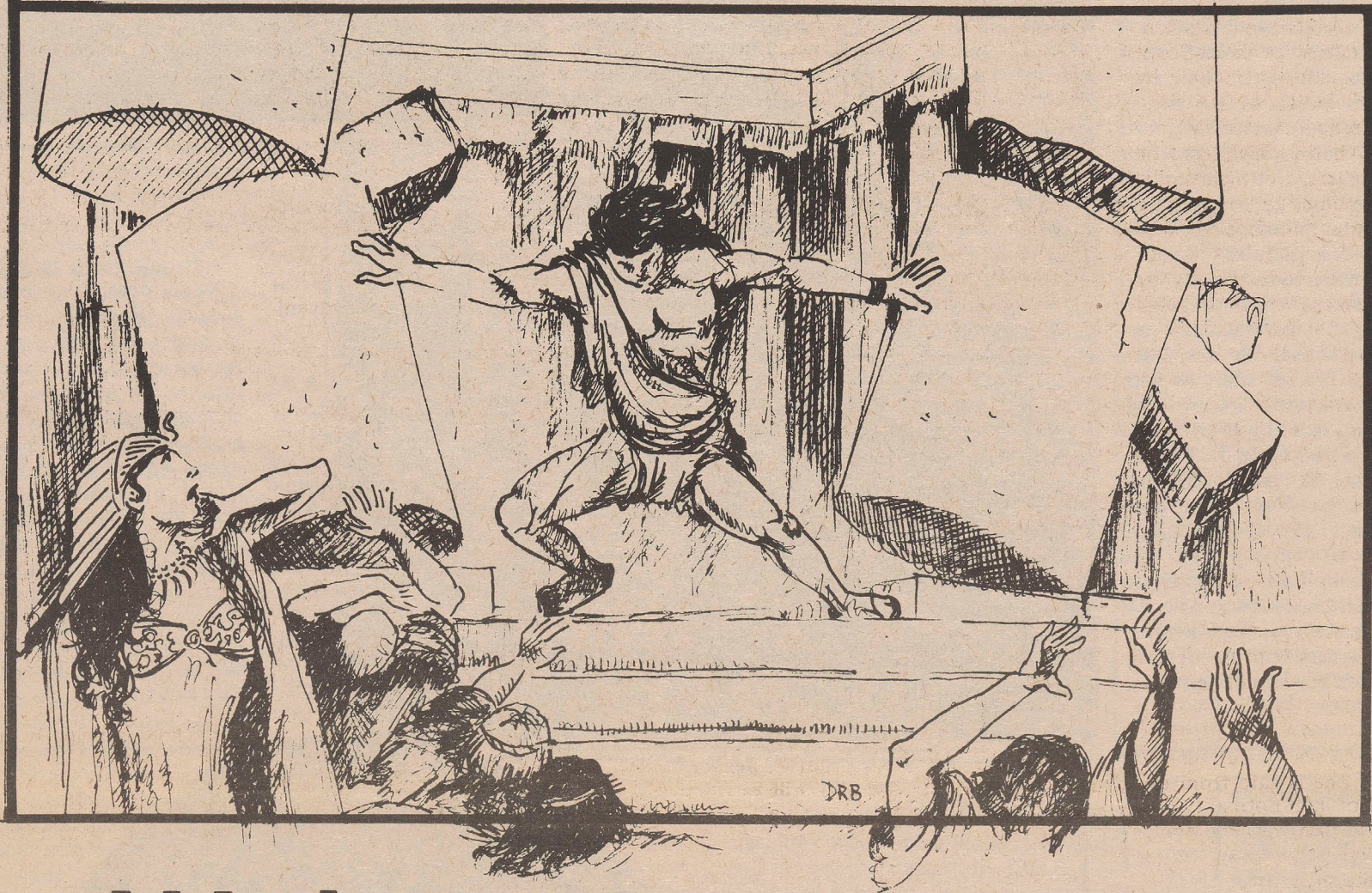
In 1968, a man with a remarkable story presented himself to two London journalists, Philip Knightley and Colin Simpson. The man was John "Jock" Bruce, a great hairy Scot. The story was that he had once been regularly employed by Lawrence to beat him. When published, the story caused a great sensation and very nearly toppled forever the Idol of Lawrence of Arabia. It is indeed a remarkable story — one of renunciation.

As soon as the Great War ended and the Ottoman Empire collapsed (to be replaced in the Near East by the British and French Empires) Lawrence returned immediately to England, never again to set foot in the Near East. No doubt he felt, as Mr. Stewart says, "His Arabian experience had aroused



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Conformity as Morality in a Fat Camp

The Reason We Eat, by Israel Horovitz, at the Boston Repertory Theatre.

Review by Michael Bronski

The list of characters in Israel Horovitz's new play *The Reason We Eat* is reminiscent of those in medieval morality plays: Edmund Scorn, Edna Wrath, Ted Something, Edith Tempt. As the first act of the play progresses it seems as though some modern socio-moral is being made. The time is the near future and the setting is a detention camp for the wealthy obese. Scorn and Wrath are inmates, sent here by the court to get down to the legal weight limit. Both are quite fat and quite wealthy — he by polyesters, she by marriage. The leader of their unit is Something — one time fatty, now petty dictator, who attempts to bully and harass Scorn and Wrath into weight loss. There is much yelling, scrambling for food, and yelping from the vicious attack poodles who lurk in an off-stage hallway. The more desperate for food Scorn and Wrath become, the more abusive and abrasive Something becomes in his attacks on them.

Although it is never quite clear why the characters have these names a point seems to be emerging: The fat (or any oppressed group) are always mistreated, forced to fit social norms, punished and humiliated until they conform. In the second act Tempt, a former Miss America and now TV personality, commits herself to the detention camp. Although she is only 98.6 pounds (nothing compared to Wrath's 300+), she feels fat and thinks it is her duty to stay thin. Social standards are so strict that no one is safe from the accusing finger of non-normality. So that's it . . . The play must be about fascism, even if the characters' funny names don't make any sense.

Suddenly in act three things begin to change, make less sense. We are told that the characters' fatness is only a metaphor. They are really in the detention camp because they eat — not only food, but everything. Scorn has devoured his business partner. Wrath



FAT CAMPS OF THE FUTURE: The inmates of *The Reason We Eat* by Israel Horovitz. From left to right — Jeane Solbes, Annette Miller, Joseph Wilkins, David Rothaus. The play will be running through October 23rd at the Boston Repertory Theatre.

has eaten parts of her husband, Picasso, and several of his paintings. Tempt has consumed this year's Oscars and all of the nominees, and has also eliminated all of the other contestants in the Miss America Pageant. We lose sympathy for these people and *The Reason We Eat* seems to become a play

about capitalism. Scorn, Wrath, and Tempt are accumulators, hoarders of money, wealth, art, and fame. They are dangerous not because they are social outcasts — but because they are omnivorous, willing to eat everything in sight. At the play's end it is announced that the reason we eat is

that we are empty inside. We have an unfillable void. Deprived of outside food and lacking self restraint, some of the characters take to self-cannibalism. Any and all forms of destruction are built into their natures.

The first and second parts of *The Reason We Eat* make very little sense together. Taken separately each idea is interesting. But the lack of unifying theme, or at least a less obscure one, leaves the play hanging and confusing. The tone of *The Reason We Eat* is basically that of a Jor Orton farce: Physical, barbed, anti-social, and epigrammatic. This is when the play is at its best. Unfortunately it is not sustained. Horovitz can't seem to make up his mind as to the language and tone of the play. At times characters speak with a sort of stylized, quotable wit ("Every former fatty is a thin future fatty") then will go into pure TV sitcom: ("Why am I eating this, I should apply it directly to my hips"). This last quote is actually lifted from an old Mary Tyler Moore show.

The comic bits in *The Reason We Eat* are generally not all that funny. Fat people having trouble bending over, food hidden beneath a mattress, attack poodles (attack Lhasa Apsos would have been funnier), Tempt being spanked by Something and then enjoying it. All too often a really obvious laugh is gone for, and no laughter ensues. In act three a departing Scorn says, "I'm leaving on a jet plane, don't know when I'll be back again." No one on stage seems to recognize that it's a line from a Peter, Paul and Mary song. It's not particularly funny in and of itself, and there is no reason for Scorn (or anyone else) to say it. It's a superfluous and cheap try for a laugh like much of the play, unfortunately.

Despite the script much of the acting is quite good, especially Annette Miller as Edna Wrath. She has the timing and delivery to make even the silliest line crank out a laugh. On the whole *The Reason We Eat* might function better as two plays than as the one it is. And you never do find out why the characters have those funny names.

The Springfield Street Saloon—Serving Up Sexism

By Barbara D. Peatie

Cambridge's Inman Square, an area which has been improving over the past several years, has taken a step backward by becoming the home of a singularly regressive restaurant. The Springfield Street Saloon, which advertises dinner theater for its back room, serves up a level of sexism that is impossible to swallow.

Because the show is an integral part of the meal, it is difficult to comment on the quality of the food. Even gourmet food would turn to sawdust when served as it is at the Springfield Street Saloon.

The "stars" of the show are the tall, slender "good-guy" Sheriff Sureshot and the smaller black garbed villain.

Both romp around the stage grabbing and treating the women offensively. The women of the company play their parts, swooning and portraying on stage the ineffective, empty-headed caricature of women that has been with us for years.

At the end of the first "act" the entire company proclaims in song that the chili is coming. All leave the stage in a flurry — the "stars" to stand against the wall looking pretty, the women to the kitchen to bring out and serve the food — and so it goes throughout the meal/show. When not on stage, the women double as waitresses, speaking in obligatory "Western" accents, and the men stand about chatting.

I had the chance to be present at the Springfield Street Saloon a couple of weeks ago at a benefit for Cambridge city council candidate Mary Ellen Preusser. Unfortunately, Mary Ellen's campaign manager had never checked out the nature of the show and she was as red-faced as the rest of us at what she saw. Many people who would have walked out before the end of the meal didn't do so out of courtesy to Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen, who is a strong feminist, was also forced to stay. However, when the salad was served — only the second course — one person could no longer contain herself. She threw a tomato at Mr. "Good-Guy." On the other side of the room someone else had to be restrained from hurling chili

— china and all.

After the fact, the entire evening could be considered laughable — it was a mistake, like going to the "Gong Show" when you had planned on "Saturday Night Live." But the cast, both men and women, were bewildered when people tried to explain why there had been no positive audience response. They couldn't understand that their treatment of the women was offensive to both the men and women in the audience. "That is the way it was in 1884," said one cast member, who couldn't comprehend what it was we objected to in their saloon girl and cowboy routine. . . . That is the way it was at the Springfield Street Saloon in 1977.

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Gay Pride vs. Liberal Tolerance — Two Books

THE HOMOSEXUAL QUESTION.
By Marc Oraison. Harper & Row,
New York, 1977. 132 pages; paper-
back \$4.95.

**WITH DOWNCAST GAYS: Aspects
of homosexual self-oppression.** By
Andrew Hodges and David Hutter.
Pink Triangle Press, Toronto, 1977.
42 pages; paperback \$1.35.

By Hubert Kennedy

There is a good reason to review these two books together, although on the surface it would appear that Marc Oraison's book, described on the cover as "an attempt to understand an issue of increasing urgency within a Christian perspective," could best be compared with John McNeil's *The Church and the Homosexual*. *The Homosexual Question* was first published in French in 1975, but unlike McNeil, Oraison (who is also a priest) did not wait for years to obtain an *imprimi potest* from his Superiors (which, in McNeil's case, was in turn taken away by the Vatican.) Nor does Oraison appeal to "authorities" to support his opinions as McNeil does. Rather, he appeals to his experience as a psychiatrist dealing with homosexuals who have sought his help and claims: "I know what I am talking about." It is quickly clear to anyone familiar with the literature, however, that he does not know what he is talking about. An example is the unscientific statement: "Homosexuality is found only among human beings." (p.34) The evidence to the contrary is abundant.

Oraison, like McNeil, does feel that homosexuals have been much maligned and his book is part of the growing literature of liberal "acceptance" of homosexuality. He writes: "One phrase has come up often during recent years: homosexuals want to be able to 'come out of the closet.' I feel this is an absolutely legitimate demand; between camouflage and exhibitionism there must be room for simple honesty. Let's strive, at least, to get there." So far, so good. The dark side of this moon, however, is that one can only come out into a second-class existence.

The basic assumption of the book, which is nowhere brought into ques-

tion, is that homosexuality is in itself a problem: 'In terms of full sexual development, the problem of homosexuality really is bad, like a psychological birth defect.'

The acceptance of guilt and/or the second-class existence offered by liberals such as Oraison, who tell you that you deserve to be tolerated because you can't help it, leads to the most efficient and effective form of oppression, and the most difficult to fight: self-oppression. Ray Spears gave an excellent example in his recent "Speaking Out" column (GCN, September 24, 1977): "There was an article twenty years ago in *One* magazine, written by Albert Ellis, describing how it could be shown that homosexuals are neurotics. The editors were gleeful. At least that was all they were." As Ray comments: "But they must have known . . . that they didn't feel neurotic . . ."

For an antidote to this kind of thinking, turn to *With Downcast Gays*, whose authors give an analysis of why homosexuals oppress themselves, how we do it and ways of overcoming this oppression.

It is self-criticism at its best, arising from "the realization that inasmuch as we are agents of our own oppression, so we have power to overcome it."

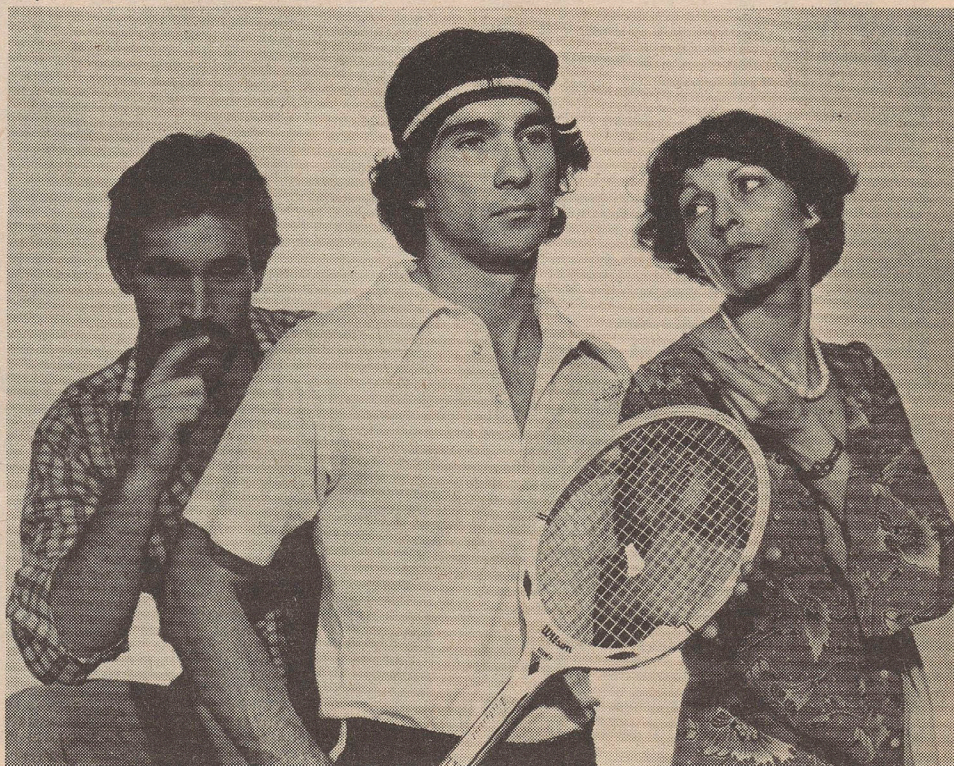
We oppress ourselves because we have adopted and internalized negative attitudes to homosexuality. Once we can no longer deny our homosexuality, we seek ways of coming to terms with the dilemma of being the very people we hate. The final stage of self-oppression is identified as "saying — and believing — 'I am not oppressed.'" Sometimes this is achieved by overcompensating. But, as Hodges and Hutter say, "This extra gloss which gay people feel obliged to give their lives is, of course, quite unnecessary; there is nothing in their homosexuality for which they need to compensate. When we genuinely believe this, and welcome our homosexuality for the natural thing it is, and see homosexuals as the different, but none the less ordinary, people they are, then at last we will have begun to throw off our self-oppression."

The various stages, and side streets,

along the way to ultimate self-oppression are explored in some detail, with numerous examples of self-oppressive behavior. American and Canadian readers may not feel so strongly the illustration of E.M. Forster, but he is a case in point, and the authors make this point very well. Among the aspects of self-oppression discussed are: politics, sexism, camp, liberal tolerance, and the "bisexual" argument. Regarding this last: "Heterosexuals who claim 'We're all bisexual really' modestly imply 'We are none of us quite perfect; homosexuals who gratefully echo them add 'Let him who is without sin cast

the first stone.' " Think it over.

Unlike the Oraison book discussed above and unlike much of the current literature on the subject, *With Downcast Gays* is firmly based on the assumption of the equality of homosexuality and heterosexuality. How can anyone accept anything less? The booklet concludes: "Oppression is as much the creature of self-oppression as the converse. External oppression we can only fight against; self-oppression we can tear out and destroy." Let's get on with it! If your local bookstore does not have *With Downcast Gays*, ask them to order you a copy.



TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY: Three characters in *The Love Match*, a comedy by Richard Hall, debate whether a film star (center, Jim Krestalude) should make a movie about a gay tennis player. The screenwriter (Heikko Kerin, left) says yes . . . the star's agent (Lesley Blake) says no. *The Love Match* starts previews at the 13th St. Theater in New York October 18th, presented by Edith O'Hara, producer of *Boy Meets Boy*.

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By Francis Toohey

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Grace Jones is merciless. She knows the ways into a gay man's heart — for it's mainly men who've come to view her — these perfectly decadent men crying out like damsels in distress for Grace to save them. Grace descends down into the dry ice-steam that we all want to believe is trundling from her gleaming body. She unwraps her package and comes up again — our Afro-dite goddess rising from the waves — but it's we who gasp for air. Grace simmers, squirms until her animal voice becomes aroused and sings her string of hits for the next hour, breaks balloons in her bare hands, flashes the planes of her face for photographers. . . .

In the din of jungle sounds — the birdcalls and monkey-cackles, we realize Grace is our sacrifice in the '70s. She lays it all on the line, the way we like it — Grade A New York Gay. Her manager tells me Grace will never



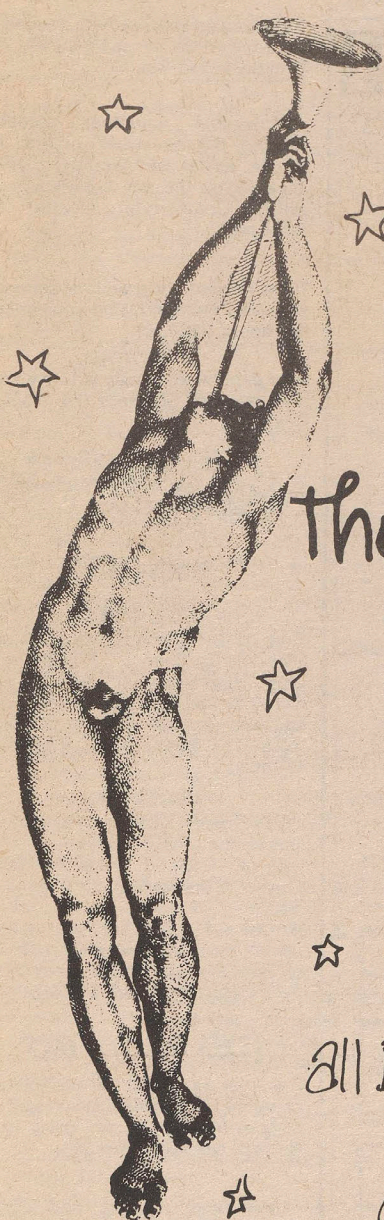
Grace Jones as she appeared at Boston's Rainbow Room.

forget this audience — the gays who made her. You never can tell with show-biz, but Boston will be getting over Grace Jones none-too-soon. . . .

Let's all give a hearty hurrah to host **John Addison** for presenting Grace Jones to Boston for a night all our own. . . . We were less pleased with **Nureyev** in *Valentino* at the *Sack Cheri*. I'm 'one person who's through carrying the torch for **Ken Russell** — he'll just go on making movies for himself and his friends. So Mr. Russell ought to just project his self-serving

junk in his living-room and put his pals to sleep. **Nureyev** is not an actor, **Leslie Caron** is made to look ridiculous and **Valentino** himself is reduced to a naive romantic immigrant whose manhood is wrongly up for grabs. If Russell had sewn some facts amidst the *kitsch* he might have used the real life episode of **Valentino** presenting **Ramon Navarro** with that art-deco dildo that later gagged him into the grave at the hands of a hustler. Russell's **Valentino** is a homophobe — don't go. . . . October's surely the month for color and fantasy it seems, what with the foliage, Halloween, **Grace Jones** and **Ken Russell**, so the **Beaux Arts Ball** I lamented last week is giving it a try at **Together** on the 30th. That's the place to be to see the traditional gay holiday in its true form. . . . Those **Fantastic Femmes**, **Gypsy Lee Rosenberg**, **Crystal Stein** and **Tina** will be appearing indefinitely at **Doc's Cafe** at the corner of Northampton Street and Harrison Avenue Fridays and Saturdays, at 10 and 12 p.m. **The Fabulous Frannie** will MC. . . . Quoth Crystal, "It's a nice room." . . . One of the nicer rooms we've entered in a long time is **Don DiRocco's Cabaret** in Tyngsboro. Remember that ambience (there's that word again) that used to light up the eyes at the old **Boston Cabaret**? That old spark you thought you lost still flickers up there. Who says you can't come home again? . . . Saturday's DJ at **DiRocco's** is **Brian**, and the music's just as hot as any place in town. . . . **Marsha Daniels** isn't washed up, folks — thanks to Sylvia Sidney, she's just up on Route One at **The Green Apple** with **Jack E. Bell**. . . . DJ **Wendy Hunt's** sizzling **Styx** on Sunday nights now. . . . Maybe

that's where **Elaine Noble** had her hair done. . . . Speaking of **Styx** — why do I get this strange compulsion to order sundaes over the bar now? . . . Boston's Boys' Club, **Los Papagayos**, had a party at **Tony Bosco's Delivery Entrance** Oct. 6 with 200 of the clique in attendance. . . . And **Club 76** wants you to know about their 2-fer night on Weds. It's also women's night, so there should be a nice mix. . . . Politics makes strange bedfellows, they say, but **Francis Toohey** and Arts and Entertainment Editor of *Esplanade*, **Paul McMahon**, were only seen dancing together this week at the **Rainbow Room**. . . . It seems Paul's book on **Marlene Dietrich** has finally found an interested publisher. . . . Let's straighten-out only one thing about **Jupiter-in-Aries** — they emphasize they are not affiliated with any organization. . . . **Vincent Price** will be prancing across the *Colonial's* stage as **Oscar Wilde** when the west coast hit, **Diversions and Delights** opens on the 28th. . . . And 85 years-young graphic artist, **Erte**, will visit the **Gallery In The Square**, 665 Boylston, on Nov. 2 between 5:30 and 7 p.m. . . . His long awaited Art-nouveau *Alphabet* will be on display in a limited edition through Nov. 30. Call 466-6616 for gallery hours. . . . **Jack Rubin** has to own up to this one: The Easter Bunny stuffs his basket with colored eggs, they say, but what about Gay Legislation co-ordinator **Joe Martin**? **Bill Stevens** came up with an answer to this perplexing question the other night at **Sporters**: "It's probably stuffed with unpassed bills." Chuckle, chuckle. . . . Out in Worcester, **The Mailbox** reports that they'll be relocating. Watch **PP&F** for more definite info. By the way, their party Oct. 2 was a grand time. . . . I was just kidding **Elaine Noble** earlier — the new hairstyle looks lovely and it's about time! Duck everybody!



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6:30-8pm — Alcoholism discussion/education group for lesbians, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1145 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA, 661-1316

6:30-8:30 pm — Gay Health Services by appointment, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.

7pm — Gay alcoholics group, 10 Walnut St., Worcester, MA

7-9 pm — U. of Vermont Gay Switchboard, 656-4173.

7-10 pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438.

7-9 pm — Yggdrasil Gay Gathering at Yggdrasil, 15 Gilbert Rd., Storrs, CT, (203) 486-4737.

7:30 pm — UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center.

8 pm — Lesbian Rap and Action Group, Cambridge Women's Center basement, (617) 354-8807.

8 pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., NH.

8 pm — GPC business meeting, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

8-9 pm — "None of the Above," WWUH-FM (91.3), West Hartford, CT, (203) 521-4553.

8 pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 148 Orange St., New Haven, CT.

8:30 pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group, (203) 522-2646.

8:30 pm — Gay Alliance at Yale, open meeting, basement Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, 436-8945; public welcome.

9 pm — Gay discussion group, Columbia U., Furnald basement, Broadway at 115th St.

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8:30 pm — Providence Gay Group of AA, Assumption Parish Hall, 791 Potters Ave., Providence, RI, 231-5853.

WEDNESDAYS

9 am — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM, (91.7), Storrs, CT.

11 am — Gay discussion group of Drop-In Center of Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA; open to everyone.

6-10 pm — NH Lambda for lesbians, phone (603) 228-8542.

6:30-8:30 pm — Gay Health Services, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.

7 pm — Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH.

7 pm — Liberation Rap Group, (617) 756-0730.

7 pm — Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701.

7-9 pm — GRAC Volleyball on Fenway (b'tween rose garden and baseball diamond), Boston.

7-10 pm — Gay Women's Collective, UConn Women's Center, (203) 486-4738.

7-9 pm — University of Vermont Gay Switchboard, (802) 656-4173.

7:30pm — MCC midweek service, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

8 pm — Nashua, NH Area Gays rap session, call Ken (603) 673-5315 or Doug, 882-8732.

8 pm — Discussion group for lesbians and gay men, Christ Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie, NY.

8 pm — HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

8 pm — Yalesbians meeting, rm. B-8, Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT, 436-8945.

8:30 pm — Gay-straight Rap, UConn, Mental Health Clinic, (203) 486-4705.

9-12 pm — Gay Social, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

10:15 pm — "Gaybreak Radio" on WMUA-FM (91.1) (1st and 3rd Wednesdays).

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7:30 pm — Peoples Gay Alliance, UMass/Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center.

8pm — Womenspace coffeehouse and workshop, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT.

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.

8-9:30 pm — Gay Alliance at UConn 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.

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