

# CALENDAR

The deadline for Calendar items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.

## 28 sat

**Cambridge, MA** — Men's Childcare Collective conference on Men and Women's Growing Independence. Workshops, panel, culture and food. Participating groups include Wages for Housework Campaign, Payday, Emerge, Boston Men's Center. Men and women invited. Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Ave., Harvard Sq. Info: 492-5211. FREE. 1-6pm.

**Boston** — Chiltern Mt. Club will tour the Emerald Necklace by bicycle. Call Sturgis Haskins for details, 227-6167.

**Boston** — Outthere! Committee for Gay Youth is venturing into nature at Pond Meadow Park, Braintree. Noon to 5 (leaving Boston at 2). 355 Boylston. 21 and under only.

## 29 sun april

**Tyngsboro, MA** — Benefit for GCN at Di-Rocco's, (see ad for road directions). All day entertainment including manic, hypnotist, and dance contest. Champagne and crepe brunch from 12-3pm; Spaghetti dinner from 7pm on. Donation \$3.

**Cambridge, MA** — Men's art and photography exhibit and sale at Clearspace, 485 Mass Ave. from 2-5pm. Everyone welcome.

**Cambridge, MA** — Clearspace workshop in batik, 2-5pm. FREE to all. 485 Mass Ave. 876-0215.

**Boston** — Boston Unitarian-Universalist Gays and Lesbians present John Ward from Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) speaking on "Legal Help for Gays." Clarke Rm., Arlington St. Church, 7pm.

**Boston** — The Joe Oteri Show (Channel 56) will be on gay rights tonight and will feature NGTF co-director Charles Brydon, former GCN editor Neil Miller and others. 10pm.

## 1 tues may

**Boston** — Lesbian and Gay Pride Week people will meet at Glad Day Bookshop, 22 Bromfield (2nd fl.) to continue planning and working on June's activities. People are needed to help work on the parade, the rally, workshops, etc. 7pm.

**Beverly, MA** — North Shore Gay Alliance (NSGA) will hold a potluck dinner at 12 Ober St. starting at 6pm. All are welcome.

**Boston** — Silver Slippers and Sneakers Benefit for Gay Legislation and the Gay Business Assoc. Artists, performers and organizations needed to present tables of crafts, make music, etc. Call 247-3431. 539 Tremont, 6pm-2am. Donation \$5.

**Worcester, MA** — Buffet and lecture with members of GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders). Buffet at 7 followed by lecture at 8. Isalah's, 11 Thomas St. Info: 753-8360.

**Cambridge, MA** — Daughters of Bilitis Discussion Group EVERY TUESDAY and the first, third and fifth Thursdays of every month. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. 8pm.

**Boston** — Boston Area Gay and Lesbian Schoolworkers (BAGALS) will meet at 7:30pm, 355 Boylston. Schoolworkers of all kinds are welcome.

**Washington, D.C.** — Gay Community Center of the District of Columbia presents Christie Klein from NOW speaking on the ERA. 1469 Church St NW. 8pm.

## 2 wed

**Boston** — Mass Caucus for Gay Legislation meets EVERY WEDNESDAY at 73 Tremont, Rm 224. 7pm.

**New York City** — West Side Discussion Group presents "The First Thursday Social/Dance Party" with refreshments; \$3 donation admits 2 persons. 26 Ninth Ave. at 14th St. Unisex. 8:30pm.

## 4 fri

**Boston** — Boston Center for the Arts will be presenting "The Maids" by Jean Genet, at the Little Flagg Theater, 551 Tremont tonight and tomorrow night at 8pm. \$2.50.

**Northampton, MA** — Janice Raymond, Hampshire College Women's Studies, will be visiting Womontyre Books from 4-6pm and talking about her new book, *Transsexual Empire*. Refreshments.

## 5 sat

**Bellevue Falls, VT** — The Southern Vermont Lesbian/Gay Men's Coalition will host the Northern New England area conference on the October March on Washington. Andrews Inn, Main St. 10am. Info: (602) 257-7643 or 387-4297.

**Boston** — Chiltern Mt. Club will be climbing Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire. Boston Gay Youth is invited. Call Bliss Woodruff for details on meeting places and getting to New Hampshire. (603) 883-5583.

**Concord, MA** — Women's picnic and hayride beginning at noon at Walden Pond. Children welcome. Clearspace will hold an open house in Marlboro following the hayride. Info: 876-0215.

**New York City** — First Annual U.S. Rock Against Racism Festival on the Sheep Meadow in Central Park. 12-5pm. Thirteen of New York's top rock 'n' roll bands and guests will be playing. FREE (Sunday also).

**Boston** — Boston Gay Writer's Group presents Robert Patrick, noted gay New York playwright, reading and performing from his works at the Hunnewell Chapel, Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston, 8pm. \$2 donation.

**Boston** — Mass. Statewide Conference on Lesbian and Gay People's March on Washington. Caucuses, committee work, speakers, discussions. Arlington St. Church. Please register by sending the requested fee of \$5 to March on Washington, GCN Box 20, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, 02108. The conference will be held from 9am-5pm.

**Cambridge, MA** — Amaranth presents benefit poetry reading for Agoraphobics Working Together. 134 Hampshire. Women only. 8pm.

**Cambridge, MA** — Red Book Store celebrates May Day with benefit disco at the Group School, 345 Green St. 9pm-1am. \$3 donation. Info: 491-6930.

**Boston** — Benefit for Metropolitan Community Church: "Inseparable Pieces: A Sequence of Power Plays." A collage of skits against sexism and homophobia and developing allies in these departments. Old West Church, 131 Cambridge, 7:30pm. Donation \$5.

**Salem, MA** — North Shore Men's Center is conducting a workshop on "Male Friendships" at the Salem State College Student Union. \$5 for students with IDs, \$10 for others. Info: 599-5918 or 745-0556.

## 6 sun

**Boston** — Artemis Productions presents Teresa Trull in concert at B.U. 871 Commonwealth Ave. Two shows 3pm and 7:30pm. Signed in ASL, free child care, wheel chair accessible. \$4.50.

**Boston** — Local lesbian poets (Jane Barnes, Robin Becker, Andrea Loewenstein, Pat Kuras and Marcia Womongold) will be reading their poetry. Music and discussion. Clarke Rm., Arlington Street Church, 7pm. 355 Boylston.

**Cambridge, MA** — Gay Academic Union presents Nancy Walker of GCN in informal discussion. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, 5-7pm. Refreshments.

**Cambridge, MA** — Closet Space (WCAS, 740 AM) presents "Perspectives on Cuba," with women and men recently back from travel in Cuba talking about that country's treatment of gay men and lesbians. 10am.

**Boston** — Anti-nuclear Mobilizing Committee is taking buses to Washington (leaving Sat. at midnight) for demonstration. \$20 roundtrip. Call Freedom Center, Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. 262-3138. A special women's bus is planned. Call Sue at 628-3984 or 666-5254 by May 2.

**Boston** — WROR (98.5 FM) presents another in its series on gay rights under the law. This week: lesbian child custody. 10pm.

**Pasadena, RI** — Rhode Island Women's Health Conference at Pasendale Public Library, Kingstown Road. \$2-\$5 donation or whatever you can pay. 9:30am-5pm. Info: (401) 789-0651.

## 8 tues

**Providence, RI** — The third anniversary of the Providence Gay Group of AA will be held at St. Stephen's Church, 114 George St. Members of Boston AA group will be guest speakers. A buffet and dance will follow the meeting. 8:30pm.

**New York City** — West Side Discussion Group presents "Women in the Political Arena" featuring Ginny Apuzzo. All women welcome. 26 Ninth Ave. \$2 donation. 8:30pm.

## 9 wed

**Cambridge, MA** — DOB new discussion group for women 35 or over at Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm.

## 10 thurs

**New York City** — West Side Discussion Group presents "Gay Fathers." Henry Weiss and a group of gay fathers explore gay parenthood. Unisex. 26 Ninth Ave. \$2 donation. 8:30pm.

**Cambridge, MA** — Amaranth presents "Masks of Change." Prose poems by Karen Ann DeNitto. All women welcome. \$2 donation. 8pm. 134 Hampshire.

**New York City** — The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR) will hold a fundraiser at the Dutchess, 70 Grove St. (at Sheridan Square). Hillary Morgan, folksinger, will entertain. \$3 donation includes one drink. All women are welcome. 8pm.

## 11 fri

**Boston** — An evening of poetry and live jazz with Mel King, Sam Allen, Ricardo Alonso, Thad Davis and Maxine Shaw, at Warwick House, St. Phillip's Parish, 1 Warwick St., Roxbury. This is a benefit for Mel King for Mayor of Boston. Cheap and good refreshments, free childcare; admission \$3, free to the unemployed and elderly. Info: 442-8890. (A second reading with Ron Schreiber and Valerie Jayne will be held on May 25th).

## 12 sat

**Boston** — Chiltern Mt. Club is going canoeing in Ipswich. Info: Sturgis Haskins at (617) 227-6167.

## 13 sun

**Boston** — Benefit for GCN and Gay Hotline at the Delivery Entrance Bar (House Restaurant), 12 Wilton St. in Allston near Cambridge St. and Harvard Ave. Featuring Mary Faith, Bobby Wetherbee, Stephanie and Ric, and Robin MacCormack. Buffet dinner from 8-11. Cash bar. \$3 donation.

## 18 fri

**South Bristol, ME** — Center for Being workshop for androgynes only (men and women striving to be whole). A center for gays, bisexuals and transsexuals will be holding regular workshops this summer. Info: (207) 774-9007 or 644-8619.

**Boston** — Benefit for Clearspace at Somewhere, 295 Franklin. Brunch 1:30-4; AUCTION at 4 (Donations for the auction may be left at Clearspace, 485 Mass Ave in Cambridge on Thursday evenings from 8-11 or call 227-4327).

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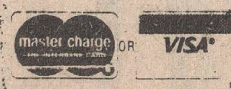
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## NGTF and Others Issue Statements

By Dan Daniel

NEW YORK — The National Gay Task Force and several other organizations, many of them with national memberships, have issued statements expressing their positions with regard to the National March on Washington for Lesbians and Gay Rights, scheduled for October 14.

Expressing concern over the process used in "planning and organizing the march," the Executive Committee of the NGTF Board of Directors drafted this statement at the April meeting:

"The National Gay Task Force supports the statement of demands adopted by the National Conference on the March on Washington, meeting in Philadelphia in February of this year. The goals adopted in Philadelphia are compatible with NGTF's goals. We agree that public demonstrations of support for lesbian and gay rights are essential. We support any of our members who choose to participate in the march, which is scheduled for October 14, 1979.

"We are troubled by the process used in planning and organizing the march. We believe that this planning process may limit the ultimate success of the march. Because of this concern, coupled with our limited resources which we must devote to our ongoing programs, NGTF is not now in a position to endorse the march."

A joint statement was issued by the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Churches, Integrity, Inc., and the Gay Rights National Lobby, Inc., which read:

"A National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights is being planned for Oct. 14, 1979, in Washington, D.C. After careful consideration, we have decided that this particular action at this point in time is not a priority for us. Further, it does not seem to us to have sufficient focus to merit the diversion of resources that this effort would entail. Such a march would require major expenditures of time and resources which our organizations feel are more urgently needed elsewhere in the Lesbian and Gay communities, both locally and nationally.

"We recognize different strategies and priorities exist within every movement. Therefore, although our organizations will not take an active role in organizing for the march, we will not oppose or interfere in this effort."

The focus of the march centers around six demands which were adopted in Philadelphia in February. They were: to end all social, economic, judicial, and legal oppression of lesbian and gay people; repeal all anti-lesbian/gay laws; pass a comprehensive lesbian/gay rights bill in Congress; issue a presidential executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Federal Government, the military, and federally-contracted private employment; end discrimination in lesbian mother and gay father custody cases; and protect lesbian and gay youth from any laws which are used to discriminate against, oppress, and/or harass them in their homes, schools, jobs, and social environments.

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## Teachers Under Fire in Nevada

By George Michaelson

LAS VEGAS, NV — Gay activists here are concerned that a Briggs Initiative-style bill may be introduced and passed in the closing weeks of the state legislature's current session. The bill would require school districts to fire or refuse to hire any teacher "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting public or private homosexual behavior in such a manner that creates a substantial risk that such conduct will come to the attention of school children or school employees." Local activists say the bill is being proposed at a time of growing state harassment of gays, and some suspect that the bill is an organized part of a national right-wing campaign.

According to the April issue of *Vegas Gay Times*, Assemblywoman Karen Hayes, who represents a Las Vegas district, told the press last month that she plans to introduce the legislation. She has already instructed the Assembly staff to draft the bill, and told them to model it on the language of an Oklahoma bill passed last year which was, in turn, modeled on the Briggs Initiative. "Whatever they're going to do in the closet," Hayes told reporters, "I don't care. I just don't want them coming out and molesting my children."

Hayes' announcement follows a series of well-publicized arrests and accusations against gay men



Stephen Hinkson, Chair of NHR Speakers Bureau

in the Vegas area. In the most widely-publicized case, a high school business teacher was one of four men arrested by an undercover police agent whom each of the men had attempted to pick up at a pornography shop. That teacher is said to have decided to resign at the end of the current academic year. Another teacher has been refused renewal of his contract because of charges that he had sex with a minor several years ago, even though a court has cleared him of the charges. A third teacher is being questioned about incidents said to have occurred one to two years ago.

When contacted in Las Vegas, Stephen Hinkson, chairperson of the Nevadans for Human Rights (NHR) Speakers Bureau, indicated that these incidents represent "a stepped-up level of harassment of gays in the state. We can't be sure why it's happening right now, but it seems someone wants to gain some

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## Officer Not Yet Prosecuted in Beating

By Jil Clark

SAN FRANCISCO — "District Attorney Freitas is attempting to compromise, thinking that by filing criminal charges against one of the two cops involved, the gay community will be satisfied. . . . Our reaction is that we don't want partial justice," proclaimed Tom Steel, attorney for two lesbians who allegedly were assaulted by off-duty police officers last month.

Steel is referring to what the San Francisco feminist and gay communities view as a coverup of a police invasion of the lesbian bar, Peg's Place, on the night of Friday, March 30. According to Alene Levine, the bouncer that evening, a group of "eight or more obviously drunken men," who were shouting, "Let's go get the Dykes," as they approached, attempted to force their way into the bar.

Daniel Marr, Michael Kelly and Kevin Guerine finally succeeded in getting in; Marr and Kelly are officers on the San Francisco Police Force. In the wake of the invasion, Levine and bar owner Erlinda Symaco were taken to the hospital. Levine was released that same night after receiving treatment for some cuts and contusions and large bumps on her head inflicted by a pool cue. Symaco, however, remains in the hospital with "various serious complications" for which spinal surgery may be required; the injuries that she sustained during her contact with Kelly further damaged her already bad back. She still has huge bruises on her neck.

As promised by Mayor Feinstein two weeks ago, both officers Marr and Kelly have been removed from any assignment which would require their contact with the public.

As a result of an investigation by the Internal Affairs Department of the Police Department, which took into account the testimonies of seven eyewitnesses, Marr began a series of hearings with the Police Commission which will determine whether he will be suspended or expelled from the force. Kelly, on the other hand, has been ordered to appear only before Police Chief Charles Gain, who is not empowered to do more than suspend Kelly for ten days.

Three weeks after the altercation, this meeting has not yet appeared on Gain's agenda.

Gain says that his department is doing "all we can" to investigate possible police misconduct at the Peg's Place altercation.

Steel feels strongly that both the police department and the D.A.'s office have demonstrated great reluctance to investigate and prosecute the officers involved. "We're having to pull their arms and legs constantly to get them to do anything," he said.

District Attorney Joseph Freitas, Jr., told GCN that, in the process of conducting a thorough investigation of the incident, independent of that conducted by the police department, he found that the police department's work had been shoddy. "I wish that they had done a more thorough investigation in the first place," said Freitas.

With respect to his own office's investigation, he asserted that "we are satisfied that the conduct of [Marr] was unprovoked and unjustified. . . . [A] police officer who violates the law is entitled to no preferential treatment. . . ." He also stated that the police should be especially thorough in investigating any incident in which race, creed, sex, or sexual orientation could be a factor.

In response to Steel's insistence that Freitas file criminal charges against both officers, the D.A. has charged only Marr, along with civilian Guerino, with three counts of battery and one of malicious mischief. The D.A.'s office claims that "conflicting testimony" has prevented them from filing charges of criminal assault against Kelly.

According to Steel, that "conflicting testimony" consists entirely of Kelly's own contention that Symaco assaulted him.

Freitas stated that several eyewitnesses have proffered testimony which, he feels, contradicts Symaco's claim that Kelly assaulted her. The consensus of these witnesses is that Symaco had continued to inspect Kelly's identification (his driver's license) after he had asked to have it back. "Apparently," explained Freitas, "Kelly was trying to retrieve his driver's license."

In the opinion of Levine's counsel, Steel, there are two

reasons why the D.A.'s office has not taken action against Kelly: "The suspects are police and the victims are gay."

### Suspicious Irregularities

According to Steel, the "cover-up" of the incident by the San Francisco Police Department began when two on-duty police officers, arriving at the bar in response to an alarm activated by the bartender, discovered that the assailants were fellow officers. Steel cited five basic errors made by the uniformed investigating officers: they failed to make any arrests at the scene, despite the fact that Kelly had to be forcibly separated from Symaco; they failed to take statements from witnesses, although it is standard practice to interview people separately in order to ascertain the facts; undercover Vice Officer Marr, pinpointed by witnesses as the person who started the incident, was not taken to the police station. He was allowed to drift out of the bar in his drunken state, striking Levine as he left. He reported his version of the incident at the police station later in the morning; although many witnesses described the men as drunk, no alcohol test was administered to those who were taken to the police station. As a result, said Steel, "We have no way of documenting later if they were drunk or not"; and the police report, said Steel, is insufficient, vague, and one-sided. The account of the incident is drawn entirely from the allegedly drunk officers, not from any of the witnesses and is only about 15 lines long.

"Since the assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, harassment of gays by straight gangs and police has escalated," Levine told GCN. She feels that progress made in the relationship between gay and straight people in San Francisco has been lost and described the current political climate for gays there as "very dangerous" because gayness is such a prominent issue there. "We could safely have our numbers and our visibility if these people [Moscone and Milk] were still alive."

Levine commented further that she sees the "cover-up" of police brutality at Peg's Place as a mere indicator of the larger problem which San Franciscans are up against: "The population of our city is comprised almost entirely of racial minorities. . . . This makes San Francisco one of the few cities where minority groups outnumber whites. . . . Yet the police force is mostly white men."

Dissatisfied with Freitas' failure thus far to prosecute Kelly, Levine said, "San Franciscans have to elect a District Attorney who will prosecute."

About Police Chief Gain, Levine had "no complaints." "I think he has been totally honest with us," she said. "In fact, he's the only person in the police department that has treated me with respect and as the victim in this incident. . . . I wouldn't like to see him go, though I think that a lot of the officers would. . . ."

Asked whether there had been any additional harassment since the incident, she stated that she has received 45 threatening, obscene, or otherwise harassing phone calls at the bar or at her home. Her home phone number, which is unlisted, appears on the police report.



## News Notes

### quote of the week

"We've heard recently about gay birds, but what about gay bees? Well, not bees actually, but related bugs. . . . The human bedbug, *Cimex*, is an enthusiastic creature and will attempt to mate with almost anything it come across, be it another male, a dead female, or even a piece of cork carved in the shape of a bedbug. But strangest of all is another sort of bedbug which lives on African bats, *Afrocimex*, which as far as I know is the only bisexual animal of any sort specifically adapted for homosexual copulation. . . . *Afrocimex* males indulge in homosexual matings with actual transference of sperm. We spend quite long enough puzzling over our own gayness: Have [you] any suggestions why a bedbug should be glad to be gay?" — Dr. Adrian G. Marshall, Dept. of Zoology, University of Aberdeen, in a letter to London's *Gay News*.

### gay canada hosts "celebration 79"

OTTAWA, ONTARIO — "Celebration 79," the 7th annual congress of gay men and lesbians, has been scheduled for the University of Ottawa Law School from June 27 to July 2.

The congress will mark the 10th anniversary of the gay liberation movement in Canada, and will be attended by representatives of homophile organizations from all over the country, as well as spokespersons from government institutions and civil rights groups.

There will be plenary sessions, round-table discussions, and caucuses, with the latter designed so that caucus participants will not miss any of the plenary sessions.

Preceding the opening of the congress will be a gay cultural festival, which begins on June 15 and runs until the opening session. The festival will feature films, plays, and various other cultural and social events. Saturday, June 30, there will be a gay pride parade.

For further information, contact Celebration 79, in care of ADGQ, CP-36, Succursale C, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2L 4J7, or call (514) 843-8671.

### national lawyers guild holds open house

BOSTON — The National Lawyers Guild, a 40-year old organization of progressive lawyers, law students, and legal workers, has announced an open house and benefit in honor of its moving to downtown Boston from Central Square in Cambridge.

The event takes place on Friday, May 11, from 5-9 p.m., at 120 Boylston Street, Boston, in Room 1011. There will be an open bar, snacks, and a door prize, and the suggested donation is \$10. For more information, call 542-5415.

### hepatitis b project moves ahead

NEW YORK — The New York Blood Center and the Gay Men's Health Project have announced that over 750 gay men have enrolled so far in their Hepatitis B Vaccine Program. A thousand volunteers are needed to fill this free program, which aims to evaluate the new vaccine and thus provide an opportunity for New York City area gay men to protect themselves against this sexually transmitted disease.

Free blood testing clinics to determine hepatitis B status status are held regularly at the Blood Center and the Health Project, as well as by invitation at various gay organizations.

Future plans include presentations and clinics during Hunter College's Gay Pride Week and the National Gay Health Conference, and extended weekend hours at the Health Project throughout the spring.

The Blood Center and the Health Project advise all sexually active gay men who have not been tested for the program to do so without delay; the vaccine will not be available to the general public for 4-5 years and may be costly.

For more information, please contact the Blood Center (212-570-3047) or the Gay Men's Health Project (212-242-4989).

### lesbian poets in community solidarity

BOSTON — Following the success of First Night, in which the homosexual community read poetry for the general public, Boston Unitarian Universalist Gays and Lesbians is presenting local lesbian poets of note in a program that will highlight their individual viewpoints.

After the reading, men and women of the gay community will be invited to join others in a question and answer period with the poets, and in refreshments. The program will include music.

Those reading are Jane Barnes, Robin Becker, Marcie Herschman, Pat M. Kuras, Andrea Loewenstein, and Marcia Womongold. The event takes place in the Clark Room of the Arlington Street Church, on the second floor. Enter from Boylston St. The reading will begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.

### lesbian/gay pride week '79

BOSTON — Lesbian and Gay Pride Week will be held from June 8 to June 23 this year, with the march and rally on Saturday, June 16. Workshops will include: "self-defense," a repeat of "BLAGMAR theatre happening" plus music and poetry on June 9, "Porn in the lesbian and gay communities," "Psychodrama workshop," "Minds in bodies: holistic health," and "lesbians and gays at work." Other workshops and activities to be developed are: racism, "new (non-competitive, group) games," and folkdancing.

We need your help, especially with the rally, speakers, activities and entertainment. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 1 at the GCN/FAG RAG office, 22 Bromfield St., (2nd floor). For more information contact: Jim (parade committee) 267-7608; Ginny (workshops and activities) 524-6209; Beth (fundraising) 547-0731; Chris (outreach) 661-8068; or Bob (advertising/publicity) 524-1512.

### boston bars: openings and expansions

BOSTON — By a unanimous vote, the Boston Licensing Board on April 13 approved the application of Boston Enterprises, Inc., to operate a discotheque to be known as Buddie's, at the location of the former Paul's Mall on Boylston Street, Copley Square. The new club, whose application now faces routine approval by the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, will be managed by Jack Rubin.

On April 20, the Licensing Board gave unanimous approval to Gary Dotterman, owner and manager of The Bar, 252 Boylston Street, to expand the premises by adding an additional room for dancing and restrooms on the second floor. The application has been opposed by the R.M. Bradley Co., which is located in the same block, and by the Back Bay Association, which represents the neighborhood business community.

Finally, the Board has taken under advisement the application of the New Frontier Social Club, Inc., to operate a private "leather club" at 37 Kingston Street, downtown. There was no opposition expressed to the application, which was filed by Mark Peters of Boston and Steven Boyd of Quincy. A decision is expected this week.

*In an unusual move, the ABCC has scheduled a public hearing on the Buddie's application for May 3, at the request of Rep. Barney Frank and the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay. Both Frank and the neighborhood group strongly opposed the new discotheque at the April 13 hearing.*

### thorpe trial delayed for election

LONDON — A trial date has been set for Jeremy Thorpe, former leader of Britain's Liberal Party who is accused of conspiring to murder Norman Scott, a model who alleges that he and Thorpe were lovers at one time.

Originally, the date set for Thorpe's trial was April 30, but it was moved forward to May 8 in order to allow him to run for re-election to his seat in Parliament. His candidacy in the upcoming election has been approved by party officials in the North Devon district which Thorpe represents.

The murder conspiracy charge stems from the allegation that Thorpe and Scott were engaged in a sexual relationship some 15 years ago, and that Scott had been blackmailing Thorpe. It is alleged that the former Liberal Party leader tried to have Scott killed in order to stop the blackmail and to silence him. In 1976, Scott claimed in a Barnstable court that he was being "hounded" because of his relationship with Thorpe. The day after Scott's appearance in that court, former Liberal Member of Parliament Peter Bessell was discovered to have been making small weekly payments to Thorpe's accuser for a period of about 18 months. Bissell claimed that the payments had nothing to do with Thorpe.

### lesbian custody rare in england

READING, ENGLAND — At a recent conference on child custody at Reading University, Bernice Humphreys, of Action for Lesbian Parents, told the assembly that British courts rarely grant custody of children to lesbian mothers.

Calling for the legal system to pay more attention to family law, for improved training for social workers, and for greater consideration for the wishes of the child, Humphreys said, "The majority (of lesbian mothers) did not win unless the father was appallingly inadequate. Even then, there may be restrictions imposed."

Saying that the outlook for lesbian mothers who want to keep their children is "as bad as ever it was," Humphreys told the group that "the nuclear family is not always the best thing. There's no argument to say that our children should be brought up in an atmosphere as bland as porridge. That's not what life's all about."

### midwest to meet for dc march

GRAND RAPIDS, MI — The call for a midwest regional meeting has gone out to eight states, urging groups to send delegates to discuss plans for this region's participation in the Lesbian and Gay People's March on Washington, scheduled for October 14.

The midwest conference will be held May 12 at the Pantlind Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids. It will be an all-day event, with a dinner (delegates must make reservations for dinner). Some housing will be available, but people may also stay at the Pantlind. Those wishing to stay at the hotel must make reservations directly by writing the Pantlind Hotel, Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 48203.

Some of the goals for this conference are the election of 32 delegates from the eight-state region to attend the next national conference, which will be held in Houston in June; to discuss fund-raising, legislation, and media contacts for the march; planning a strategy by which large numbers of people will be encouraged to attend the march; the preparation of a position statement to be taken to the Houston conference; and the coordination of logistics for bus rentals and other transportation to Washington in October.

For further information, contact the Michigan Organization for Human Rights at (313) 863-7255.

### mexican lesbians and gays to publish

MEXICO CITY — El Grupo Lambda de Liberacion Homosexual (Lambda, Group of Homosexual Liberation) recently announced plans to begin publication of a newspaper. Its appearance will mark the first publication of its kind in Mexico, and the group expects it to serve as a forum for the newly emerging gay rights movement there.

Lambda is an organization of lesbians and gay men dedicated to the struggle for a society free of sexism and oppression, and is part of the Coalition of Lesbian and Homosexual Organizations (CGLH), which includes the Autonomous Group of Lesbians (Oikabeth) and the Homosexual Front of Revolutionary Action (FHAR).

The first issue of the newspaper is expected to be available after May 1.

### pa. plans state convention

PHILADELPHIA — A statewide conference of lesbians and gay men has been scheduled to meet in Pittsburgh from October 19-21. Pride '79 is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network, a commonwealth-wide group of women and men working on a variety of political and social projects.

Planning has recently begun for Pride '79, and all lesbians and gay men in Pennsylvania are encouraged to tell the Support Network what they would like to see included in the conference plans.

The Network meets monthly in Harrisburg, at the Friends' Meetinghouse at 6th and Herr Streets, and meetings are open to all lesbians and gay men in Pennsylvania. Their next meeting is slated for Saturday, May 19, at 1 p.m.

To obtain more information about the activities of the Network, or to suggest items for inclusion in the agenda for Pride '79, write the Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network, Southeast Pennsylvania Region, c/o 326 Kater Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

### women's musical festival in 6th year

URBANA, IL — The Sixth National Women's Music Festival will take place on the Champaign-Urbana campus of the University of Illinois from Wednesday, May 30, through Sunday, June 3.

This year's concerts will feature Holly Near and J.T. Thomas, Alive!, Ellen McIlwaine, Berkley Women's Music Collective, Jane Sapp, Elizabeth Cotten, Izquierda, Therese Edell, Joan Balter, Robin Flower, Nancy Vogl, Gwinyal, Joanna Cazden, Suni Paz and Martha Siegel, Marie Rhines, Kristin Lems, Gypsy and Nancy Barrett-Thomas, Joyce Kouffman, and Lori Tennenhouse. Comic Robin Tyler will appear as a special M.C.

In addition, Mitzie Collins and Ginni Clemmens will present a special concert for all ages in observance of the International Year of the Child. Breakwater and Baba Yaga will play for the Saturday night dance.

A classical concert on Saturday evening will feature the Festival Orchestra, plus a performance by Kay Gardner. Classically-trained musicians are encouraged to audition for the Orchestra on Wednesday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other events during the Festival will include: workshops, films, jam sessions, open mike sets and sales of women's crafts/merchandise.

Registration fees at the door will be \$35 for the week, and \$24 for the weekend, with work exchange available. For more information, write to P.O. Box 2721, Station A, Champaign, IL 61820, or call (217) 333-6443.





Courtesy of GPU News, Milwaukee, WI

## Batt Loses Battle

By Warren Blumenfeld

CHICAGO, IL — Patrick Batt has just finished a long judicial battle which ended, finally, in the U.S. Supreme Court. For the past three years, Batt has been in the courts dealing with the issue of his right as a gay person to keep his job in a Milwaukee nursing home.

Batt was hired in August, 1976, as a personnel director for the Marion Heights, Inc., Nursing Home. Nine months later, in May of 1977, he was called into the administrative offices and informed that the board must ask for his resignation "due to his lifestyle." He was advised that if he quit immediately, "he would be given one month's pay and a good job recommendation for future employment."

Two months prior to that meeting, Batt had been given the highest job performance evaluation possible at Marion Heights. He also had good recommendations from a past employer, for whom he had worked as a personnel director for ten years.

Batt notified the Marion Heights board that he would not resign. He informed them that his being gay had never been an issue in the past, and it should not be one in Marion Heights. The board, comprised of four nuns and six lay people, declined to tell him how they had discovered his sexuality, but they felt that his gayness would hamper him in his duties, and they denied him a hearing.

Aided by state legislator Steve Leopold, and by television and newspaper reports, Batt pressured the board to grant him a hearing. He finally was granted the opportunity to appear before the board at Marion Heights, but the ground rules were set in advance by the administrators: no witnesses, no attorney, no questions, no statements from the board, and only ten minutes to state his case.

A month after the hearing, Batt still had had no response from the board. On the advice of his attorney, David Walther, the case was then submitted to the Federal Court in Milwaukee on June 21, 1977. The contention of the lawyer was that the Marion Heights administration had violated Batt's rights under the first, fourth, fifth, ninth, and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution. He also argued that, even though the nursing home was nominally private, the fact remained that 75 percent of its income derived from

federally-funded Medicaid payments, which meant that the home, in essence, gave up its "private" status.

If the board could prove to the court that it was, in fact, a private institution, it would not be considered to be bound by federal laws. In December, 1977, a federal judge ruled in favor of the nursing home, citing a 1976 ruling, *Cannon v. University of Chicago*, which stated that the University could deny employment to a woman who claimed that she had been denied employment because of her sex.

Batt and his attorney then moved to appeal the case to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago in March, 1978. In September, 1978, the court permitted each side in the case 15 minutes for arguments before a three-judge panel. In January, 1979, in a one-paragraph decision, the court again ruled for the nursing home, and again cited *Cannon v. University of Chicago* as the basis for its decision.

The final step was a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court, which was submitted in January. The petition was, as Batt told GCN, for "A Writ of Certiorari, or, we come to you with our hat in our hands and would you please hear our case." The Supreme Court responded to the petition in a statement sent to Walther on March 26, which read, "The Court today entered the following order in the above case (*Patrick Batt v. Marion Heights, Inc., et al*): The petition for a Writ of Certiorari is denied. Mr. Justice Powell took no part in the consideration or decision of this petition. Signed, Michael Rodak, Jr., Clerk."

Batt told GCN, "The board has won by side-stepping the issue of gayness entirely. They won by convincing the court that they are a private institution and are therefore above the law. What I wanted to gain out of the trial was a cease and desist order against my termination, the court to deal with the issue of gayness as the sole reason for my termination, back wages, and punitive damages. I lost on all counts. I now realize how slowly the wheels of justice run. You have to beat down the doors just to get into the court room. We don't have what a lot of people take for granted: basic human rights. I'm afraid we aren't going to get relief from the courts in the near future."

## White Fails to Block Death Penalty

SAN FRANCISCO — A superior court judge has denied a motion filed on behalf of Dan White which sought to dismiss the "special circumstances" allegation which could result in the death sentence at his upcoming trial for the murders of Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone.

The "special circumstances" provision is part of Proposition 7, passed by California voters last November, which calls for the imposition of the death penalty in situations where the provision is found applicable. The office of the District Attorney feels that this may be one of those situations, as White is charged with two special circumstances in connection with the murders.

The District Attorney's complaint alleges that White killed

both Milk and Moscone "in retaliation for or to prevent the performance" of an official act. The fact that he is charged with multiple homicide also enters into the applicability of the "special circumstances."

In denying White's motion for dismissal, Superior Court Judge Claude Perasso ordered that the trial begin this week, as scheduled, and assigned Superior Court Judge Walter F. Clacagno to hear the case. A motion to dismiss Calcagno for bias was immediately filed by Defense Attorney Douglas R. Schmidt, who was ordered to submit written arguments on the motion.

Perasso then retired to chambers for a conference with Schmidt, Asst. District Attorney Thomas Norman, District Attorney Joseph Freitas, Jr., and

Charles Breyer, Chief Asst. District Attorney. Upon the resumption of the pre-trial hearing, Perasso announced that Calcagno would hear the case, and Schmidt filed his objection questioning Calcagno's objectivity.

While not elaborating on his reasons for requesting Calcagno's dismissal from the case, Schmidt has previously indicated that he feels none of the Superior Court judges in San Francisco would be able to hear the case impartially because of the relationship of such judges to the governmental process in that city.

In a previous hearing, Perasso denied motions filed on White's behalf that a judge from outside San Francisco be called in to hear the case and that Freitas and his staff be disqualified in favor of the State Attorney General.

## British Theater Group Attacked

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND — An attack on Gay Sweatshop, a theater group, left one man bleeding and unconscious and several others cut and bruised outside a Birmingham hotel recently.

Five members of Gay Sweatshop and two men from the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, where the group was performing, went to a hotel for drinks upon the completion of the evening's performance. As they parked their van to walk the short distance to the hotel, they were set upon by nine men, who had been sitting in two parked cars. Shouting "Kill the bastards," the attackers assaulted the group with fire-irons—a small shovel, tongs, and the metal stand that holds them.

The arrival of a police van within minutes brought the onslaught to a halt, as the attackers got back into their cars and sped away. The two police officers attempted to stop the cars by running into the road, but the lead car drove straight at them, causing the officers to jump out of the way.

The attack left Ray Bachelor unconscious and bleeding from the head. The police took him directly to the hospital for treatment.

As the attack began, two men ran to the hotel to phone the police for assistance. One of them, Philip Lord, said that hotel personnel refused him permission to use the telephone and told him to go somewhere else to call the police, without telling him where there was a phone nearby.

The manager of the Grosvenor House Hotel, John Walters, told London's *Gay News* that he could not understand Lord's statement. "I heard from my staff about the incident outside," he said. "They told me that Sweatshop members had come in afterwards for a drink and had sat around for an hour or so."

Walters stated that he had only learned of the telephone incident on the following day, when the director of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre called him. "The staff told me that there had been no one asking to use the phone," he said. "I don't understand why they should ask anyway — there's a public phone in the entrance that is used all the time by people calling taxis and so on. I just don't understand it. There would be no problem about letting people phone."

Lord and Bill Pryde, however, who are the men who wanted to summon the police, said, "The person on the door refused to let us ring the police, giving no explanation, just saying that we could not ring the police from in there but must go outside. Seeing the public coin box by the door inside, we asked if we could use this. Again he refused."

The *Gay News* described the Grosvenor House as a "gay hotel," and said that this is not the first time gay people have been attacked outside its doors. A representative of the Birmingham Gay Community Center said, "In the past two weeks, there have been at least two other attempted attacks on gay people outside the Grosvenor."

Sweatshop said that, in this case, the police were very helpful. Community Center representatives are urging gay people not to go out alone, but to travel in groups. One of the members of Sweatshop said, "Whilst not wishing to 'scaremonger,' we are anxious that no one else is hurt, and that those responsible are caught."

## Students Excommunicated

PROVO, UT — Two former students at this city's Brigham Young University (BYU) have been excommunicated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon).

Wendell Ballantyne, enrolled as a student at the University of California at Irvine in 1972-73, served as a Mormon missionary in France and Switzerland from 1973-1976, and, on his return to the United States, he transferred to Brigham Young University, where he decided to come out. He and Steven Whiting, who was a sophomore at BYU, have been lovers for less than a year.

Ballantyne and Whiting have charged that, at BYU, which is affiliated with the Mormon Church, the security force employed by the university concentrates its efforts on entrapment and harassment of gays. They have said that, in 1973, the FBI discovered the security force to be using illegal wiretapping equipment, which the two men claim is still in use. They also charge that persons known to be gay are blackmailed by security to serve as informers, and that students are given course credits for their employment as undercover agents, acting for the security force.

Ballantyne draws a distinction between the church and activities of the BYU security force, citing a lawsuit now pending against BYU, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on be-



Wendell Ballantyne (l) and Steven Whiting, excommunicated by the Mormons and forced to leave Brigham Young University.

half of a BYU student who, according to Ballantyne and Whiting, is not gay. The suit charges the security force with harassment, illegal entrapment, defamation of character, and mental anguish.

According to Ballantyne, "He is a friend of ours and knew that we were gay. Security tried to entrap him and then blackmail him into testifying against me. He tried to commit suicide afterwards."

The security force evidently has quite a file on Ballantyne and Whiting, compiled with the aid of two undercover agents, one of whom was a student majoring in Justice Administration who

received course credit for his activities for security. Those files were later turned over to the Mormon bishops in charge of Ballantyne's and Whiting's wards, an act which they claim violated church principles, as the bishops had not requested the information. Homosexuality is held by the Mormon Church to be a sin and a perversion, and excommunication is a common action in the case of "unrepentant homosexuals."

In spite of the fact that no witnesses testified against them, a church court excommunicated Whiting and Ballantyne. Both admitted in their appearances before church officials that they were gay and both were unrepentant.



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## Community Voices

### we are gay

Dear GCN:

These comments are addressed to Tom Christopher and others who have experienced similar delusions. Mr. Christopher made the comment in last week's Community Voices section that: "Women surely may experience oppression if they are lesbians, but it is because they are women — not because they are gay."

Oh you poor misguided lad . . .

When I walk down the street with my lover and I dare to hold her hand, I am subject to disparaging remarks, physical assaults, and even possibly rape BECAUSE I AM GAY.

When a lesbian mother loses her child in an embarrassing, embittering and publicity-ridden trial she is experiencing BECAUSE SHE IS GAY.

When women leaving a lesbian bar are frightened because the area has been subject to a series of rapes and assaults, they are experiencing oppression BECAUSE THEY ARE GAY.

When a lesbian is on trial, before a judge or jury, for any reason, and the opposition uses her sexual preference as a means to prejudice her defense, she is experiencing oppression BECAUSE SHE IS GAY.

When a lesbian returns to her job or to school after a weekend and must play Monday Morning Pronouns, she is experiencing oppression BECAUSE SHE IS GAY.

When I must cancel out for traditional Easter dinner at my sister's because her husband doesn't want me to "bring my girlfriend" or when a friend from high school doesn't invite my lover to her wedding because she's only inviting "married or engaged couples," I am experiencing oppression BECAUSE I AM GAY.

When a lesbian cannot go to the Commission Against Discrimination to file a complaint against an illegal action by her landlord or employer which results from discrimination on the grounds of sexual preference, she is experiencing oppression BECAUSE SHE IS GAY.

When I have the ever so slightest of doubts that I will not get a job if I put my affiliation with this newspaper on my resume, I am experiencing oppression BECAUSE I AM GAY.

When a man writes to GCN, a newspaper that is finally striving to achieve equal representation of lesbians and gay men, and states that lesbians are not oppressed because of their sexual preference, then, yes, he is oppressing women because of their sex and not because they are gay.

Such a statement denies the pains and pleasures felt by any woman who is coming out, and, in addition, denies the efforts of all women who have ever done anything to further the cause of gay liberation.

Mr. Christopher, I hope the above list will enlighten you somewhat. But, I wouldn't hold my breath.

Cindy Stein  
Boston, MA

### shelter from the storm

Dear GCN:

I am aware of the fact that you're not obligated to serve me; however, out of necessity I ask for your service, and I hope your understanding will move you to serve me.

I am a young man incarcerated in Ohio. Being in jail is a brain storm, and people as myself who haven't friends for shelter get wet all the time.

I want to dry my mind out, and rub my hands on the hearth of another spirit.

Sincere Thanks,  
James Carr 142-388  
Box 45699  
Lucasville, OH 45699

Editor's note: Each week GCN receives numerous letters from prisoners requesting correspondence or subscriptions and we comply with as many of these requests as we can. Listed in the Classifieds are the names and addresses of prisoners who would appreciate your letters.

**ATTENTION**  
The public employment anti-discrimination bill, H.2650, is scheduled to be voted on in the Massachusetts House on Monday, May 7. Everyone has been urged to contact his or her legislators in support of this bill.

### my mother my self

Dear GCN:

Susan Saxe's review of *My Mother My Self* as well as one of the quotations from the book, leaves me with the sad realization of how much women lose by refusing separate strengths.

I agree that the book reads "like a running dialogue between the author and her therapist." It is clear, also, that the client/author is "straight, white, and affluent." Susan Saxe is too young to notice, but Nancy Friday is also young and ageist. Nevertheless, as a 59-year-old lesbian, who is white, poor, and learning to be an ex-mother to four daughters and sons, I am finding *My Mother My Self* wonderfully useful.

Perhaps because of the poverty of my childhood, I have had to learn how to pick up help wherever I can get it. Although Friday does not understand the politics of women's oppression, she has gained and shared, from a therapy I could not afford, a lot of insights which I can use.

I feel that Saxe (and other lesbians who have talked with me) has let herself be so caught up in personality and language that she has missed the point of the book — that women cannot find their power until they have found themselves as individuals separate from their mothers. The fact that this separation is almost impossible because of pressures from a capitalist/patriarchal society is something for us politically aware women to identify and analyze.

My own mother (a bright and loving woman) was very much a victim of those pressures. I know that she did indeed try to teach me survival skills. I also know that she tied me to her in unhealthy ways in her effort to survive herself. (Overwhelmed by poverty and loneliness, she gave up that struggle when I was 14 years old.) For many years I could not bear to look critically at the relationship between us. But I am doing that now, because I know that if I am to be the powerful woman I can be, I need to deal with all of that.

The personal is political and *My Mother My Self* is an intensely personal book. That is why, with all of its shortcomings, it is not "rubbish."

Yours truly,

Ruth Dreamdigger  
Philadelphia, PA

### i love a parade

Dear GCN,

Since moving from San Francisco to Boston six years ago, I have watched Boston's gay community grow, develop and diversify at a rate unprecedented in any other city.

Our population is as diverse as the population as a whole. We are writers, we are physicians, we are teachers, we are students, we are unemployed, we are bus drivers; we work, play, and get involved in every segment of society, including religion and politics. I am proud to be a member of Boston's gay community. However, there is one persistent negative aspect of gay life in Boston that continues to confuse and frustrate me; and each year, around Lesbian and Gay Pride Week, this specific problem rears its nasty head.

The problem is the cold war that prevails between the "Bar People" and the "Militants" in the gay community. Each year, Boston's Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade grows in size, and yet we still do not see parade promotion in the bars. We still don't see parade sponsorship or participation by the bars.

The intent of this letter is to encourage participation, not to criticize. It would be great to see every gay bar, as well as other gay oriented businesses and organizations, represented by floats or other marching units in our parade.

There is room for every segment of the gay community in the Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. It is the one time during the year when differences in philosophy and life style should be and must be set aside in order to achieve the greater goal of presenting a unified force.

Conservative estimates place the Greater Boston gay community population at around three hundred thousand (ten percent of 3 million). Therefore, there should be no difficulty in getting twenty-five or thirty thousand people to march through Boston in the parade this spring.

For me, it is the most exciting event of the year. I would not even consider denying myself this experience.

Sincerely,

Peter Deed  
Boston, MA

### the benevolent association

Editor, GCN:

Permit me to express my strong disagreement with David Brill's recent analysis of the Grant case. Grant was a Boston probationary police officer who was fired days before he was to have been sworn in as a permanent officer, on the grounds that he "associated with known homosexuals." Grant protested his termination on the grounds that he was not given procedural protections that the law requires. He was represented by the Boston Police Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the Association's attorney, Frank McGee. Grant's legal claims were recently rejected by the state's Appeals Court.

My objection to Brill's analysis is his conclusion, that the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association will support any of its members regardless of their sexual orientation. This may be true; but, to my mind, the most startling feature of the Grant case is McGee's failure at any stage in the proceedings to attack the grounds upon which Grant was terminated, "associating with a known homosexual." If these grounds are constitutionally impermissible, as I believe they are, then Grant's termination was illegal, regardless of any conduct he may have engaged in. As a lawyer, I can not conceive of any reason why the "associating with known homosexuals" regulation was not challenged on its face. I recall, however, that the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association has long opposed the appointment of homosexual individuals to the Boston Police force. If this policy created a conflict of interest for Attorney McGee, he should have declined to accept Grant's case.

I look forward to the day when the Boston Police Patrolmen's Benevolent Association can be fairly characterized as a staunch supporter of its homosexual members; I do not believe that the Grant case signals the arrival of that day.

Very truly yours,

John P. Ward  
Boston

### costumes

Dear GCN:

It upsets me the editors didn't recognize Greg Jackson's article (He looks like Tarzan but he talks like Jane," GCN, April 21) as the thinly disguised personal invective it was, apparently the result of an unpleasant encounter the author had with a neighbor, who at times dressed in leather, yet said he didn't know how to help Greg start his car one cold morning.

Greg's thesis, at once offensive and fatuous, is a rigorous and outdated insistence on traditional sex roles. He supposes that "clothes tell us a great deal about the wearer." In point of fact, his premise is incorrect at the outset and neither he nor anyone has the right to expect that clothes could tell us anything significant about a person. Clothes are only costume (he gives us several flagrant examples of this) and every person affects a number of costumes for a variety of social situations. We can at best guess the persona assumed for a particular time or occasion. Greg naively laments this: it would be easier (and apparently preferable) to have a world where clothes would reveal personality at a glance. Then he could avoid jumping to embarrassing conclusions. Greg's macho man would never discuss cooking or classical music, but would always know how to jumpstart a car after attending a baseball game.

I was surprised at Greg's admission that he "is of the feminist orientation," but he'll be pleased to know that I am too. That is, I recognize and am appalled by the oppression and discrimination women have historically suffered and continue to suffer. I am strongly in favor of equalization of the sexes and recognize that women's and gay liberation must of necessity be closely linked in order to do away with injustices and stereotypes which affect both. Gays must recognize and applaud the wealth of diversity in our ranks. Traditional sex roles needn't apply to us. Since we don't fit into traditional categories anyway, we may adopt any roles we wish, hoping for a time when traditional sex roles may have vanished entirely.

David Hartwell  
Nahant, MA

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## Speaking Out

# NGTF, Oklahoma, and the Voice of Petulant Dissidents

By Bill Rogers  
Oklahomans for Human Rights

Bruce Voeller and Jean O'Leary came to Oklahoma City in February of this year for two reasons: one, to provide nourishment and support to an emerging group of gay activists, and two, to raise funds for NGTF. They were not here to critique the history of gay activism in Oklahoma or to recognize earlier efforts of campus groups, which, while certainly commendable and worthwhile, may have been considered by provincial Oklahomans in the same genre as the gold-fish swallowing, panty-raid, phone booth-packing days of the past. This is not to diminish those university-centered efforts, only to suggest that for the non-student population of areas like Oklahoma NGTF has, through its considerable educational endeavors, provided people here with the principal source of information about lesbian women and gay men. NGTF provided here, and in like communities, information which began to dispel the myths of homosexuality, to alert the straight populace to our existence, and to assure them that, if ignored, we would not go away. It was thus appropriate for our beginning organization to provide needed funds for the continuation of these efforts in our behalf, and in the behalf of other gay persons without direct organizational support. For these efforts and the very visible and positive results they have obtained, we are and shall continue to be grateful.

OHR was organized in the summer of 1978 by about 14 people, who, as I said at the OHR-NGTF banquet, were at that time meeting in "fear and secrecy." In the few months since then our membership has quadrupled, we have published our first newsletter with a current circulation of 150, we have provided information and services to the local lesbian-gay community in the areas of parents of gays, gay-related medical problems, gay legal problems, coping with the processes of coming out, gay political action, and others too numerous to detail, with a program each month since our inception. OHR is considered by many to have been the significant force in the unseating in our state senate of Mary Helms, the authoress of our Briggs-type, anti-teacher legislation, and her replacement by a state senator who displays an awareness and a concern for the rights of gay people in this state. We are proud of these accomplishments, done in the face of a fundamentalist religious atmosphere where the word "gay" continues to conjure up synonyms like "child-molester," "pervert," "freak," "queer" and the like.

We have not felt in a position to provide financial assistance to student groups because we consider the contributions of NGTF considerably more valuable and deserving to the gay people of Oklahoma; that is, after all, a decision for us, and not for our detractors. Current funds are being retained and additional funds may hopefully be raised to establish Oklahoma's first gay activities center, where our community can be provided with all the services denied to us by straight society; it will be the first such center in Oklahoma, not available only to "elite" and "prosperous" members of OHR, but to the lesbian-gay community at large, including those members of student groups who will accord it and its other users basic courtesy and consideration.

An important misconception can be remedied here: OHR is definitely not "overwhelmingly male, white, conservative and well-off." It is governed by a board of trustees consisting of 15 men and women with a chairman, and two co-vicechairpersons (one of whom must be male and one female), all of whom are elected by the membership at large. We include among our membership persons of many socio-economic levels, including teachers, lawyers, doctors, librarians, clerks, janitors, firefighters, and government employees. Our concern with participation regardless of economic situation caused us to provide waivers of minimum membership fees (\$10.00) and monthly dues (\$2.00) for persons unable to afford even those amounts.

If it makes a particle of difference in my contribution to the cause of gay freedom, I do not keep black servants in livery.

OHR believes there to be space in the struggle of gay men and women for a broad spectrum of contribution, with sign-carriers and paraders at one end, and totally closeted check-writers on the other. Surely none should be excluded from participation, or his or her efforts discounted, because they have not made that beautiful but difficult decision to share their gayness with others of other persuasions. Many can indeed provide more substantial contributions while continuing to conceal, for reasons best known to them (and which no one should second-guess), their very private sexual lives. This is not to say that our progress would not be enormously expedited by the immediate announcement by all of us of our sexual preference to anyone and everyone who will lend an ear, for certainly our essential problem lies in our lack of visibility. But "coming-out" is a process, not one unconsidered leap; to some it must begin with the awareness of one's own sexuality, to others the acceptance of that sexuality as a value in one's life, and to others the sharing of our gayness with persons about whom we care and with whom we wish to share. No other person should assay to make those decision for others, but rather should provide support during the often difficult process. For, in my judgment, the derogation of those at earlier stages in the process by others further advanced creates unwarranted divisiveness and may well result in further and deeper retreats to individual closets.

Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller provided this community with loving and caring support, combined with full awareness of the problems of gay people attempting to effect essential change within this portion of the homophobic bible-belt. They provided inspiration and sustenance to a fledgling organization which has been and will continue to be a force in bringing about that change. Their encouragement and advice is undiminished and will remain untarnished here in Oklahoma by the voices of petulant dissidents.

The dialogue which commenced with the letter of the March 24 "Speaking Out" typifies the tragic element within the gay community, for the power to self-destruct inheres in self-appointed spokesmen without authority or constituents who provide unsupported and substantially distorted information to persons whose absence from the events under discussion prevents objective evaluation. The apparently purposeful actions of the dissidents creates unwarranted, unnecessary, and counter-productive division and dissent; they render our community and our movement a terrible and perhaps irreparable disservice.

My wish would be that the readers of "Speaking Out" had been present at the OHR-NGTF function, to sense the aura of caring, sharing, and working together which must characterize our future if we hope to obtain the rights and the freedoms which have so long been denied us. That caring, sharing, loving, and working together must somehow overcome derision, divisiveness, and unwarranted dissent, not by refusal to provide a forum for disagreement and differing points of view, but by an eventual determination that we are brothers and sisters in pursuit of a common goal.

"Speaking Out" is the column designed for the benefit of GCN readers. It is part of our continuing effort to provide a true forum of opinion for the community. We encourage you to send your thoughts, ideas, feelings and comments to us and we encourage you to respond to any ideas expressed in this space. The opinions expressed in "Speaking Out" do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper, the staff or the advertisers. Speaking Out, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

## Community Voices

### black lesbian bibliography

Dear GCN:

A note of correction concerning the announcement about "Black Lesbians to Print Bibliography" (GCN April 21). In order not to mislead readers, it should be noted that the bibliography, *Black Lesbians: An Annotated Bibliography*, is not being done by a group of black lesbians as the headline implies. The bibliography of works by and/or about black lesbians was compiled by a white lesbian and has a foreword by a black lesbian. Many women and a few men, both black and white, however, have contributed money, time, skills, information, photographs and graphics, office supplies, photocopies etc., all of which have helped us make the bibliography a reality. Thanks GCN for spreading the word!

Sincerely,

JR Roberts, Bibliographer  
Cambridge, MA

### just not ready

Dear GCN:

We are just not ready for man/boy love acceptance. The gay world isn't ready any more than the straight world. Take this incident which happened to my father.

As a widower of 1½ years — living alone — my father seldom gets out or even looks out of the house. On looking out once this week, he saw men forcing boys into sex in his backyard, screened off from the rest of the neighbors by two rows of tall, full pine trees. Calling the police three times didn't help as they were spotted driving into his driveway. Only when he suggested that they sneak up on the side street were they caught. When he called about a later incident, he was ignored. Here, he was only trying to protect other people's children, protect from child (boy) sex molesters. (When is a child molested, when is a child willing?) Had it been known that his son — ME — was a gay elementary school teacher, do you see the repercussions it could have caused me? (He knows that I'm gay, but can't completely accept that, although I know he loves me.) To my father, this sex was wrong. To me and the straight world, it was wrong. People have enough time in their adult life to engage in positive sex enjoyment.

A Gay Teacher in  
New Britain, CT

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### attitudes/ attributes

Dear people:

What seems to be confusing people about my recent piece in GCN — "Got to be a macho man" — is the distinction between masculine and macho (which I failed to make, under the assumption that the reader already knew it). Masculinity is an *attribute* — a culturally determined description of those qualities one generally identifies with a man (i.e., chest hair, a beard, thick eyebrows, etc.). I have nothing against masculine men, or masculinity in general. Masculine men can and often are, loving, sensitive people. What I find alarming, however, is the concept of *machismo*, which is not, as some have asserted, merely an exaggerated form of masculinity. Rather, it is an ideology (an *attitude*) of male supremacy that operates through brute force, extreme, often unnecessary aggression, and an uncaring sense of sexuality.

Thus, one can aptly describe someone as a "sensitive masculine man" but I hardly think anyone can be a "sensitive macho man" — though popular culture seems to be interchanging the two terms. The definition of machismo is lacking the sensitivity that masculine-identified men can often express very openly.

Lovingly,

Tommi Avicoli  
Strafford, PA

### gender identity discord

Dear GCN:

I can assure M. Avicoli that he is not alone in being discouraged from "girlish" behavior in his youth. Many young boys who are now men grew up with the same pressures to be "masculine" has did he; however, the directions we chose to go on our own are as diverse as the attitudes towards men today.

Having gone several routes of social behavior (including the path of disillusionment created by the "love generation"), I now realize that finding one's most suitable behavior is a difficult task of trial and error. I wore love beads, bleached my hair blonde, wore tight jeans and denim jackets, and did grocery shopping in curlers only to name a few of the very different faces I've worn since coming out nearly a decade ago. The important realization here is that no matter how "fem" or "macho" I looked on the outside, inside I maintained my love for men and women. No matter how I dressed, I was a person first.

I seriously question the internal values of a person who becomes a "macho" or an insensitive person just because he puts on a leather jacket. When one's outward appearance takes over one's identity, it is time to do some searching from within to find one's true self lest we become a society of actors whose roles are dictated by our dress.

I feel very sorry for M. Avicoli if his perception of human life is determined solely by outward appearance. I question the sincerity of his profession of love for man and womankind when he is so ready to stamp out and exterminate any group of people. If Machismo is a disease, we should treat it, not execute all those afflicted.

Sincerely,

Roger P. Sirois  
Waterville, ME

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## State Conference Planners Announce Schedule

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Coalition for the Lesbian and Gay People's March on Washington has announced the speakers and agenda for its May 5 state-wide conference, scheduled to be held from 9 am to 5 pm at the Arlington Street Church in Boston. The conference, which will feature speakers, discussions, election of delegates, forums, will be chaired by local lesbian activist Trish Karlinski and Eric Rofes, of the Committee for Gay Youth and a staff writer for GCN.

Scheduled speakers at the conference will be Kate Gyllensvard of Boston Lesbians and Gay Men Against the Right, Kevin George of the People's Gay Alliance of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Beverly Smith of the Combahee River Collective, and Ellen Grabiner and Richard Freeman of the Lesbian and Gay Parents Project. The conference will also include two panel discussions, one titled "Women and Men Working Towards Unity: Forming a Coalition for the March on Washington,"

convened by Muffy Wheeler, co-host of WCAS' "Closet Space" radio show, and featuring Robbie Rosenberg of Boston Lesbians and Gay Men Against the Right, Kathy MacDonald of the Boston Gay Hotline, and Amy Hoffman and Richard Burns, editors at GCN. A forum titled "March Demand No. 5" will discuss the controversy surrounding the demand for rights for gay youth and the decision by the steering committee for the march to drop "revision of age of consent laws" from its demand.

The conference will include the election of four Massachusetts delegates to the national steering committee and four delegate alternates. The responsibilities of the delegates are to organize Massachusetts for the march and to oversee publicity, transportation and fundraising matters. The delegates will be expected to attend all national conferences and serve as spokespersons for the march. The delegates will also be expected to facilitate communication between the local gay community and the

march's national offices. People interested in serving as delegates are requested to file their names with the conference organizers at the conference registration table by noon on the day of the conference.

The expected costs of the conference include approximately \$350 for rental of church space, \$250 for outreach, publicity and advertising, and \$60 for American sign language interpreters at the conference. A registration fee of \$5 is requested to help defray conference expenses.

The conference will also include time for caucus meetings, including meetings of caucuses of lesbians, gay men, youth, third world people, students, religious gays, and handicapped people. The lesbian caucus and the gay men's caucus are scheduled to meet between 12:30 and 1:30, and the other caucuses will meet at 2:30.

For information on the conference, call the Boston Gay Hotline, 6 pm to midnight, Monday through Friday at (617)426-9371 or People's Gay Alliance at U. Mass Amherst (413)545-0154. Registration fees may be sent to March on Washington, GCN Box 20, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, 02108.

The conference will be signed for the hearing-impaired and childcare will be provided by the Men's Childcare Collective.

## Sex Abuse Alleged in School Locker Room

INDEPENDENCE, WI — The high school principal and the superintendent of schools have resigned, and eight Independence High School students have had disciplinary action taken against them as a result of alleged sexual improprieties in the high school locker room.

The Milwaukee *Journal* reports that the alleged "sexual abuses" of freshman football players by upper-class students were committed as part of an initiation ritual. Parents, learning of the situation, filed a strong protest with school officials.

School Supt. Frank Kazmierczak has resigned his position, effective June 30. He announced his decision when the controversy reached a peak in January. He said at that time that the alleged "abuse" consisted of four freshman football players being forced by upper class students to simulate an unspecified sex act which, he said, was never actually completed. Authorities said that all of the students involved, including seniors who were disciplined for watching and not taking action to stop the incidents, were under 18.

District Attorney Laverne Michalak agreed that none of the sex acts were completed, saying,

"I don't feel what occurred there involved a felony, especially when you consider that just kids were involved. Kids do dumb things sometimes, you know."

The District Attorney's office and the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office began investigations into the incidents after parents filed complaints in December. The incidents actually took place in October of 1978, but authorities said they were unaware of the situation until the complaints began to come in from parents. A hearing was held on December 12, as a result of which the school district tightened up its locker room supervision policies.

Between December and January, a petition was drawn up and signed by some 400 persons. Principal Kenneth Geary announced his resignation just after the Christmas season, and Kazmierczak, who had been Superintendent for 11 years, resigned on January 29, after it appeared that the board would not renew his contract.

The contents of the petition were not made public by the school board, and it was destroyed after Kazmierczak announced his resignation.

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(For copies of these bills contact your Representative or Senator)

#### THE RATING SYSTEM

Y — Voted YES (pro-gay) on the 1977 anti-discrimination bill, or is favorable.

N — Voted NO consistently (anti-gay) for the bills, or is opposed.

SW — SWITCHED from a favorable vote (1975) to vote against the bills in 1977.

SP — CO-SPONSOR of the 1979 legislation for gay rights.

NE — NEWLY-ELECTED official whose position is unstated.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

### 1. WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS.

The most realistic way for people to affect the vote of their legislators is to write them a personal letter. As many as six letters on any one issue is considered a landslide by most state legislators, so your letter does count.

Of critical importance is that people from all parts of the state write to their legislators.

To find out who your state legislators are. Each voter has one State Representative and one State Senator. To find out their names, call your city or town clerk or elections commission and ask for the ward and precinct number for the address at which you are registered to vote. They may be able to also tell you who your legislators are. If not, call the Voter Information Phone (1-800-882-1649 toll free; in the Boston area call 357-5880) from 10am - 2pm, or the House Clerk (727-2356) from 9am - 5pm, or the League of Women Voters in the phone-book or the Secretary of State (1-800-392-6090).

**What to say.** Refer to the bills by number plus a short title and ask for a vote in favor and a reply to your letter. Your letter will have more impact if you show that you are familiar with the legislator's vote or stand on the issue. Check the list for this information. Thank those

who have voted favorably in the past and ask for their vote again. For new legislators, for those uncommitted or who have voted unfavorably on the bills, state your feelings honestly but don't get defensive or offensive. Be brief and concise. Supporting this legislation will not identify your sexual orientation. Many non-gay people do. Letters needn't be "professional," in fact, plain, honest letters are the best.

**Send to:** Address your letters to: The Hon. \_\_\_\_\_, State House, Boston, MA 02133. Begin the letter "Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_" or "Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_."

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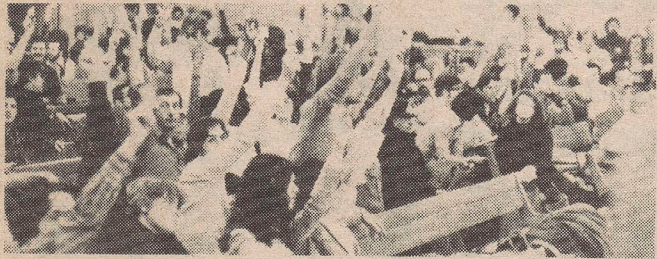
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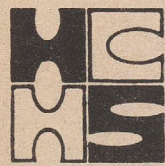
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## Denver Tries to "Dump McNichols"

By Katherine Davenport

DENVER, CO — When Mayor Bill McNichols exercised his power as mayor to veto the Gay Community Center of Colorado's C.E.T.A. grant proposal for the second year in a row, many people in the community felt it was time for some serious political action. The Colorado Citizens Caucus, a non-partisan political action organization for gay women and men, launched a "Dump McNichols" campaign coupled with a voter registration drive.

The day after the "Dump McNichols" campaign was launched, the vice squad stepped-up harassment of gay bars, baths, and theaters. The Ballpark, a local self-described health club, was one of the first places to be hit. The vice squad officer leading the raid told the manager of the Ballpark that

the "investigation" stemmed from an abundance of telephone complaints from wives who had discovered that their husbands' extramarital affairs were being conducted there. Two patrons were cited for "public" indecency" and several rolls of photographs were taken.

The harassment had the effect of intimidating the business owners, many of whom blamed the trouble on the "Dump McNichols" campaign. Meeting with the business owners within the community helped to avoid a serious split over the issue and gave all concerned the opportunity to explain their positions.

One immediate result of the "Dump McNichols" campaign has been a rise in voter registration. Prior to last November's general election, the average num-

ber of voter registration transactions was 800; since registration opened for the May 15 election, the daily average has been 941. Another result of the drive has been more active campaigning by McNichols, whose major opponents, Felicia Muftic and Garry Mitchell, are showing more sensitivity to the gay community. At a public meeting sponsored by the Caucus, Mitchell stated that, if elected, he would not veto a gay rights ordinance if it were proposed by the city council. Muftic is opposed to such an ordinance, but admits that McNichols has been insensitive to the needs of the community. If McNichols gets more than 51% of the votes cast on May 15, he will be reelected; if not, the top two vote getters will be in a runoff on June 19.

## Nevada Teachers

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electoral points at our expense."

Gay activists fear that the bill, if introduced, would have a good chance of passage. They point out that state politics are dominated by the Mormon Church, which is "extremely well-organized on the grass roots level," according to NHR President Lamont Downs. Perhaps one-third of the legislators are themselves Mormon, he estimated, and the rest are wary of alienating them. Downs cited a massive door-to-door campaign organized by the church last year, which led to the defeat of the ERA by a 2-to-1 margin. One of their leaflets, signed by a group called the "Pro-Family Coalition," warned that the ERA would legalize "homosexual marriages." Downs said the ERA defeat was particularly disturbing because "the ERA battle didn't seem to be the work of locals alone; there may have been other, outside organizers."

Hayes herself, he said, "is regarded as being part of the whole movement against the ERA, gay rights, abortion, and so forth." As a delegate to the 1977 International Women's Year Convention in Houston, she was reported to have spoken against feminist issues. "Some people suspect," Downs continued, "that Nevada has been chosen as an easy state in which to pass such legislation."

Downs suggested, however, that if the bill were introduced "we would get a lot of support from the hidden liberal community here. A basic motivating force in the non-Mormon community here is to keep the government out of our lives."

In fact, Hayes' announcement generated sharp controversy locally. While the School Board president announced his support of the bill as a way to fight "sexual deviance," Clark County (Las Vegas) Classroom Teachers Association president Tom Hood attacked the bill as a "modern-day witch hunt." "If we're interested in morals," he said, "we would have to stretch it to include the single female teacher who goes to a singles bar to pick up men or the heterosexual man who solicits a prostitute." In an interview quoted by *Vegas Gay Times*, he concluded, "I'd have to wait and see the bill, but the concept really scares me."

In Reno, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction also came out against the bill. The Las Vegas *Sun* quoted Superintendent Ted Sanders as saying, "I don't believe that just because a person is a homosexual, they should be banned from the classroom. If we're going to ban one person from the classroom, then who's next?" He added that he would not oppose a homosexual teaching

his four children, "so long as that person didn't try to influence my child in that kind of direction."

Sources in the legislature have told NHR leaders that Hayes has received "a lot of flak from her colleagues" about the bill. "It seems a number of them don't want her to introduce it, because they don't want to have to vote yes or no on it," Hinkson said. "They see it as a no-win issue." Downs pointed out that some legislators are worried about the reaction of teachers and the few "liberal legislators and constituencies" to such a bill. As in California, a number of conservatives may be concerned about the implications of such legislation. Yet it would be very difficult for them to oppose such a bill in Nevada. Hinkson adds, "Our biggest hope is that, because of this informal opposition, she simply won't introduce the bill in the month remaining in the current session."

Even if Hayes does not introduce her bill, the NHR has its hands full trying to prevent the legislature from increasing the penalties for "the infamous crime against nature." The Assembly is currently debating SB-9, a complete overhaul of the criminal code similar to S-1 on the federal level. The bill's sponsors claim that it simply standardizes penalties for various offenses, ranging from marijuana smoking to gay sex to robbery, but NHR president Downs argues that, "In fact, it is very arbitrary."

Nevada is one of the few states whose anti-"conventional sex" legislation specifies that it applies only to homosexual activity. The present penalty is up to six years imprisonment; the new bill would add a \$5000 fine. The Senate has already passed the bill by a vote of 20-0, and the Assembly will vote in the next week or two. An amendment which would both eliminate the fine for homosexual activity and increase the penalties for heroin dealing will be introduced next week, and Downs feels it has a better chance in the Assembly than it did in the Senate. He is also concerned, however, that the amendment might be defeated simply because it is so late in the session and the Assembly may want to avoid having to work out a compromise with the Senate. "We don't think it's even worth trying to eliminate the anti-gay sex law at this point," he added.

The Nevadans for Human Rights organization has prepared for the eventuality of Hayes' introducing the legislation, either as a separate bill or as an amendment to another bill. "We're ready to swing into action," Hinkson says. "We've raised some money from the better-off closeted community, and have prepared educational

materials to send to state legislators which quote a number of the opponents to Briggs from last year's fight. We'll also bombard the television and radio shows who've shown some interest in having gays appear on them."

When asked what the response of the gay community in general would be, Hinkson remarked that "Nine-tenths of them would do absolutely nothing. Nevada is such a redneck place that gays are even afraid of their shadows." He suggested that if the bill were enacted it might affect heterosexual teachers who have invited the Speakers Bureau to their classes more than gay staff. "Gay teachers would only go further in their closets," he says, "that's just the way it is in Nevada."

Lamont Downs concurred: "Any kind of street demonstration is unthinkable at this point. Our movement in this state is at least four to five years away from that point."

In describing the state of the movement in Nevada, Downs mentioned the brief history of the Vegas Metropolitan Community Church, which "died for lack of support." A gay newspaper folded after a short run because of lack of advertising, and the monthly *Vegas Gay Times*, which he and Hinkson edit, has only a few paid subscriptions. Downs is chairperson of the ACLU Human Rights Committee, but the chapter in Las Vegas is virtually inactive, and the state chapter has not included gay rights in its list of priorities. Downs and Hinkson are the only members of NHR willing to be identified publicly; the woman most active in the group has to be careful because she is a lesbian mother.

There are eight bars, mostly mixed but including one exclusively for lesbians and two just for gay men. Partly because of a liquor licensing regulation that prohibits centers for the congregating of homosexuals, however, these bars have not supported any political action.

"We've been leafletting in the bars in the last few weeks," Downs continued, "urging people to contact their legislators in support of the amendment to delete the \$5000 fine. We seem to be generating some interest, and if Hayes introduces the bill against teachers it may help us mobilize the community. Nevada is a typical rural state," he adds. "We're working hard, but we have a long way to go."

Those interested in supporting Nevadans for Human Rights or subscribing to their newspaper, *Vegas Gay Times* (\$3/year), can contact the NRH at 620 Minnesota St. North, Las Vegas, NV 89107.



## Rutgers Bluejeans Day Draws Violent Reaction

By Harold Pickett

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ — Members of Rutgers' Gay Alliance were heckled and rocks were thrown at them during a march protesting campus homophobia on Fri., April 20. Gary Stein, a graduate student and member of the Gay Alliance, was hit on the head by a rock and was taken to the on-campus health center for treatment.

The campus protest march was held as a response to the Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) Fraternity's hanging large banners in front of their house stating "Anita, We Love You" and "Sodomy Is A Pain In The Ass." The fraternity signs were a reaction to a gay "Bluejeans Day" on campus when students were asked "If you're gay, wear bluejeans."

Gay Alliance president Robert Goodman described Bluejeans Day as "a tradition at Rutgers and at other campuses. It's partly a political statement and partly for publicity. Mostly, it's a satire on what people think about gays being different because everyone wears bluejeans. It's a lighthearted approach."

Last year, a Bluejeans Day was not held on campus, although such a day was proclaimed in the two preceding years. For the first year, DKE hung an effigy with a sign reading "The Only Good Gay Is A Dead Gay." On the second year, the sign on the effigy said, "Hi, I'm Ben Gay — Have A Nice Day." As a result of these past actions, the gay group was prepared for trouble this year and planned in advance to rally at the cafeteria for a march if anti-gay signs were displayed.

Howard Crosby, Dean of Students, had been forewarned of possible trouble and issued an advance statement which said, "Acts of intolerance, bigotry, or racism, for example, whether anti-semitic,

anti-black or anti-gay, are threats to the entire community."

Some 60 people assembled at the rally site and the protestors marched down College Avenue to the DKE fraternity house. Along the way, members of other fraternities heckled the marchers and there were several incidents of indecent exposure.

The march paused briefly at the DKE house where a statement condemning anti-gay bigotry was read. About 40 DKE "brothers" were in front of the house when the rock-throwing incident began. It was reported that they "had been drinking all day. They were prepared for trouble and wanted trouble."

After the attack, the marchers proceeded to the Women's Crisis Center, the previously arranged destination. The Center had offered the use of its facilities as a convenient place to meet after the march. In addition, there has been "harassment of women walking alone at night and rapes on campus."

The Gay Alliance is proceeding with an effort to have DKE put on probation as a result of the rock-throwing incident. According to Goodman, probation would "prohibit DKE from holding social events and from using alcohol. It would also decrease their funding."

Goodman said formal complaints have been filed with the New Brunswick Police Department and the university police "by the wounded student, by officers of the Gay Alliance, and by various faculty members who were present when the incident took place."

Goodman also stated that campus police "were taking pictures of the gay demonstrators during the march, but were nowhere to be seen when the rocks

were thrown."

Previously, there have been isolated incidents of harassment of gay students in the dormitories and the campus pub. Campus posters about gay events are often torn down or defaced. Goodman felt that anti-gay incidents "were increasing all week" as a result of publicity about Bluejeans Day. "There is quite a lot of homophobia on campus, but the rock-throwing is the ugliest example. DKE acted much worse than expected. They went beyond freedom of speech and crossed the line towards terrorism."

### March Statements

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On Feb. 26, after the adjournment of the Philadelphia conference, delegates to the conference were polled by mail with regard to changing the wording of the demand concerning lesbian/gay youth. The current wording of that demand was arrived at as a result of that mail poll, but the original motion passed in Philadelphia was "full rights for gay youth including revision of age-of-consent laws."

The Women's Caucus at the Philadelphia conference presented a minority position which opposed the inclusion of the age-of-consent laws within the list of demands, claiming that one function of such laws was to protect young women from rape.

Debate about the wording of this demand continues, with discussion time scheduled for it at the upcoming Massachusetts state-wide conference on the march. A vote was taken recently at the Chicago city-wide meeting about the march, which resulted in a decision in favor of restoring the age-of-consent demand to the list.

In the current issue of *It's Time*, the newsletter of the National Gay Task Force, that organization's doubts about "the process used in planning and organizing the march" are somewhat clarified. NGTF said, "The board is aware of complaints by some individuals



Joyce Hunter, Planning Committee; Caitlan Ryan, Directing Coordinator; and Jane Kronick, Editorial Advisor (l to r) are pictured at a recent fundraising party for the upcoming National Gay Health Conference, to be held May 18-20 at Hunter College in New York City.

regarding the misuse of their names on a letter calling for the Philadelphia planning conference. Others are troubled by reports of insensitivity to the lesbian/gay communities in Washington, DC, and Philadelphia by conference planners, and the absence of a credentialing process to assure that delegates at the planning meeting had authority to speak for their organizations. Still others who attended the Philadelphia conference noted a lack of tolerance for minority points of view. Finally, some are concerned about the lack of a clear focus for the march and are troubled by goals that call for action on matters that do not fall within federal jurisdiction."

Steve Endean of Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL), based in Washington, DC, was asked why his organization felt that a national march on Washington was not, at this time, a priority. In response, he said, "A march is not going to assist the passage of federal civil rights legislation. It's unlikely unless it [the march] is incredibly massive, and unless it's really massive, it's going to be ignored in this city." He said further that "Washington has been overwhelmingly opposed to it, and it continues to be."

Adam De Baugh, of the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), said

that his organization could not take any active role in organizing the march because of the planning in progress for the 10th general conference of UFMCC, scheduled for Los Angeles in August. He said, "It places an unfair burden on our people to ask them to come to two different places so far apart in so short a time. Besides, we are totally booked. There is just no time for us to do anything like this."

De Baugh cited the priorities of UFMCC as congressional lobbying, public education, counselling, and its other ongoing programs, and said that, with those activities in addition to the national conference in Los Angeles, there is absolutely no time available for UFMCC, as an organization, to actively participate in coordinating any activities for the march. He said, however, that "our statement in no way prevents any of our people from participating in the march."

The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights has the endorsements and supports of a multitude of lesbian/gay groups nationwide, and planning for it is being conducted in 50 states, at the city, state, and regional levels. The decisions made at these levels will be taken by delegates to a national conference scheduled to take place in Houston, Texas, in June.

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# Del Martin: 24 Years of Activism

By Cindy Stein

On the weekend of March 31, at the National Conference on Women and the Law, in San Antonio, Texas, I had occasion to speak with Del Martin, a lesbian whose pioneering work in the women's and gay movements over the past 24 years has been unsurpassed. Along with her lover, Phyllis Lyon, Martin helped found the first lesbian organization, the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB), in the fifties, co-authored the classic work *Lesbian/Woman*, and recently authored a second work of non-fiction, *Battered Wives*. Martin attended the San Antonio conference to address over two hundred women at the Lesbian Luncheon and to be part of a panel on "Representative Legislation and Gay Rights Referenda."

**CS:** Could you first talk a little about what you are currently doing? I see from the program that you and Phyllis Lyon have formed a partnership called LyMar Associates. What does it do?

**DM:** We just formed a legal partnership, LyMar Associates, as writers, lecturers and consultants on gay and women's issues. Since we've been doing writing and lecturing, and you certainly can't earn a living that way, it was a means by which Phyllis' income can go into the partnership, and so can mine. She's now working with the National Sex Forum and the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, which is a new graduate school for human sexuality and has been zeroing in on sex education since 1968.

In reference to that, I might say that by our being involved in politics in San Francisco, the National Sex Forum was able to get a contract with the city and county of San Francisco to put on two day seminars on homosexuality and bisexuality for all of the employees in the mental health system of the city and county. That meant that 400 employees went to these seminars. It was required of them as in-service training.

**CS:** Are you considering entering into electoral politics?

**DM:** No, I'm not considering running for office. But I'm involved in politics. I'm a Commissioner on the California Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and Phyllis is a Commissioner on the Human Rights Commission. We figure that age at this point would prohibit our running for office. Maybe if the climate would have been better for us twenty years ago we might have.

**CS:** How do you now see your role in the gay and women's movements? Do you have any conflicts about which you would rather be more committed to?

**DM:** Well it seems to me that back in 1969 when I wrote "That's All There Is," which was sort of a take-off on Robin Morgan's "Good-Bye to All That," I made it rather clear that my commitment was going to be to women, and that the Women's Movement was going to be a priority with me. I think this is true for most activist lesbians, who still have not been able to make any real inroads into the sexism within the gay community. So long as there's a put down of lesbians, an indifference to our issues and complete male domination of how things are going to go, then obviously the place for us to be is in the Women's Movement. The other thing is that gay men still don't understand how effective we've been in the Women's Movement to turn a lot of heterosexual women's heads around. While all those referenda defeats were going on in 1977, we had an absolute high in Houston, Texas (at the International Women's Year Conference) and we did get the Sexual Preference Resolution passed in the face of tremendous odds. Originally, the IWY Committee was trying to keep us from having any workshops on lesbianism. We managed to get enough state conventions to pass sexual preference or lesbian rights resolutions so that we were part of the agenda in Houston.

**CS:** What kind of advice would you give to lesbians who are working with gay men?

**DM:** One of the things that women are doing at this point is to require that there be co-chairs for men and women and equal representation on many decision-making bodies or steering committees. I know gay men are frustrated because lesbians aren't involved in their movement to any great extent, the numbers aren't there, but it's because of the way we've been treated. Phyllis and I have been working since 1955. After a while you get tired of being "that nagging bitch" who always has to bring up the women's point of view.

**CS:** Well then what do you see as the major achievements lesbians have gained in the feminist movement, for instance, in a group like the National Organization for Women?

**DM:** There has been recognition of lesbian rights and lesbians are now free to come out into the open in the women's movement, not just in NOW, but in groups like the National Women's Political Caucus, where there's an Affirmative Action program built into their bylaws for the participation of lesbians on their national steering committee. At this very conference, there's a whole section devoted to Lesbian Law, which is fantastic. So, lesbian women are really doing their job, in spite of the gay men.

**CS:** Right now, groups all around the country are preparing to celebrate what is being called the tenth anniversary of the gay movement. Actually, this is the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City. Should this anniversary have any significance for lesbians?

**DM:** Well, this is my 24th year in the gay movement, so that the tenth anniversary doesn't have the same significance for me. I don't think Stonewall could have happened without the work that was done prior to it. The consciousness wouldn't have been there. I think that what happened at Stonewall certainly did turn on the nation and did create another level of consciousness politically. I think that that

was very good. We have to regard it as an historical occasion, as part of our history. I certainly identify myself as gay as well as lesbian and as a woman. I do work with gay men on an *ad hoc* basis where something of mutual benefit is involved.

**CS:** How do you feel about the plans to have a national gay rights march on Washington in October? Do you support such a march?

**DM:** I would prefer that they didn't have the march this year. I don't think it's really timely. There was a difference when we marched on Washington for the ERA Extension because we actually had something that was moving in the Congress at the time. The march was sort of the last push to get that across. I know that Harvey Milk wanted to have a march on Washington. When he first espoused it, it was at a time when we were losing. We had lost Dade County, Wichita, St. Paul, Eugene. When everything is coming down on us, sure, you've got to do something dramatic. Things since then have been turned around somewhat by the defeat of the Briggs Initiative in California and the vote in Seattle upholding their gay rights ordinance. There's this feeling that we all have that more of us need to come out. Part of what Harvey was looking for was to see a mass movement of gays as something that would have to be dealt with. I don't think that the people who are setting up the march understand all the ramifications. For instance, while there's been a big push in California, how many are going to afford to come to Washington? When we had the ERA march, we had about 300 from California, which isn't a lot. Also, NOW had a really good network of chapters all over the country, so did NWPC. So you had all those ready-made and easy communication and organization possibilities. The gay movement is more of a loose network with a lot of squabbles over leadership and so on. I think that the march, depending on the numbers, might impress some people about our numbers, but I wonder how many will get there. I also wonder whether or not it will be done in a serious manner. The sort of thing that goes on in the gay parade in San Francisco will not go in Washington, D.C. It could be counterproductive.

**CS:** You're now living in San Francisco, which many refer to as a "gay mecca." Is it as good a city for lesbians to live in as it is for gay men?

**DM:** Yes, we are certainly a lot freer in our activity and we can be open about who we are. That doesn't mean we have a Utopia. Lately I've found that there's been a lot more police harassment and brutality going on. We're trying to document that and protest it. We don't quite have a handle on just why this has come about recently. We also have problems with youth gangs who beat up gays on the street.

**CS:** Do you find that gay men are gaining a lot of economic power in the city to the exclusion of lesbians?

**DM:** That's certainly part of what's happening. Harvey Milk had broadened his political perspective over the years. Gay men, I think, have a tendency to be very myopic. They're centered almost solely on the gay thing, and do not identify enough with the broader

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issues, which then helps you to form coalitions. I think lesbians are much more conscious of women's issues as well as racial issues.

**CS:** You mentioned at the Lesbian Luncheon your dissatisfaction with the manner in which Harvey Milk's successor, Harry Britt, was chosen. Could you explain?

**DM:** In District Five of San Francisco, which elected Harvey, there was heavy support for Anne Kronenberg, who was one of his aides, to be appointed to his seat. Harry Britt, who was eventually selected, was one of her supporters. The Mayor (Diane Feinstein) had been looking for alternatives because, in her wisdom, she was claiming that Anne, who's 25, was too young, and that, after all, Dan White (Milk's accused assassin) was young and couldn't handle dirty politics and look what he did. Of course, that angered us that she would even equate Anne with such a person. So she was holding out because she thought Anne was too young and needed more experience. But there was really solid support for Anne. In the meantime, while all these gay men were parading by as potential candidates for the position, all vying for the spot, Britt decided that Anne wasn't going to get the appointment and, therefore, offered himself as an alternative. When the Mayor asked us, "Who are your second, third, fourth, and fifth choices?", we said, "we have no other choices but Anne Kronenberg." We weren't going to give her any alternative. So much time had passed that we really had her back to the wall. We were holding press conferences in the District saying, "Why hasn't she made the appointment?" And if Harry had stayed out of it, I think she would not have had any alternative but to appoint Anne. So, obviously, that has made the lesbians in San Francisco very, very angry.

**CS:** How then does that make you feel about Diane Feinstein's performance as Mayor?

**DM:** Certainly I'm angry with her and I'll deal with that on another level. But I'm really angry with Harry. I'm angry that all the gay men are sort of just rallying around him with the feeling that "we've got to keep that gay seat." I'm angry at having read some of the interviews



that Harry has given which show that knowledge of the issues, that he doesn't know. The man is looking to us to give him the information. We should arrive at a consensus in the nonsensical things. He has no position on the kind of representative I want in government. We are now supporting Kay Padgett in November. She's non-lesbian. She's a feminist, far better represented by her than any of the narrow tunnel vision.

When Kay ran for City Treasurer in the political race, she got 48% of the vote against a man who had never been challenged. She has credibility, which Harry Britt does not.

**CS:** You spoke also at lunch about the formation of the Lesbian Caucus in San Francisco. Could you talk a little about that?

**DM:** As a result of our efforts to organize in favor of the Lesbian Caucus in San Francisco, we formed a Lesbian Caucus in San Francisco. It's 25 women who are lesbian-feminist activists from various backgrounds and political philosophies. We have a good trust relationship. We honor our diversity, which do not stand in our way. We are able to create a lesbian voice in San Francisco.

We're operating on a consensus basis. The rules mainly dealing with respect for one another's point of view. If we don't come to agreement as a group, the individuals to go out and do their number. We're finding that we can agree on a great many things.

There are some other lesbians who are in the group and we're saying, "No, it's a climate where we want to lose what we've gained in cohesiveness. We want to start all over again when you bring in other people. Small we can deal more rapidly with things. We want other women to form their own lesbian caucus. It would be great if we had Lesbian Caucus I, II, III, in the city, each speaking out from its point of view on most occasions and disagree on others, but we don't always have to be on the same side of the issue. I think that all straight people aren't coming out of the time either. We need to stop trashing each other called "politically correct." I think that's better.





## We need to stop trashing each other if we're not so-called "politically correct."

have to realize that we come from all types of backgrounds and have different levels of consciousness which may change over the years. We all have to operate from our own awareness of things in the circles that we travel.

**CS: And keep the education process going.**

**DM: Right.**

**CS: How do you feel about lesbian separatism? Do you see it as a beneficial philosophy?**

**DM:** Well I've had a problem with the whole separatism concept. I feel that we need to deal with society as it is, and if you're not there, nothing's going to change. I certainly think it's important to be able to have woman's space and get away from things to gain a perspective on what's going down. I think that the separatist movement at one point was very strong — the whole idealization of Lesbian Nation — and then became very oppressive, so that women who weren't in that space were then being oppressed by their lesbian sisters because they weren't "politically correct."

When Phyllis and I first went out on the road to talk about our book *Lesbian/Woman*, we were visiting college campuses where we knew that the whole lesbian separatist philosophy was very strong. We figured that we'd probably get trashed. That isn't what happened to us. We were told that in our day we did something rather radical and that we may not be where it's at today, but they would honor what we did. So when we would get questions about lesbian separatism or lesbian nation and we said we didn't believe in it, that we were not separatists, it was amazing how many young women would come up to us later and say, "We're so glad you said that. That isn't really where we're coming from either. We just go along with it because we want to be accepted by our peers." Then we just sort of blew up and said, "Look, we've been working all these years to give you options so you can make choices in your lives. We've all been told what to do. We've all been told that we should conform to this heterosexual mold. Now we're trying to develop options for lesbians, for women, for gays, so that you can make up your own mind as to what's comfortable for you and who you are and not have somebody tell you who you have to be." So that's why I've been angry at the whole separatist movement.

**CS: Do you see it loosening up?**

**DM:** I think it is. Some women have come to us and said, "we're tired of talking to each other. I think we're ready to try to get back into some kind of activism." I think that there is some philosophy that has come out of separatism that is very positive. But when it's used to oppress people, I get angry.

**CS: You and Phyllis Lyon have one of the most well known long term relationships around. Do you have any feelings on the viability of long term relationships between lesbians?**

**DM:** See now that again is where we're still talking about options. So that those who want to have long term relationships, cool, those who are not into it, fine. I don't think any judgments should be made on that.

I remember that at one time we were attacked because we were into a monogamous relationship. And later on, one woman who attacked us on that had gotten into a one-to-one relationship. When we saw her we asked, "How come you attacked us?" She said that at the time she didn't think she could find any one to become involved with.

I guess one of my problems is that we're always looking for the model. Yet on the other hand, we've been doing a lot of innovative work in finding new ways. So I'm against this whole concept of models. Somebody asked me here at the conference, "Does it bother you that you're always set up as a model?" And I said, "Of course." At one time Phyllis said to me, "Why don't we break up for a while to get rid of that? That ought to upset the troops. It'll start them thinking about something else." What I would like to see is for people to deal with their own feelings, their own needs, and figure out what's best for them. What's OK for me, may not be OK for somebody else. I would like to see our society open things up so that people would have that kind of freedom. You many want to relate to a group of people at one time in your life, and at another time you may want to relate on a one-to-one basis or you may want to just be off by yourself. We should have all those options.

Look what role models have done for us in the whole way of sexual stereotyping. What I'm really trying to get at is the freedom to be whoever you are, and *that's* up to the individual.

**CS: When I read *Lesbian/Woman*, when I was first coming out, one thing that was said, that I took as gospel, was that role playing, which was present in the fifties in its extreme forms, was outdated and mostly non-existent. Then when I stepped into the lesbian community, I found that wasn't entirely true. That, yes, while the real distinct butch-femme types weren't as prevalent, there were still some nuances, there were still some subtle forms of role playing left. Do you have any feelings about that?**

**DM:** I know that we tried to play those roles when we first got together. Of course, that was the thing to do. That's where you're looking for peer acceptance because you're feeling isolated and you want to get in with a group. So you sort of go along with it. I think a lot of people acted out those roles in gay bar circles and they had a different relationship at home. I know I was trying to play the butch role and I was really a sissy butch. I'm a woman.

But one of the things that's happened in the lesbian feminist movement, in our efforts to try to erase those roles, is that it's had a poor effect on those who are into the roles. They haven't understood just where we are coming from. We haven't had enough discussion with the women who are into those roles. There seems to be a communications barrier with one group feeling not accepted by the other. One of the things that we found out a few years back in talking to people at the Langley Porter Clinic, which is really into transsexual operations, which you generally think of more in terms of male-to-female, is that there were many more female-to-male operations going on among older women. That would be the older gay who was once into the butch-femme relationship. The older butch had no place to go. She wasn't being accepted into the lesbian community because it wanted to do away with the roles. So she, in order to be accepted, was going to have an operation. I would not like to put sisters in the position where they are mutilating their bodies in order to be accepted. We need to get some kind of dialogue going on this.

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The reason I have the feelings I do on the whole sexual stereotyping issue is based upon the power relationship, where you have one dominating the other which I think is unhealthy. So it depends on what that role represents.

**CS: How can the lesbian community, predominantly young, be educated about and build institutions for older women who may feel isolated and alienated?**

**DM:** There have been some organizations that have been started for older lesbians. They call them "slightly older lesbians," forty plus. There's been a move to organize gay seniors and there is a project going on for that in New York City. Most of the lesbians in our age group are in the closet. As you get older you're apt to feel just how confining that closet is because as your friends and your lovers die off, where are you going to make contact if you haven't done it when you were younger?

**CS: Did you have any problems promoting your book *Battered Wives*, insofar as your credibility goes, because you were well known as a lesbian activist?**

**DM:** No, I never had any problems. I anticipated that I might be attacked in some quarters. "How dare I, as a lesbian, be dealing with heterosexuals," and so on. And I had an answer prepared that I never had to use. It was that since we were always told as gays that only heterosexuals could do objective research on us, then the reverse was also true. However, I found that the media wasn't willing to take a whack at me the way it did at Kate Millett. It was willing to take the battered wives issues seriously and didn't want to muck it up with another controversial issue. So when I was asked, "Have you written any other books?" And I said, "Yes, I've written *Lesbian/Woman*," they just skipped right over it and stuck to the subject of battered wives. What that said to me was that they were taking the whole problem of domestic violence seriously. My sexuality has nothing to do with it.

One of the things that bothers me is that I have not had any response from my lesbian sisters as to what's going on in their relationships. There's been a little bit of feedback that there could be some violence there too. If it's going on in our community, we need to do something about it. Certainly victims would get a lot of support. I've had a hunch that it is more apt to go on in butch-femme relationships because you're acting out those roles, which I think are part of the problem.

**CS: So what about the future? Do you see yourself continuing in the same way speaking out and writing about lesbian rights and women's rights?**

**DM:** I would like to keep on working to try to make lesbians more politically aware of establishment politics in terms of what kinds of changes can be made by putting some energy into that. I'll really be putting priority efforts into the Lesbian Caucus and the San Francisco Feminist Democrats, that's when I'm home. When I'm on the road, I try to get lesbians aware of the fact that they need to organize politically in whatever way they can, to help to get more of a lesbian voice and presence in their locality. Eventually we can get it nationally.



## Theater

### The Maids

By Jean Genet

Performed by Starsystems Players  
Little Flags Theatre,

Boston Center for the Arts  
551 Tremont Street, Boston  
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 pm  
April 20-May 5

By Bruce Wright

"In the audience, on the first night, we observed, among those who had come to applaud Genet's first venture, Marcel Carne and spouse, together with a number of other connoisseurs. An audience of queers counts double. Jean Cocteau sent his apologies. In bed with boils, probably..."

("M.D.," review of *The Maids*, Le Grelot, 22 April 1947, *The Theater of Jean Genet*, ed. Richard N. Coe, New York: Grove Press, 1970)

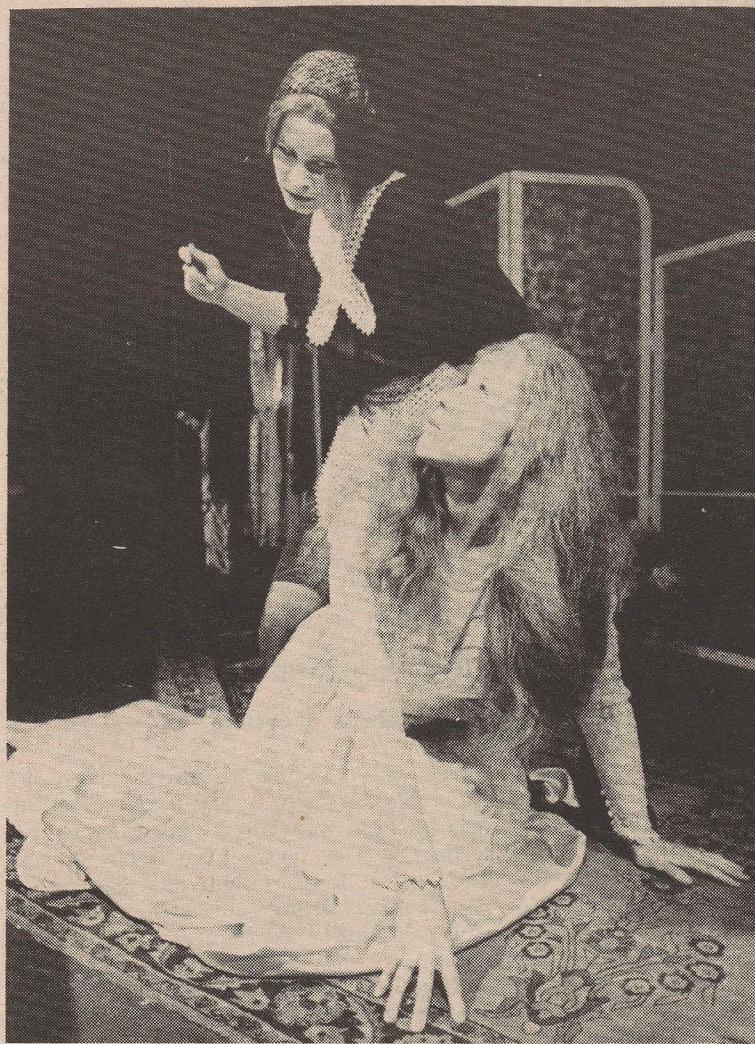
*The Maids* is the story of two servants to a vapid 'bourgeoise,' sisters who in their mistress's absence play a game, a game which has evolved into a rite. One sister takes the role of the mistress, wearing her gowns and echoing her sentiments and postures. The other sister takes the role of the maid, at first cringing and officious as in everyday life, but eventually expressing the hatred and taking the vengeance that is denied them when their mistress is home. The sisters perform this ceremony every evening while Madame is away in the company of her lover; they alternate in playing Madame's part and call each other during the ceremony by each other's names, so that Solange becomes Claire, and Claire, Solange. Solange and Claire have plotted the downfall of Madame's lover, a high-class thief, and during the course of the play they connive to murder Madame.

Genet is thought to have been inspired to write the play by the case of the Papin sisters who killed their mistress and her daughter in 1933. The ceremony performed by the sisters Lemercier, however, serves less to feed their thoughts of rebellion, their revolutionary consciousness, than to express their envy and self-loathing. It is a searing study of self-oppression and failed rebellion. The maids

hopelessly try to transcend their self-hatred through the adoption of roles of dominance and subservience. "We shall be that eternal couple, Solange," cries Claire, "the two of us, the eternal couple of the criminal and the saint."

*The Maids* is a modern classic, extremely challenging to the performers, and marvellously brought off by the Starsystems Players. Genet's illusionist theme and technique, the self-deception of the play within the play, supply levels of irony which tax the interpretive powers of actors and audience alike. Characterized by sudden changes of mood, and largely motivated by psychological subtext rather than by the exigencies of plot, the dialogue is often unrealistically poetic. However, the play has a tight structure and a dramatic intensity which allow us to move with its rhythms and identify with its characters. Genet wrote that he intended the characters as "signs," not realistic portraits, and indeed Solange and Claire play at symbolizing their oppression to each other. Mary Loo Harmel, in the part of Solange, and Diane Alexander as Claire, establish this ritual quality through stylized gestures and effectively exaggerated diction, yet their suffering is real to us as well. While occasionally the performance wavers between ritual and realism, there are high points which exemplify both. Among the most chilling moments of the play are those in which one sister forces another to go on acting out their mutual humiliation and pretense, while those in which the sisters suddenly fall into sincere tenderness for each other are among the most moving.

Waiting for the play to begin in the intimately constructed Little Flags Theatre of the Boston Center for the Arts, watching the audience drink wine and listen to thematically suggestive music (*Human Sexual Response's* "I Want to be Jackie Onassis" seemed a particularly appropriate choice) I observed the delicious artifice and decadence of the set: lots of blue and pink satin, lace, plastic flowers set profusely about the stage. Two bunches sit in deco



vases on a vanity table whose empty mirror allows the audience to gaze at the characters gazing at themselves.

Looking at my program, I noted that the parts of the maids were to be played by women. Although Genet originally intended that they should be played by men, *The Maids* was first performed by an all-female cast and has since been played with every possible conjunction of genders. Having all the characters played by men may clarify the play's homosexual dimension, since both maids and mistress have male lovers but also express sexual tenderness towards each other. But these male "lovers" are distinct; they are among the oppressors. "Genet's imagery," the program

reads, "exposes the myth of 'femininity,' a concept of glamour forced on women by men." The falsity of this myth might have been emphasized by having a male cast, but some of the play's most urgently feminist lines ("I, who trimmed my belly with pins to stab all the foetuses I threw into the gutter!") might also have lost some of their force. The casting of a man in the role of Madame underlines (as the program continues) "the true oppressive power behind 'femininity'." Maya Silverthorne makes use of his gender in this particular way only once, but to great effect: when he uses a man's voice to give the command, "Come here!" and then returns to dizzy laughter as he mocks Claire for having put on make-up. His

drag routine provides comic relief without lapsing into superficial camp.

Silverthorne's portrayal of Madame shows that her saccharine condescension is what most offends the maids. Their portrayal of her loathing for them is much exaggerated by their own self-hatred. Madame hardly sees the maids, except in the little moments of apprehension which are so typical of the modern bourgeois guilt and suspicion of servants, waiters, etc. Madame, too, is both perpetrator and victim of the feminine myth, and as ready to romanticize criminality and martyrdom as the maids. Silverthorne milks the irony in his lines with aplomb ("I'm something of a stranger in the kitchen, . . . It's your domain. You're its sovereigns"; and as Claire urges her mistress to drink tea poisoned with phenobarbital, "I've never felt so alive. . . . And tomorrow we'll just sleep and sleep and sleep.")

The stagecraft is superb; a small cast within a small area manages to create variety of movement and minimizes the obstruction of two pillars close to the stage. Props and effects are skillfully handled. "In this production," the program warned me, "we have superimposed slides that hint at the 'mass subconscious,' the connecting link between Solange, Claire and the spectator." They are not quite visible from every seat in the theater since they are projected on a dark slanting piece of material which forms the ceiling of Madame's boudoir, but their effect is in any case appropriately unobtrusive. Genet probably did not write the play with an explicitly political reference in mind, but its demonstration of rebellion frustrated from within as well as without aptly coincides with the crisis of revolutionaries in 1947, caught between the stifling tolerance of capitalism and the catastrophe of Stalinism.

The play runs at Little Flags Theatre in the Boston Center for the Arts, 551 Tremont Street, every Friday and Saturday at 8 from April 20 to May 5.

## Film

### Picnic at Hanging Rock

Directed by Peter Weir  
Director of Photography,

Russell Boyd

From Atlantic Releasing  
Corporation

At the Orson Welles Cinema,  
Cambridge

By Pat M. Kuras

"What we see and what we seem are but a dream within a dream." — so goes the opening line in Peter Weir's *Picnic at Hanging Rock*. Those familiar with Weir's prior film, *The Last Wave*, will immediately recognize the borrowed significance of dreams and the abstruse. *The Last Wave* was psychologically eerie, but Weir may have committed a *faux pas* as he attempted to explain events in that film's denouement. With *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, Weir is far more ambiguous and this works to his advantage. We are treated with a film that is a combination of unresolved mystery thriller and Victorian horror.

Weir has taken his story from the novel by Joan Lindsay, whose book is reputedly based on fact. The story concerns a group of schoolgirls who inexplicably vanish while exploring a mountain-side. Weir has a knack for tapping



our underlying fears. In *Hanging Rock*, he has one of the schoolgirls, Miranda (Anne Lambert), continually prophesying her forthcoming disappearance. Although not as explicit as Richard Chamberlain's visual premonitions from *The Last Wave*, Miranda's off-side murmurings register their own degree of spooky anxiety.

The film, set in Australia, opens on the morning of St. Valentine's

Day, 1900, at Appleyard College, a school for young ladies. The morning is tranquil and sweet as the schoolgirls swap valentines and dreamy-eyed stares. Miranda is gentle, yet puzzling, as she tells the roommate who adores her, "You must learn to love someone else apart from me, Sara. I won't be here much longer."

Sara (Margaret Nelson) is not allowed to join the other girls on

their outing to Hanging Rock. Accompanied by school handyman, Mr. Hussey (Martin Vaughn), mathematics teacher, Miss McCraw (Vivean Gray) and French teacher Mme. DePoitiers (Helen Morse), the girls are treated to their all-day affair in the outbacks of Australia. Impending danger is hinted in true terror movie fashion as their team of horses react violently as they near the enormous Hanging Rock. Once at the site, a group of girls (despite the fact that they have been "forbidden any tomboy foolishness" and instructed to act "in a manner to bring credit to the college") embark on exploring the rock.

Young gentleman Michael Fitzhubert (Dominic Guard) is also spending the day at Hanging Rock with his aunt and uncle and their coachman, Bertie (John Jarratt). Michael and Bertie spot the four girls as they trek through the woods and up the rock. Michael, mesmerized by Miranda, attempts to follow, but quickly loses sight of them. Much later one of the girl explorers, Edith, becomes frightened for some unexplained reason. Screaming hysterically, she races back to the picnic site.

In the evening, Mr. Hussey returns the girls to the college. Mrs. Appleyard (Rachel Roberts), the school's headmistress, is frantic — the party has been hours overdue. She becomes even more agitated as she learns that Miss McCraw and three of the girls are still at the rock — missing.

The story continues with prolonged searches. Michael and Bertie, acting on their own, find one of the missing girls, Irma (Karen Robson). (But during their search, something odd has happened to Michael. Bertie finds him injured and dazed and we never learn how Michael came into this condition.)

By the movie's end, two girls along with Miss McCraw are still missing. We never learn what happened to them nor what was experienced by Michael, Irma, or Edith.

With *Hanging Rock's* opening shots of schoolgirls prancing and giggling on the Y-shaped staircase, the film may remind some viewers of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, and like *Jean Brodie*, this film graduates into teeming sensuality. Weir captures a peculiar quasi-innocence, erotic moments of teenaged girls bubbling with

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## Film

### The Bell Jar

Directed by Larry Peerce  
with Marilyn Hassett

By Nancy Walker

There is something peculiar about *The Bell Jar*. It should be emotionally devastating. It should leave the viewer limp, wrung-out, moved to pity or at least sympathy. The story, after all, is about the disintegration of a sensitive, brilliant, poetic woman's mind. Not only that, but a woman whose closest friend turns out to be a dyke. The dyke commits suicide just at the end of the film, ostensibly because the heroine — Esther Greenwood — has rejected her.

Not having read the book (by Sylvia Plath), I am spared the disjunction between the literary and the celluloid versions of the story. I can judge the film purely as a film, with no extraneous noises in my head. And as a movie, *The Bell Jar* is a curiously dismal failure. Where we should be horrified or moved to tears, we are simply

bored or annoyed.

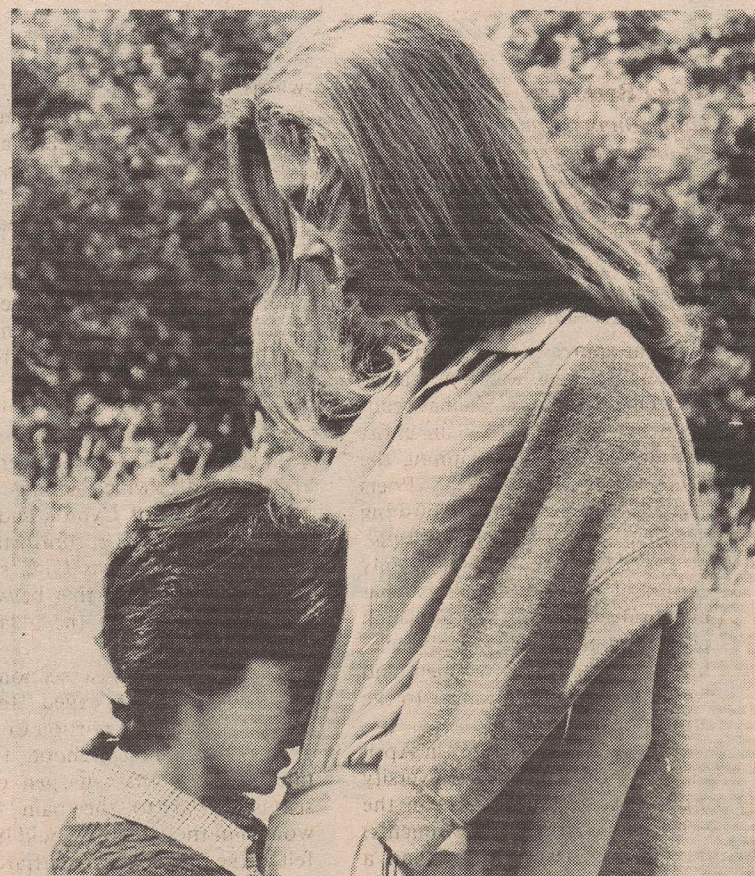
While in college Esther writes a poem that wins a prestigious prize. She is also chosen to spend four weeks at a really slick, high-pressure women's magazine where she meets a fiction editor who is "one of those people," meaning one of *us* people. Esther's homophobic position is made crystal clear at this point. Yet, she has an obviously warm and physically affectionate relationship with Joan who is just as obviously lesbian. She seems to *leer* at Esther the first time we see them together (in a room) in the college dorm. I was particularly put off by that opening insult. The two young women appear to care for each other, and since both of them have severe difficulties living their lives, whenever they meet, their major topic of conversation is suicide and how best to accomplish that very attractive end.

The school Esther leaves for her sojourn at the magazine in New York City is in New England,

where, in addition to going to school and writing poetry, she copes (badly) with her widowed mother and her medical student boyfriend. Nothing in her life prepares her for the sexual jungle she is to endure in New York.

Before she departs for the Big Apple, she spends an evening with her boyfriend, Buddy, who displays his below-the-waterline equipment to her, having first established that she had never seen the adult version of such a marvel before. She is impressed enough to refer to the entire package deal as a "turkey neck and gizzard," when she describes it to Joan later on.

She does not give in to Buddy's amorous importuning. He wants her to marry him, but she wants to write poetry. He says, "You can write when the children are asleep." Esther's dilemma is clearly over how to be both a woman, fulfilling society's expectations, and an authentic person whose values and creative energy



can have genuine significance. She does not want merely to be an adjunct to some male, however well-endowed.

Esther can't get it together. She and her mother cannot communicate. The mother in the screen adaptation seems rather dull and innocuous, but she refuses to tell Esther how her father died, which seems a matter of great consequence to Esther. The mother appears unaware of her daughter's inner turmoil, though we, as audience, cannot help knowing about it because we are treated to a series of scenes in which Esther screams like an injured animal, throws her clothes out the window (after a very ugly episode with a Peruvian male who starts out being charming, suave and continental, and ends up seriously attempting to rape her), and finally both slits her wrists and swallows a fistful of barbiturates in an effort at a final solution.

Of course, she fails (one wishes she had succeeded), and wakes up in her words in "the loony bin." It's a rather high-toned bin and looks just like the swanky New England college she had attended earlier. She had suffered through very painful electric shock treatments before coming to the bin, where she again has shock treatments which her doctor promises will not be as barbaric as the first ones. They appear to help. Esther shows some improvement, but she continues to howl from time to time, and she hates her mother, who does not seem worthy of all that concentrated loathing.

Suddenly, Joan arrives at the bin. Esther is overjoyed when she thinks her friend has come to visit, but, no, she has come to register for an extended stay. She couldn't make it on the outside either. The two young women go off for a walk in the idyllic, park-like grounds surrounding the bin. While they are Elvira Madiganing in the woods, Joan tells Esther how she tried to kill herself and, after much wheedling by Esther, displays the scars across her chest. Then she entreats Esther to make a suicide pact with her and agree to die *as lovers*. Esther is as appalled at this as she has been throughout the film at the slimy, uncouth, worse-than-animal physical assaults on her by men, or at the way in which Buddy, who claims to love her, treats her

as less than a full person.

Esther runs away from Joan, back to the sheltering arms of the bin. While having lunch, she is called aside by Joan's therapist who is looking for Joan. Esther, followed by her own therapist, returns to the woods where she and Joan had been together, and voila — Joan, suspended from a tree.

In what looks like pain or anguish or some appropriate emotion, Esther turns away, her therapist in tow, saying, "I am, I am." The film closes while Esther is walking away from the death scene. There is a voice-over of Esther declaring, in effect, that she has been liberated.

The ending is abrupt and totally unsatisfying, unrelated to the tragedy of Joan's death. The acting throughout is fine. The motivations, however, seem inadequate. I was never quite convinced that any of the horrors on the screen was necessary. Either the people were too weak to survive, or what was well-fleshed out in the book, lost a great deal in translation.

Perhaps the most grievous fault of the film was its giving equal emphasis to *everything*. The fiction editor's needling of Esther made her crumble just as much as her mother's refusal to communicate, just as much as her boyfriend's downgrading her personhood, just as much as the attempted rape, just as much as Joan's death. It was all unrelieved hysteria. The even pitch of the primal scream rendered the scream to all intents and purposes, inaudible, or merely grating on the ears, but not piercing to the soul.

The fact that a lesbian's death seems to precipitate a kind of "cure" for Esther is as baffling as it is annoying. Since Esther consistently rejects any kind of sexual expression, it might be that Joan's death expunges her guilt for the lesbian tendencies that she recognized in herself. Who knows? Though Esther was convincingly mad, I found her unattractive because she did not have the courage to take the obvious way out of her dilemma and achieve both personhood and the right to be a poet by choosing lesbian autonomy.

If you can get to see the film the way I did, gratis, you may want to try to figure it out. Otherwise, save your money and read the book.

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## Poetry

### Olga Broumas

at the Book Affair  
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Lamont Library, Harvard  
University  
April 21

By Linda Stein

It was appropriate that Harvard University was accommodating poet Olga Broumas. She has readily proven her abilities on elitist patriarchal terms by winning the Yale Series of Younger Poets Award in 1976 and by publishing her first book, *Beginning With O*, in 1977. But a paradox certainly existed in those chambers that night. Olga Broumas is a lesbian poet, and her work openly celebrates her love for women and forcefully directs her anger to the appropriate places.

Nor was her audience on April 21 a typical Harvard University group. Most of the faces in the overflowing crowd were women's, though there were more than a few men present. It was especially heartening to see that such a gathering transcended age divisions. Unfortunately, people of color remained a minority at this event.

Olga Broumas was born in Greece in 1949. She has been in the United States since 1967 and currently lives in Oregon. She still maintains a deep bond with her homeland, as was evident in her opening comments in which she shared with us some of the customs of Greek Easter and said she was glad to be celebrating it again that night after 13 years.

Thus it was fitting that she began her reading with a poem called "Rebirth Poem" (entitled "Sometimes, as a child" in her book). Immediately, we were immersed in her world by her soothing but strong voice that resonates with unique rhythms and full tones. This voice did not falter throughout the reading but only changed with the character of each poem. Usually she leans back her head, closes her eyes, and recites her poetry from memory.

For the first half of the evening, Olga read from *Beginning With O*, prefacing each poem with pertinent facts and tales which allowed us to relate to her works more intimately. The format of her book is quite intriguing. It is divided into three parts. The first is called "The Twelve Aspects of God" and deals, as Olga said at the reading, with the ways in which the energy of Greek myths is still alive in us today. All of these poems celebrate female power. Olga read two poems from this section, "Leda and the Swan" and "Artemis."

In "Leda and the Swan," "the fathers" are angrily portrayed as "overdosed lechers," "anecdotal," "... sculptures shaped by the hands of nuns." Yet Olga's voice remained throughout the poem. The content and imagery speak for themselves.

One of Artemis' attributes is that she is known as the guardian of the secret alphabet. In the poem "Artemis" Olga's voice matches her potent words as she exclaims, "... What tiny fragments/survive, mangled into our language./I am a woman committed to a politics/of transliteration..." This poem perhaps received the most overt responses from the audience. It is indeed very powerful throughout, as in its ending: "... we must find

words/or burn." But all her pieces were received with much applause and sighs, laughter and a few tears. Much of her work exposes the destructiveness of male power and can indeed be threatening to men. Yet I heard no ridiculing remarks; the men in the audience were silent and seemed attentive throughout the evening.

The second section of her book is called "The Knife and the Bread" and speaks of the painful relationships between men and women. Olga read a war poem of the same title, which is dedicated to the women of Cyprus and reveals some very uncomfortable violent images of, as Olga said, "the other war..." that between men and women of the invaded country."

The third and last section of *Beginning With O* is called "Innocence" and a good portion of this part retells our childhood fairy tales in ways that sharpen consciousness as to the pain that women in these myths would have felt at the hands of the patriarchs, and to their comfort in being with other women. Olga read the poem "Innocence" which is an unusual intertwining of spirituality, Zen koan, and lesbian sexuality. She dedicated "Little Red Riding Hood" to her mother and to Adrienne Rich. I cannot do it justice in a review. It is a superb poem. Read it.

From a series of love poems called *Caritas* (Care-Cherish-Charisma-Child) she read one which she dedicated to "all those of us who read *Lady Chatterly's Lover* and for years thought we were having the wrong kind."

For the rest of the evening Olga read new poems that will be included in her new book coming out in May, *Soie Savage*. This means "raw silk," but also sounds like "be savage," which Olga said is appropriate since she was feeling quite angry while she wrote it.

A good portion of her new book was written during what sounds like a writer's paradise. Olga wrote and received a grant from the state of Oregon for \$1,000, which allowed her to travel around the state for three months and write poetry. She spent a lot of time experiencing the countryside in solitude and writing about it.

She read a number of these landscape poems whose themes included: the voluptuousness of the river, "moving as no lover ever moved..." deadsure and delicate"; the internal anguish of divorce; the supposed insanity of passion. "Landscape for Next of Kin" is a very touching poem in which Olga attempts to communicate with her father by imaginatively lifting him from his home town in Greece, in hopes of transcending socialized barriers.

Another poem, entitled "Banner," was definitely a highlight. It is a solitude poem written on International Women's Day. Olga's oral reading of this piece was extremely creative. When one is writing in solitude, she said, in the mind there are no commas, no punctuation. Olga drove this poem forward in every moment and the effect was breathtaking.

For her last poem, Olga read an "Elegy" for herself in which the persona in the poem is "no longer shy and desirous to be clean." But Olga Broumas is very clean — very skillful, very precise with her words.

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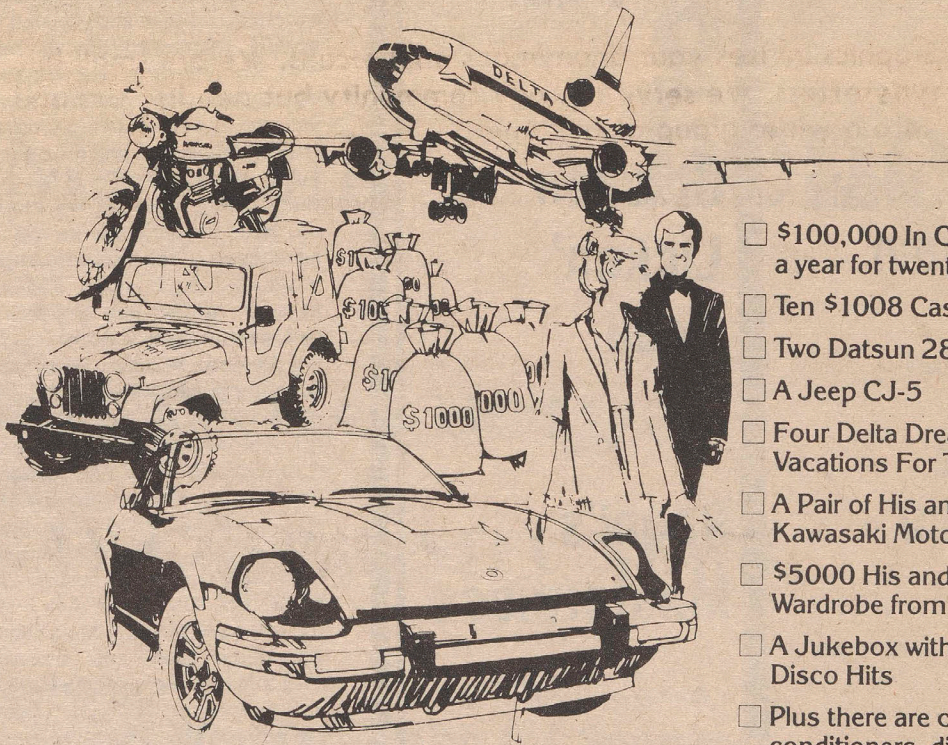
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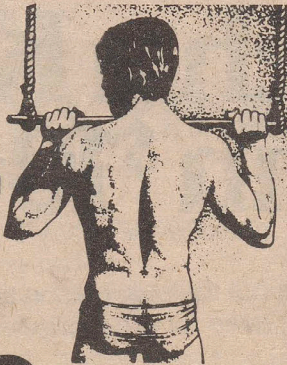
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## Liberating the baths

By John Kyper

For many of us, the baths have an air of the mysterious and forbidden. Something about them seems eternal, they seem like they'll always be the way they have been. The specter of Absolute Promiscuity is intimidating, yet enticing — especially to the uninitiated. For years after I came out, the baths filled me with awe and curiosity. They represented a threshold I did not dare to cross, beyond cruising in a bar, picking up someone on the street, or attending a gay liberation dance. Also, I had heard some horrible tales of baths being degrading, alienating places.

I was frightened when I finally got up the nerve to go, one weekend while visiting New York five years ago. I had a wonderful time; I even made a friend (which I'd been told didn't happen at the baths). In a way it was a little like coming out: Some of the mystery had lifted, and I realized what I'd been missing for all that time.

Since then I have visited the baths with varying frequency, usually a couple of times a month. Not every time has been as enjoyable as the first, of course. The experience can certainly be alienating and, if one lets it, degrading. The baths are, after all, a sexual marketplace. There are times when nothing happens right, sending me into spiraling depression. And I have picked up syphilis at the bath three times.

Yet I continue to go, despite whatever momentary unpleasant experiences I may encounter. I am usually uncomfortable in bars, with the crowding, the emphasis on alcohol, the cigarette smoke and the sly cock-teasing. Outdoor cruising areas feel more honest — but dangerous. Besides, I feel confined having sex with my clothes on. Back rooms combine the disadvantages of the bars with impersonality. And many YMCA's have the unchristian practice of locking the stairwell doors.

Like nude beaches, baths are a situation in which I am at my most relaxed. Pretense and sham come off with the clothes; game-playing is minimized. Here The Question is reduced to its most direct terms: sex — yes or no? I have made many friends, and started at least two love affairs, through the baths. But whether or not I ever see someone again, I have shared something good and beautiful with him. I view compassionate promiscuity spiritually, as a reaching out to the broader humanity, to the infinitude of Creation.

Of course I often fall short of my ideals. I witness my own uptightness, as well as that of other people. I am aware of my prejudices — physical appearance, personality, sexual compatibility. Many, many factors determine the chemistry of whether I just have sex with a person, a friendly conversation, or whether the relationship continues beyond our initial encounter. Karla Jay put it best when she wrote that "sex is the last area in which we reconcile the differences between our political ideals and our personal actions."

Four years ago Rita Mae Brown disguised herself as a male (with a robe and moustache) and visited the Club Bath in New York. Her entertaining account of the experience appeared originally in Boston's *Real Paper* and has just been reprinted in *Lavender Culture*, the newest anthology edited by Karla Jay and Allen Young. Brown's observations on the baths

and on sexuality (male and female) are among the most insightful and provocative I've ever read.

I was struck by her comments about the men's *silence*, especially in the orgy room, and about the deadly seriousness of their search. She envisions what a women's bath might be like: singing, laughing, caressing, less emphasis on genital activity. (A couple of years ago the Sutro Bathhouse opened in San Francisco, a coed bath with a woman's night.) However much I'd like to, I cannot imagine singing and laughing in an orgy room. If I didn't get drowned out by the blaring disco on the p.a. system, the management would probably have me thrown out.

Two men, Murray Edelman and Bill Peters, long-time Bay Area counselors, are working to change the baths. They are tapping the original gay liberation vision of a decade ago.

I was excited, shortly after I moved to San Francisco at the end of last year, to see a flier posted on Castro Street advertising "A Different Kind of Night at the Baths," at the Fair Oaks Hotel. "Defeating proposition 6 showed the power we have when we work together," it stated. "On a much smaller scale we can use this same kind of energy to change our conventional behavior at the baths." It promised to add space to talk about the feelings encountered at the baths, guided exercises to explore forms of making contact free of the restrictions of age and looks, and the mutual support of other gay men seeking to work on relating in the baths.

I missed the "Night" in January and February, but I finally made it to the one held at the beginning of March. There were 80 of us and it was exhilarating. For the first time since I started going to the baths, I was relating with a large and friendly group of people rather than just on a one-to-one basis (though that happened, too). I did not feel alone, as I can sometimes feel at the baths, one more soul lost in the mass of impersonal sexual activity. Things were not so serious. There was less sexual tension; the dialectic of lust and rejection was not as strong here. There was less sex than at a conventional night at the baths, but for me it was more satisfying.

Edelman and Peters facilitated the evening's activities. As we registered we were assigned a room with a group of seven people. (Because it was formerly a residential hotel, the Fair Oaks has rooms rather than cubicles.) We introduced ourselves and described, briefly, our hopes and expectations for the evening: How important is having an orgasm? What is my most uninhibited fantasy?

After half an hour we all assembled together in the theater. For starters Murray had us "make noise." We unloosed with five minutes' cacaphony of screams, shouts, screeches, whistles and animal sounds. Murray asked us to fantasize a tense cruising scene and a painful rejection scene — then put a stick of dynamite in the corner of the picture and blow it up. Then we performed a series of exercises to explore our own and each others' bodies, massaging and sculpting. We demystified the body, even examining other people's genitals. It was a relaxed environment in which sex happened or it did not, naturally; and there was no embarrassment over getting an "inappropriate" erection — or

over not having an erection.

I had so much fun that I've gone back, enthusiastically, twice since then. Many others have come back again and again. The first "Night," in August, was a benefit for the "No on 6" campaign; subsequent programs have aided the Harvey Milk United Fund and the Wolf Creek Farm Fund.

Both of the facilitators are trained therapists with considerable experience in leading groups. Bill is a counselor at College of Marin. Murray has been active in gay liberation since 1969, in Chicago, and was one of the founders of San Francisco's Lavender U in the early 70's. Four years ago they led a series called "Cruising 201," at several Bay Area universities and other locations. A leaflet blurb explained the purpose of the evening's group:

Not a class on cruising, but a time to experience each other and the ways we meet and don't meet. With some exercises and facilitated rap, we hope to create an atmosphere of openness that will encourage risk-taking and trying out new ways of contacting others. We'll be working in the areas of getting close without feeling obligation, being up-front about our expectations of each other, and combining sex with friendship.

They led six sessions, averaging 60-80 people each time.

"Cruising 201" opened inspiring possibilities, "a taste of what you can do in a large group," recalled Murray. The facilitators worked with the sexual energy during the long evening sessions. There's a lot of power in large groups. The experience was fun, but it suggested what more could happen if people were in a place where they could take off their clothes.

Murray is part of the radical therapy movement, an alternative to conventional counseling and its emphasis on personal adjustment to society, at all costs. The approach that says "overcome your hangups" bypasses the crucial issues of race, class and sex, he explained. "It's all on you, stuff going on in your head that needs to be changed. In a radical therapy approach, you see your problems in a broader, political context; you see that the cause of your problems is not all yourself. Groups like EST tell you to change by 'taking responsibility'; our groups say that we can change; it's our common responsibility."

Why did they pick the baths to do "therapy?" Bill is not much of a bath-goer, he said, "my real interest is in raising gay men's consciousness in whatever they do. As men we have learned to compete and put each other down. I want to encourage people to *communicate* around their sexuality and to go beyond the labels we put on each other — beautiful and ugly, old and young, my 'type' and not my 'type.' Open yourself to the totality of experience, test your frontiers." Consciousness around aging is also very important: "As you age, the world around you seems younger. It's a consciousness that's coming to everyone — I want people to learn to deal with it comfortably."

Murray cited Marx, who "pointed out that institutions like the church and the government, by the nature of their existence, give us the illusion of being eternal

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and unchangeable. The same is true of bars and baths. By going into the baths and totally changing the energy, we are demystifying them and showing the participants and ourselves just what is possible.

"My goal would be to have people say, 'I have trouble meeting people, we must change the society.' More realistically, I hope people leave feeling that the way of solving the problem of loneliness and isolation is to change institutions like the baths. We're trying to give an experience which touches our beliefs about the world, our beliefs about ourselves and the ways we experience others.

"To take in collective energy you have to change your belief system. If you believe you're straight, your experience of gay energy is going to be very muted. If you see yourself as a loner and the world as isolated, you won't experience collective energy or collective power. If you see yourself as part of a movement for change, then you will experience collective energy, you will be less cynical and won't blame yourself so much for your problems.

"Your beliefs don't come just by reading about gay liberation. If someone comes who does not see himself as part of a political move-

ment, but sees his problems as solely his own — from that night he'll have an experience of what is possible if you make a change in an institution. That experience and knowledge will, hopefully, be part of that change, changing his sense of who he is."

Murray was one of the first gay liberationists in Chicago and feels that the early thrust of the gay movement toward changing lifestyles has been lost in the narrowed emphasis on "gay rights." "By questioning our beliefs and trying out new experiences, we touched on many visions of future possibilities. Perhaps we were going in too many directions at once. But our nights come out of that experience, of challenging beliefs and trying out new experiences (with psychic and growth-type exercises) and relating the two as we taste what is possible in collective change."

Murray is eager to try more such innovative programs. He is planning a "different day in the country" in Marin County this summer, and he wants to put on a program some night in a gay bar. He visits the East Coast often (particularly New York) and would like to work with others trying out these ideas. Anyone interested can write to Murray Edelman, 349 Church Street, San Francisco 94114.

## Film

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suppressed sexuality. In fact, everyone in this film suffers from some shade of sexual repression. Sex is scary and forbidden to these Victorian types. When some of the young females are rescued from Hanging Rock, the local doctor must repeatedly assure the womenfolk that these young girls have not been molested and are "quite intact."

Young Michael is like a cherubic Roddy McDowell, but Weir suggests that Michael may have some tainted desires of his own. (And his friendship with Bertie grows to an almost homoerotic stance.) Are we to believe that these vanished and injured visitors to Hanging Rock are somehow being punished for their unacted-upon sexual anxiety? Note that these characters are traipsing all over an example of the most phallic symbolism I've encountered in years. Yet Weir is sly; he executes his rock-cock frames with class. He is never blatantly obnoxious as say, Brian DePalma was when he gave us a close-up of some poking plumbing apparatus in the steamy shower scene from *Carrie*.

This film is really a marvel to me, but I am torn by political differences. Weir submits to very *lookist* attitudes — most of his characters, especially the women, are physically perfect, pretty specimens. Michael is every bit the handsome gent with his tophat and fine-tailored suits. The schoolgirls are gorgeous and immaculate with their flowing long hair and high-necked white dresses.

In the film the unattractive people are either villains or dolts. It's these cheap shots of movie-making formulae that I am not fond of. Edith is cranky and overweight. Miss McCraw, another of the school's outcasts, has a perpetually-pinched facial expression and dresses as if she was on her way to a funeral parlor rather than a picnic.

As I look at *Picnic at Hanging Rock* realistically I grow more and more perturbed. In ways, I can

liken it to John Boorman's *Deliverance*: both films have absolutely stunning photography and their story lines are rivetting. But they do precious little to promote good gay images.

In *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, Sara is the most emotionally honest of all the characters, and because of her vulnerability (and more movie-making formulae), she is doomed to die. She is the film's only open lesbian. The other schoolgirls see her as something odd, but they don't persecute her. She is tolerated with a sad kind of sympathy. After seeing this film twice, I wonder if Sara's death was indeed a suicide or murder? Weir, as with all the mysteries in this film provides the clues, but no answers.

Weir's secondary characters are malicious or delightful caricatures. Mrs. Appleyard, who is ultimately destroyed, is more wicked and nastier than the headmistress from *Maedchen En Uniform*. And why does she torment poor Sara so? The revelation at the film's end is hardly a surprise.

At the beginning of the film, it seemed that Bertie would be a despicable character, but, in fact, he became one of my favorites. At first he seems to be a gruff, crude lout, but he eventually shows his sensitivity in his friendship with Michael. And while conversing with Irma, Bertie is actually shy and humble. Most appealing though, is the scene in which Bertie shares a dream he had — the audience is in for a poignant surprise.

The scary scenes in *Picnic at Hanging Rock* are more subdued than those in *The Last Wave*. But *Hanging Rock* is a far better film. It is an unexplained mystery thriller that is exotic, erotic and exquisite. The filmed bits of youthful, repressed, sexual sensuality are but the stuff of which masturbatory dreams are made. If you want to truly enjoy this film (and it is very enjoyable) leave your political consciousness in the lobby.

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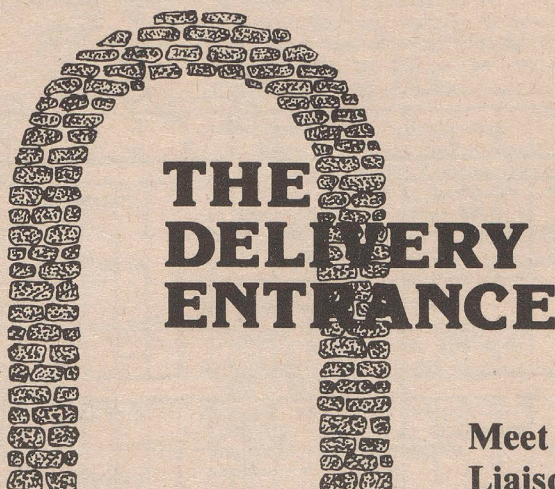
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Writer doing article on Gay people at Harvard/Radcliffe over the past fifty years. Anyone with info or experiences, write Eric Rofes, 45 Garden St. #6, Boston, MA 02114.

**Insurance Needs & Money Management**  
**ROBERT A. MAIBOR**  
Certified Public Accountant  
237-4900 & 963-3464 (30)

**GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP**  
Beginning, has openings.  
David Seil Associates  
536-2665. (33)

**COUNSELING**  
Individual and Couple Psychotherapy for Men and Women. Sliding Scale. For appointment, call (617) 628-8286 or 267-0237, evenings.  
Jim Fishman MSW

Landscape and gardening, experienced! in all types of landscape work. Phone Bob Toscano. (617) 267-6188. (40)

**HASSLE-FREE PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR NH GAYS**  
Ethical-Confidential  
Individual & Couples  
Judith Sigler, Lyn Foley  
(Both MSW, ACSW)  
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**WOMEN'S SUBURBAN PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES**  
INDIVIDUAL AND COUPLE  
PSYCHOTHERAPY AND REFERRAL  
For women, their friends, and families.  
(617) 861-8824 Lexington, Mass.

**THE CENTER FOR BEING**  
A full service counseling program offering new therapies, new hopes for gays, bisexuals, transsexuals, transvestites by gay, bisexual, transsexual, transvestite professionals. Insurance/sliding scale. (207) 644-8619. Box 138, South Bristol, ME 04568. (43)

**MASS-BAY COUNSELING ASSOCIATES**  
INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES AND GROUP COUNSELING  
Newton Corner, Mass. (off the Pike)  
(617) 965-1311 for appt.

**RENOVATIONS**  
Interior carpentry and painting. All jobs large and small. Call Ginny Hodgdon 787-9583. (41)

**HEARING-IMPAIRED GAY ALCOHOLICS**  
The Homophile Alcohol Treatment Service is currently seeking new clients for the Deaf Alcohol Program: Call 426-5208 or 426-5229 or write H.A.T.S., Deaf Program, 80 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116.

**WOMEN LEAVING WOMEN**  
A support group for lesbians separating from loved ones May 10-June 28 Thurs 8-10:30 p.m. Call Anita Rossien or Tova Schwartz 354-5981. (41)

## ROOMMATES

Beacon Hill, M or F for 2 br apt w/M, 31, for June 1-Aug.31 only \$125 + util. Must be responsible. GCN Box 31. (41)

Two feminist lesbians need third to share nice 3 bdrm apt in J.P. nr pond & Green Line. \$100/mo + util & sec. dep. NO smoke/drugs. Avail now 524-6196 (40)  
Boston, Harvard Lw student needs rmmte for sunny 2 br apt at Ashmont on Red Line. \$90/mo incl ht & hw. Chuck 288-0442. Early morn/late eves. (41)  
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**SUMMER SHARE**  
Student seeks congenial (M or F) roommate for summer to share still semi-furnished but cheap, pleasant & convenient Somerville place. Non-smoker preferred. Call Paul (617) 498-5134 or Rich 498-4710. (41)

**LARGE VICTORIAN HOUSE**  
4 GWFs seek others to share Arlington home. New kitchen and bath on T. We are independent, friendly, have pets — can take no more animals. Call 536-8306. Keep trying! (40)

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GWM Harvard law stdt, 25 sks apt/house 2 share or rm w/kt fac withn walking dist. of Harvard for next acad year: Sept. 1, '79-May 30, '80: Non-smok, lks sports & music. Nice guy. Please call 498-5109. Keep trying. (41)

**INSTRUCTION**  
Ballet & Disco classes beginning May 1 Tues 6-9 pm 8 wks \$20 BAG, 367 Boylston. Beg & Beg inter call 739-5892 evenings. (41)

**MOVERS**  
**THE JIM CLARK MOVING CO.**  
Licensed-Insured-Professional  
24 hrs./day—7 days/wk.—No O.T. charges  
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Gay lovable Toy Fox Terriers 7 weeks old. Excellent apt pets. Call Ed or Dave at 254-2336 between 6 and 10 pm. (40)

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Bar—good location, dance floor with service bar and lights, full kitchen and alarm system, established gay clientele. Priced to sell. Owner (203) 354-6416. (40)

**COME TO PROVINCETOWN**  
Find out why so many guys visit Provincetown at this time of year. Carl's Guest House, 68 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 487-1650 (c)

**PROVINCETOWN THIS SUMMER?**  
Let us fill your needs. Rentals, apts, cottages, sales, whatever. Across from Town Hall. Kent Coutinho, Ed Arruda. Kent Edwards Real Estate 487-1725. (40)

**P'TOWN SEASONAL RENTALS**  
To women only — cottage \$1250; apt inc utl \$1250. Nr beach/town center. Write Box 190, Provincetown, MA 02657 (40)

Maine: summer rooms for women Islands/harbor views. Weekly \$100. Reservations: (617) 876-6712. (44)

**GAY GUEST HOUSE IN VERMONT**  
Come relax in our log cabin in the Green Mountains of southern Vermont. Our winter season was so enjoyable and successful that we decided to continue through the summer. Swimming, tennis, horseback riding and quiet walks are all nearby. Gay disco bar in the vicinity. Comfortable accommodations with meals. Singles, doubles and groups are welcome. Call for rates. (802) 436-2150. (41)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**REPS WANTED**  
GCN has positions open for advertising representatives. Commission available. Car an asset but not a must. Call John at 426-7042.

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**  
To audit books at HCHS. Fee will be negotiated. Apply by letter to Don Farwell, Admin Asst, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116. (41)

**BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY FOR**  
growing, innovative laser entertainment firm. Must be familiar with a one-write, single entry bookkeeping system and have good typing skills. Excellent opportunity for career advancement. Contact George Fitzgerald, Laser Displays, Inc. 354-0567. (40)

**ADVERTISING MANAGER**  
GCN is looking for an Advertising Manager. Advertising experience as well as a commitment to the goal of eliminating the exploitation of women and men in advertising necessary. May/June opening. Please address inquiries and resumes to: Richard Burns, c/o GCN.

**DESIGN DIRECTOR**  
Applications are now being accepted for the position of Design Director. Background in graphic arts preferred. May/June opening. Contact Reg Taylor and/or Richard Burns at GCN.

**CO-OP JOB**  
Collective working and non-profit food alternative distribution system has two full-time staff positions open. We will be hiring a bookkeeper (full charge experience desirable), and a warehouse worker/buyer. Salaries are \$150 per week. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Application period ends May 4. Write for job description and hiring schedule. NE Food Coop Org, 129 Franklin St., Cambridge 02139. (40)

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**SOUTH END CITY HOSP AREA**  
1 rm lg with kitchenette share bath \$150 per mo, all util incl. Avail May. 247-0570 after 5 PM. Wknds any time. (41)

## ORGANIZATIONS

**May CLEARSPACE Events**  
5 Women's Picnic and Hayride — Walden Pond in Concord 12 noon  
5 "Our Minds & Bodies" Wkshp. 4-6pm  
6 Steering Committee Mtg. 2-5pm  
7 Coming Out Intro M&W 7-8pm  
10 Drop-In Center 8-11pm  
10 Fundraising Mtg. 7:30pm  
10 Education Com. Mtg. 8pm  
11 **MOVIE NITE** Harold Lloyd Comedy \$1 — M&W BYO Wine — 8pm  
Cheese & Crackers provided  
Lots of Laughs  
12 "Our Minds & Bodies" Wkshop 4-6pm  
13 Men's Bike Ride & Picnic 10am Beaverbrook Park, Waltham  
14 Drop-In Ctr 1-4  
17 Drop-In Center 8-11  
17 Fund Raising Mtg 7:30  
18 Women's Card & Game Nite 8pm BYOB \$1 donation  
19 "Our Minds & Bodies" Wkshp 4-6  
20 2nd **ANNUAL AUCTION** at Somewhere 4pm \$1 don. Brunch 1:30  
21 Coming Out Intro M&W 7-8  
23 Men's Connections 7:30 pm  
24 **DROP IN & COFFEE HSE NITE** 8-11  
24 Fund Raising Mtg. 7:30  
24 Education Com. Mtg. 7:30  
26 "Our Minds & Bodies" Wkshp 4-6  
30 Women's Concerns 7 pm  
Legal Issues for Lesbians 8 pm  
31 Drop-In Center 8-11 pm  
31 **ELECTION NITE** 7:30

If you wish to call or visit the Center, Staffs will be on duty every weekday evening during May from 8 to 11, except the 23rd, 26th, and 30th. Open Mon. after-noon May 14 from 1 to 4.

**CLEARSPACE** (617) 876-0215  
485 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139

# CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

**Since we are distributed nationwide, please include your area code if your ad includes a telephone number.**  
**Non-business:** \$3.00 per week for 4 lines (35 characters per line); each additional line 25 cents. Headlines are 50 cents per week for 25 characters.

**Business (if you charge money for a service, you are a business):** \$4.00 per week for 4 lines (35 characters per line) and 50 cents for each additional line. Headlines are \$1.00 for 25 characters.

**If you wish to pick up your mail at the GCN office:** Our hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**There is a charge of \$1.00 for a phone number included in a Personal ad.**

**Box numbers** are available at \$1.00 for 6 weeks if you pick up your mail. If, however, you wish your mail forwarded, the rate is \$3.00 for 6 weeks. Mail is forwarded at the end of the 3rd and 6th weeks. If you want mail forwarded for a 3 month period a \$5.00 charge will be made for the additional time.

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## BOSTON BAR GUIDE

**BOSTON EAGLE**  
88 Queensberry St. 247-9586  
Leather, Men, Thurs. Club Nite, Sunday  
Brunch 3PM, Movies Mon. & Tues. 8PM

**THE BAR**  
252 Boylston St. 247-9308  
Disco Dancing, Mostly Men.

**CHAPS**  
27 Huntington Ave. 266-7778  
Food, Men.

**DARTS**  
271 Dartmouth St. 536-6560  
Dancing, Men.

**DELIVERY ENTRANCE**  
At The House Restaurant.  
12 Wilton St., Allston 783-5701  
Men & Women.  
Guest house facilities.

**HARRY'S PLACE**  
45 Essex St.  
Dancing, Men.

**HERBIE'S RAMROD ROOM**  
1254 Boylston St. 266-2986  
Leather, Men, Sunday Brunch 7PM, Thurs.

**JACQUES**  
79 Broadway 338-7502  
Mixed. Dancing.

**NAPOLEON CLUB**  
52 Piedmont St. 338-7547  
Dancing Fri., Sat., Sun. Men.

**PARADISE**  
180 Mass. Ave., Cambridge  
Talking, Mostly Men, 864-4130

**PLAYLAND**  
21 Essex St.  
Men (Some Women).

**119 MERRIMAC**  
119 Merrimac St. 523-8960  
Dancing, Men.

**SAINTS**  
(Call 354-8807) Women.

**SOMEWHERE**  
295 Franklin St. 423-7730  
Disco Dancing, Mixed, Sunday Brunch  
12-2PM.

**SPORTER'S CAFE**

228 Cambridge St.  
Food, Men, Saturday Brunch 5PM,  
Movies Mon., 3PM, Sunday Brunch 3PM

**TOGETHER**  
110 Boylston St.  
Disco Dancing, Mixed.

**1270**  
1270 Boylston St. 261-1257  
Disco Dancing, Mixed (Mostly Men).

Reston Gay Rap Group meets twice a month, 1st Friday, 3rd Tuesday each month. Get it all together! Browns Chapel, Rte. 606, Reston, MA 22090. (VII/23)

## PUBLICATIONS

### FOCUS

*Focus*: a bi-monthly journal for lesbians. \$8.00 per year, \$1.35 per individual copy. 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138. Publishes fiction, poetry, reviews, essays, graphics. Editorial meetings first Monday of every other month (Apr, June, etc.) at 8 p.m. Call 259-0063 for info. We need writers and production people. A good place to learn how to put a magazine together. Also need ad manager desperately.

### GAY BOOKS—BOUGHT & SOLD

62 page catalog of 3700 scarce works \$2 refundable with first purchase. Elysian Fields, Booksellers, 81-13GCN, Broadway, Elmhurst, NY 11373. (40)

### HOMOSEXUAL SEPARATION

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Join with the largest, fastest growing gay civil rights group in the country! The National Gay Task Force works with a professional staff on media representation, national legislation, information clearing-house, religious reforms, corporate non-discrimination statements, more! Help support our work — join now. \$20 membership (\$5 limited income) includes Newsletter, NGTF, 80 Fifth Ave. Rm. 1601 New York, NY 10011

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Sensitive caring people wanted to work a few hours per week on Woburn Hotline. Training provided. Call 933-3336, Mon-Fri 5-10 p.m., esp. Thurs. (40)

## NH LAMBDA

Box 1043—Concord, NH 03301. 332-4440, 389-1416, 224-3785, 399-4927. A statewide lesbian organization, meeting the third Saturday of every month. Support, education and political action, since 1976.

## BOSTON GAY CATHOLICS

Dignity/Boston sponsors EXODUS MASS, a liturgy for gay and concerned Catholics, every Sunday at Arlington Street Church (Boston), Boylston St. entrance, at 5:30 p.m. For info, contact Dignity/Boston, 355 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02114. Tel. 536-6518. (7-10)

## Quick Gay Guide

### BOSTON AREA (Area Code 617)

Access (Cambridge Hotline) 661-3900  
Am Tikva, P.O. Box 11, Cambridge, MA 02138 524-1890, 353-1821  
Boston/Boise Committee, Box 277, Astor Station 267-4521  
BU Gays, c/o Program Resources Office, George Herman Union, Boston University, Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, P.O. Box 218, E. Cambridge 02141 491-0968  
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807  
Chilton Mountain Club 227-6167  
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 742-8020  
CLEARSPACE: a community center for lesbian women and gay men. 485 Mass. Av. Cambridge 876-0215  
Closet Space WCAS (740 AM) 380 Green St., Cambridge 02139 492-6450  
Committee for Gay Youth, GCN Box 10GY, 22 Bromfield St. 02108  
Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02138 661-3633  
Dignity, 355 Boylston St., Boston 02114 536-6518  
Esplanade 661-6976  
Evangelicals Concerned 894-3970  
Fag Rag 661-7534  
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573  
Friends (Quaker) for Lesbian and Gay Concerns 776-6377  
Gay Academic Union of New England, P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101 661-6500  
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous 426-9444  
Gay AlAnon (alcoholics) 843-5300  
Gay AlAnon, Greater Boston 471-6884  
Gay Business Assn, Suite 129, 102 Charles St., Boston 02114 247-3431  
Gay Community News 426-4469  
Gay Hotline (6-12pm, Mon.-Fri.) 426-9371  
Gay Legislation (Mass. Caucus), P.O. Box 8841, J.F.K. Sta., Boston 02117 742-4811  
Gay/Lesbian Concern Group of Boston College, P.O. Box L199, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 661-4059  
Gay Nurses' Alliance-East, P.O. Box 530, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117  
Gay Parents Custody and Visitation Center 353-3157 or 353-3169  
Gay People's Group, UMass/Boston (Harbor Campus), Bldg 1, 4th floor, Rm 179 287-1900 (x2169)

Gay Professional Women's Assn., Box 308, Boston U Sta., Boston 02215  
Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC), c/o GCN Box 8000 426-9371  
Gay Speakers Bureau, P.O. Box 2232, Boston 02107 354-0133  
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9FM) 353-2790  
Gender Identity Service 864-8181  
GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, 2 Park Sq. 426-2020  
Glad Day Book Shop, 22 Bromfield 542-0144  
Good Gay Poets 445-8550  
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assn. 498-6967  
Homophile Community Health Service 542-5188  
Integrity, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208 262-3057  
Janus Counseling for Lesbians, 21 Bay St., Cambridge 661-2537  
Lambda of Middlesex, P.O. Box 1165, Framingham 01701. Nites & weekends 429-6593  
Lesbian and Gay Parents Project 964-3342  
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center 492-2655  
Lesbian Mothers, c/o Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge (Meets Thurs., 8pm) 354-8807  
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People 536-3788  
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge 661-0450  
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664  
MIT Gays, Rm. 50-306 253-5440  
National Lawyers Guild, 595 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139 661-8898, 661-6358  
National Organization for Women 661-6015  
99 Bishop Allen Dr., Cambridge 02139  
New Words, 186 Hampshire, Cambridge 02139 876-5310  
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o Student Activities Office, 255 Ell Ctr.  
Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108  
Outreach Foundation, Suite 433, 102 Charles St. 02114 787-2266  
Parents of Gays 542-5188 (days) 426-9371 (nights)  
Project Place 267-9150  
Red Bookstore, 136 River St., Cambridge 494-6396

Sexual Health Centers of N.E., Inc., 739 Boylston St., Boston 02116 266-3444  
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center) 333-0146  
Tapestry Counseling Inc., 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge. 661-0248  
Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student Activities Office, Medford 02155 628-5000 x793  
Tufts Women's Center 742-2100  
Unitarian Universalists Office of Gay Concerns, 25 Beacon St., Boston 02108 742-2100  
Women's Alcoholism Program, 1348 Cambridge St., Cambridge 02139 661-1316  
Women's Community Health Center, 639 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 547-2302

### EASTERN MASS. (Area Code 617)

Christian Community Church, 112 Emerson St., Haverhill 01830 363-2286  
Dignity Merrimack Valley, P.O. Box 348, Lowell 08853 851-6711  
Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center St., Provincetown 02657 (4-6pm)  
Gay People in Medicine, 23 Dover St., Worcester 756-9385  
Lesbian Support Group, Mercy Otis Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St., Hyannis 02601 771-6739  
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group 627-8097  
Montachusett Gay Alliance, P.O. Box 262, Fitchburg 342-5963  
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1570  
North Shore Gay Alliance, Box 806, Marblehead 927-2605  
Origins, Inc., A Women's Center, 169 Boston St., Salem 01970 745-5873  
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-in Center 487-0387  
Survival Crisis Line 471-7100

### WESTERN MASS. (Area Code 413)

Berkshire County Gay Coalition, P.O. Box 1562, Pittsfield 01201 447-7818  
Common Woman Club, 78 Masonic St., Northampton 01060 584-4580  
Dignity/Springfield, P.O. Box 1604, Springfield 01101  
Everywoman's Center, Amherst 545-0883  
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438  
Help Line 664-6391, 664-6392  
Lesbian Union, 9th floor, Campus Center, UMass, Amherst 01003  
People's Gay Alliance, RSO 368 Student Union, UMass, Amherst, 01002 545-0154  
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626  
Together, Box 427, Forest Park Sta., Springfield 01108 586-2011  
Valley Women's Center, Northampton 586-2011

### CONNECTICUT (Area Code 203)

Conn. Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 1139, New Haven 06505 436-8945  
Dignity/Fairfield County, P.O. Box 5109, Hillside Sta., Bridgeport 06610  
Dignity/Hartford, P.O. Box 72, Hartford 06141 233-8325  
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 3712, Amity Sta., New Haven 06525 436-8945  
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, Information (Danbury, Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, Westport, etc.) 775-6015  
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, Hartford 522-2646  
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, New Haven (evenings) 777-8979  
Gay Alliance, East. Conn., 37 Otobando Ave., Norwich 06360 889-7530  
Gay Alliance, New Haven (= Gay Alliance at Yale), P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta., New Haven 06520 436-8945  
Gay Alliance, UConn, Box U-8, Storrs 06268 486-2273  
Gay Alliance, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center, Box WW, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457 347-9411  
Gay and Lesbian Alliance, So. Conn. St. College, c/o R. Banos 386 Sherman Ave., New Haven 06511 865-2802  
Gay Community, Conn. College, P.O. Box 1295, New London 06320  
Gay Switchboard, Hartford, M-F 11-2 pm, 6-11 pm, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101 522-5575  
Gay Switchboard, New Haven, M-F 8-11 pm, P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta., New Haven 06520 436-8945  
Gay Women's Collective, c/o Women's Center, Box U-118, UConn, Storrs 06268 486-4738  
George W. Henry Foundation (counseling), 45 Church St., Hartford 06103 486-4738  
Heartroots Feminist Therapy Collective, 214 Laurel St., Hartford 06105 522-2763, 747-5451

Institute of Social Ethics/Gay National Archives, One Gold St., Suite 22-BC, Hartford 06103 547-1281  
Integrity/Hartford, P.O. Box 3681, Central Sta., Hartford 06103 522-2646  
Integrity/New Haven, P.O. Box 1777, New Haven 06507 787-1518  
Lesbian Rap, New Haven, 148 Orange St., New Haven 06510 436-0645  
Lesbians, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center, Box WW, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457 346-6545  
MCC/Hartford, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101 232-5110  
MCC/New Haven, P.O. Box 1273, New Haven 06505 436-8945  
So. Conn. Org. for Human Rights, P.O. Box 3792, New Haven 06525 562-1007  
Women's Center, Hartford, 57 Pratt St., Rm 301, Hartford 06103 525-2382  
Women's Center, Manchester Community College, P.O. Box 1046, Manchester 06040 646-4900  
Women's Center, UConn, Box U-118, Storrs 06828 486-4738  
Women's Center, Wesleyan, Box WW, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457 347-9411  
Women's Liberation Center, New Haven, 148 Orange St., New Haven 06510 436-0645  
Yalesbians, P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta., New Haven 06520 436-8945

### RHODE ISLAND (Area Code 401)

Brown University Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Waterman Ave., Providence 02912  
Office hours: Noon-1pm weekdays 863-3062  
Dignity/Providence 941-9013  
Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861  
Gay Help Line 751-3322  
Gay Community Services of R.I., 44 Washington St., Providence 02903 751-3322  
Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle, Women's Center, 186 Meeting St., Providence, 02912 863-2189  
Lesbian Feminist Union, Sarah Doyle Center, Box 1829 Brown Sta., Providence 02912 863-2189  
MCC/Providence, 134 Matthewson St. 272-9247  
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrom 272-8482  
Providence Gay Group of AA 333-1396

### VERMONT (Area Code 802)

Gay Hotline, U of VT 656-4173  
Gay Student Union, U of VT, Burlington 05401, M-F, 7-9pm 656-4173  
Southern Vermont Women's Health Center, 187 N. Main St., Rutland, 05701 775-1946  
Southern Vermont Lesbians/Gay Men's Coalition, 21 Eliot St., Brattleboro 254-8176  
Women's Center, 182 Main St., Burlington 863-1236

### MAINE (Area Code 207)

Mainly Gay, P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04112  
Wilde-Stein Club, c/o Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono 04473  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE (Area Code 603)**  
Dartmouth Gay Students' Assoc. Hinman Box 5057, Hanover 03755  
Full Circle, monthly feminist news journal, P.O. Box 235, Contoocook, NH 03229  
Nashua Area Gays, P.O. Box 3472, Nashua 03061 Dave 883-4337  
NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, 4 Valentine Hill Rd., Durham 02834  
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301  
Concord 224-3785; E. Rochester 332-4440; Keene 399-4927; Nashua 889-1416.

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All The Queens Women, 36-23 164th St., Flushing 11358 359-9204  
Ass'n of Gay Social Workers, c/o Gay Switchboard Message Center, 110 East 23rd St., Suite 502, 10010 777-7697  
Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 W. 14th St., 10004 242-6616  
Dykes & Tykes Legal Custody Center, Rm 502, 110 E. 23rd St., NYC 10010 777-8358  
FOLKS (Friends of Little Kids) Gay Activists Alliance, P.O. Box 2, Village Station 677-0237  
Gay and Lesbian Blind, 110 East 23rd St. Suite 502, NYC 10010  
Gaysweek, 216 W. 18th St. 10011 929-7720  
Gay Switchboard, Box 805, Madison Sq. Sta. 10010 777-1800

Gay Teacher's Association, 204 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn 11217 789-8176/499-1060  
Gay Women's Alternative, 4 W. 78th St. 10023 532-8669  
The Glines, 260 W. Broadway 925-2619  
Integrity-Episcopal Gay Society, GPO Box 1549, 10001 989-6653  
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Sta., 10017 532-8197  
Lesbian Herstory Archives, P.O. Box 1258, 10001 741-2610  
Lesbian Switchboard, 243 W. 20th St. 10010 242-1212  
MCC/NY, 201 W. 13th St., 10011 734-7748  
Mirth and Girth Club  
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Sta., 10017  
National Gay Health Collective, 55 West 26 St. #402, 10010 725-0114  
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Rm 1601 741-5800  
New York Gay Prisoners Support Committee, P.O. Box 2, Village Station, 10014 677-0237  
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St. 255-8097  
Tri-Base Collective 777-1800  
c/o N.Y. Gay Switchboard, Box 805 Madison Sq. Sta. 10010  
West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. 675-0143

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Affirmation (Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus), 34 Chestnut Rd., Delmar 12054  
Broome County Gay Alliance, P.O. Box F-1711, Binghamton 13902 (607) 724-1973  
Capital District Gay Community Center (7-11pm), 332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210 (518) 462-6138  
Capital District Gay Political Caucus, Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138  
Confide—counseling for transvestites and transsexuals, Box 56, Tappan 10983  
Cornell Gay Liberation, Room 28 Willard Straight Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca 14853 (607) 256-6482  
Dignity/Integrity/Rochester, 42 Tyler House, 17 So. Fitzhugh St., Rochester 14614 (716) 232-6521  
Dignity/L.I., P.O. 487P, Bayshore 11706  
East End Gay Organization, P.O. Box 87, Southampton 11968  
Empty Closet Collective, 1255 University Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 271-6750  
Gay Alliance of The Genesee Valley, Inc., 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14614 (716) 244-8640 or 244-9030  
Gay and Lesbian Alliance, P.O. Box 22740, Albany 12222  
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640  
Gay Concerns Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington, 109 Browns Rd., Huntington 11743  
Gay Helpline (Fri-Sun, 7:30-10 p.m.) (607) 797-3453  
Gay Liberation Front, U. of R., Wilson Commons, Rochester 14607 (716) 275-6181  
Gay Light Collective, 389 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse 13202 (315) 475-6875  
Gay Men and Women at Farmingdale (516) 420-2292  
Gayphone, 8pm till midnight (516) 665-7373  
Gay Student Union, S.U.N.Y. (516) 246-7943  
Gay Task Force, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (Mon. 7pm) (716) 244-8640, 244-9030  
Glad to Be Gay Radio Show (WHRW, 90.5FM) Thurs. 6:30-7:30 p.m.)  
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80, Hamilton College, Clinton 13323  
Herizon — A Woman's Space, 77 State St., Binghamton  
Lambda Univ., Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138  
Lesbian Resource Center, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 244-9030  
Lesbian Switchboard (Mon, 7-9 p.m.) (607) 722-3629  
New Coalition for Human Rights of Long Island, P.O. Box 1429, W. Babylon 11704  
NY State Coalition of Gay Organizations, Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138  
The Other Voice (Gay Publication) c/o Looking Left, SUNY Binghamton 13901  
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