



# Maine Gay Task Force NEWSLETTER

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## ANOTHER ANTI-GAY T.V. SHOW TO BE AIRED

### MGTF FIGHTS MEDIA EFFORT TO EXPLOIT GAY PEOPLE

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 10PM THE TWO MAINE NBC AFFILIATES - WLBZ BANGOR AND WCSH PORTLAND - INTEND TO BROADCAST OVER THE PUBLICALLY - OWNED AIRWAVES A BLATANTLY ANTI-GAY EPISODE OF THE SERIES POLICEWOMAN. TITLED "FLOWERS OF EVIL" THE PROGRAMS' MAIN THEME CONCERNS THE COLD - BLOODED MURDERS OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS BY - YOU GUESSED IT - A "LES- BIAN LOVE TRIANGLE" (-BOSTON GLOBE) AMONG THE OWNERS OF THE HOME.

Originally scheduled for October 25 "Flowers of Evil" was cancelled during the height of last month's WELBY protest, with assurances that NBC would not reschedule this oppressive program. "They lied to us and to their affiliates," says Loretta Lotman of Boston's Gay Media Action, who also noted that NBC deliberately withheld any mention of the new air date from the Gay community and even from its own network affiliates. Only at the last possible minute was information released to the local stations. Susan Meyer of Lesbian Feminist Liberation (LFL) and national Media Coordinator of the NBC protest learned of the new airing only through a Bob Williams' column in the New York Post. In an unusual move by NBC New York, prior screening of "Flowers of Evil" will not be available to its affil-

iates. WBZ-TV Boston is cooperating with Gay Media Action 100% and is "very upset" with New York. They will not run the program unless they are granted a preview.

Insensitive to the Gay community's outrage over the September broadcast of "Born Innocent" - another anti-Lesbian exploitation featuring a 'prime-time' broom handle rape - NBC has evidently decided to ignore the protest and proceed with the program.

Due to intentional delay and misleading by NBC New York, the Maine Gay community will not have proper time to organize an effective letter-writing effort. PHONE CALLS to New York, the local stations and to the sponsors are the most cogent influence at this late hour.

Persons from the MGTF have arranged a meeting with the state's affiliates to discuss the local black-out of this opprobrious episode. But most important, the MGTF is calling for a state-wide protest by all Gay organizations and concerned people. The telephone numbers and the addresses of the stations as well as the largest sponsors are listed below. A letter or phone call to the sponsors is especially effective as it is their money (originally ours) that pays for these homophobic rip-offs. The offending companies should be informed that sponsorship of anti-Gay programs will result in an automatic boycott of their wares.

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Speak to the General Manager and ask him what plans the station has made concerning this program.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Your "Outrage" issue was brought to my attention while visiting on Mt. Desert Island, and I was most impressed with its contents. Right on.

As I occasionally find time to do a piece for The ADVOCATE, though by no means regularly any more, I would like to be kept up to date about happenings in New England....

It is exciting to see our Movement spreading so visibly and vocally Down East. And, as Maine goes, so goes the nation -- which I'm sure is being uttered portentously all over the country, each one who says it thinking it's original with him. (I understand the saying came into currency in the late Eighties. Well, you are giving it new meaning.)

Yours in gay love,  
John Paul Hudson

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Dear Sirs,

I would like more information on the Gay Counselling service and the names of the counsellors.

Congratulations on this month's editorial on Marcus Welby; at least it showed the straight community that the gay community isn't going to be pushed around any more, and that we fight for what we believe in. Keep up the good work and good luck!

Donald B. Cash

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Dear Sandy,

I don't know quite how to begin to articulate the feelings I have after reading your piece on page 2 of the first MGTFF Newsletter.

At once I find myself in touch -- after a lengthy absence -- with many feelings that arise out of my experience as a gay man. Feelings that we are taught to demolish at any cost to our souls.

I feel anger, pride, right, power, fear, even humor. Such simple words, such complex stirrings.

Thanks for your words of good courage and high energy. I feel my magic rekindle. Joy.

Neil Woodward

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A donation sent to SCAR - the statewide organization of prisoners, ex-prisoners and other community people dedicated to social change, gets you a subscription to SCAR(d) TIMES, their publication. Read how Nelson Rockefeller, having considered "the rule of law and the whole fabric of society", ordered the assault at Attica in which 43 people were killed and over 30 others wounded. SCAR's address: 374 Fore St., Portland, Me., 04111

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Gay Support & Action of Bangor recently held our fall elections. Congratulations to the following persons:

Chairperson: Dan Estes  
Vice Chairperson: Joe Kopitz  
Secretary: Nelson Ackley  
Treasurer: Cecil Young

#### MEETINGS

Weekly meetings are held at 7:30 every Thursday night in the Gay Community Center, 23 Franklin Street (behind Grant's, down-town), Bangor. Support your northern sisters and brothers with your ideas and attendance.

The Rev. Joe holds regular Gay Church services at the Center on Sunday evenings at 6:30. Future services will be announced at Thursday meetings.

#### DANCE

GS&A sponsors a dance every Saturday, beginning at 8:00 p.m., at the Community Center. BYOB; coffee available. The dances have been a real success -- over 60 people attended the last one -- and everyone had a good time.

P. S. Let your Gay friends know that we need their support to make this Community Center a successful place. So come, make new friends, and enjoy yourselves.

#### SPECIAL

A Gala Ball --- will be held December 28, 1974. Remember the date and save up \$5 for the greatest event of the season.

#### MARRIAGES

The Rev. Joe performed two recent marriages: Peter and Frank, and Henry and Jess. The men are now residing in New Jersey, and the women are living in Bangor. The best of luck to both couples!

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#### FOR ADRIAN

The feeling of betrayal  
does not come easy

Rather it is,  
like everything else  
earned.

And chance you experience this feeling  
one day  
do not be afraid

It is only when you fail to distinguish  
between whom betrayed whom  
that you are in trouble

Did you betray yourself  
or did someone else  
betray you

I don't know

Is it raining out or are you crumbling

I'm crumbling  
like a sugar cube in coffee

Oh



# Fear and Loathing at Rolands Tavern

## or How We Learn to Beat Ourselves and Join the System

It all too often seems that the most difficult oppressors we have to contend with are ourselves. To resign ourselves to the easy way of dealing with coercion is to pretend that it does not exist, or to rationalize its existence into obscurity. If we are caught in an inexorably restricting situation which we yield to because it is the easiest way, we frequently learn to justify and defend our reasoning by reorganizing what we know and believe in. To some, this is a way of life: resignation, restructuring and justification until finally one's own value system is so malleable by social demands and the emotions so subverted and twisted that the self is hardly recognizable among all the clutter and fermentation.

The closet is a fine example of this when it is used as a housing for one's fears and shame. When emotions and self-expressions are trapped in a dark, damp and inhibiting environment, they cease to grow freely but in its place fermentation begins and emotions become ulcerous and consequently expressions become neurotic.

Of course the "closet" is usually used in a figurative or symbolic manner when related to repressed homosexuality, but there exists a material exemplification of the "closet" concept, an example so true to the classic closet that its patrons refer to it ironically as the "clinic". It is perhaps the oldest and most successful gay bar in Maine and society will "allow" it to continue to exist because, among other reasons (or dealings?), it meets up to its expectations of what a gay bar should be: an oppressive, saturnine atmosphere with dim lights keeping those who want to be hidden safe in the blackness of its corners; the meat racks filled with stoic figures waiting for the person with whom they can lay down their loneliness; sharp-edged broken mirrors reflect the different colored lights again reflected off the slowly revolving faceted mirrored globe hanging from the middle of the dance-floor ceiling; coded flashing light signals tell the crowd when a suspicious stranger walks in; the rest room is filthy, there are no emergency exits and the juke box even contains "Having My Baby". All of this and more combine to support the fears, expectations and delusions which the homosexual person is encouraged to feel by a society that demands our lifestyle to be obscure, secretive, suppressed and morose.

The establishment which is being referred to is, of course, Rolands Tavern in Portland. Rolands Tavern is not only oppressive in atmosphere but also shows itself to be more oppressive in its actions by the management. Recently, a member of Lambda, a very active gay organization of women and men in Brunswick, entered Rolands with a few posters advertising a Halloween Dance from which all the proceeds would go to a gay prisoners defence fund. When this person asked the bartender if he would put them up, he flatly refused to put up anything that related to gay organizations. When asked why, he said, "the owner told me not to."

"Is the owner here?" - "No he isn't."

"Do you realize that gay organizations are struggling for your legal rights and for a better and freer expression of your lifestyle?" "I have my rights," he stated insipidly.

The LAMBDA, by then completely overwhelmed by the situation, turned and stomped out.

In early August, another LAMBDA was investigating biased judgements and actions displayed by the Portland police. By recording in his notebook confrontations between the police and gay individuals, he was building a documented argument with which to use in a meeting with the Portland police force. The first evening of research was successful and received no reproaches from the management. The second evening of questioning, however, was terminated when the inquirer was boldly ordered to "not to do that in here" by a person he had never seen before.

Two months ago, after the publication of the first M.G.T.F. Newsletter, the same member of LAMBDA entered Rolands with a stack of newsletters which he hoped to distribute to collect subscriptions and donations. While talking with two women about the publication, the bartender rushed to the scene and demanded that the newsletter not be distributed and if he didn't buy a drink then, he would have to leave. Annoyed, but not discouraged, he bought a Sprite and returned to his task of distributing the issue and talking with the patrons. As anticipated, the bartender noticed this and immediately rushed to the telephone and made a show of calling some suspicious party, while keeping a vigilant eye on the defiant one. A minute later he hung up the receiver and marched directly back to the LAMBDA member and demanded that he stop distributing the newsletter. With an affectation of innocence and bewilderment, he yielded to the demand and lowered the newsletter to his side...for the moment. When tension dissolved, he gave in to his better judgement and continued with the newsletter. When he noticed that the bartender had returned to the phone, the gay crusader left, passing out newsletter to people on the way out.

Attitudes and actions such as these not only reflect the consciousness of the management but also leaves the management suspect of dealings with outside straight establishments. (Why is Rolands never raided?) Does Rolands Tavern truly encourage a liberated, positive gay lifestyle? Let your consciousness be your guide. Should we continue to support such an establishment? NO. Can Rolands Tavern justify and defend its way of existence? It only attempts to by restructuring the gay lifestyles' values to social demands and using the subverted results as its defense. Why does Rolands Tavern employ an oppressive attitude to a movement that is attempting to liberate its own lifestyle? Because Rolands Tavern represents the gay consciousness of the fifties and earlier, when the only happy homosexual was the gay corpse, when the only lesbian was the bull dyke, and when the only gay lifestyle was saturnine and gloomy. Is this how you relate to your lifestyle?



The following is an excerpt from Masculine/Feminine, edited by Betty Roszak and Theodore Roszak.

He is playing masculine. She is playing feminine. He is playing masculine because she is playing feminine. She is playing feminine because he is playing masculine.

He is playing the kind of man that she thinks the kind of woman she is playing ought to admire. She is playing the kind of woman that he thinks the kind of man he is playing ought to desire.

If he were not playing masculine, he might well be more feminine than she is--except when she is playing very feminine. If she were not playing feminine, she might well be more masculine than he is--except when he is playing very masculine.

So he plays harder. And she plays softer.

He wants to make sure that she could never be more masculine than he. She wants to make sure that he could never be more feminine than she.

He therefore seeks to destroy the femininity in himself. She therefore seeks to destroy the masculinity in herself.

She is supposed to admire him for the masculinity in him that she fears in herself. He is supposed to desire her for the femininity in her that he despises in himself.

He desires her for her femininity which is his femininity, but which he can never lay claim to. She admires him for his masculinity which is her masculinity, but which she can never lay claim to. Since he may only love his own femininity in her, he envies her her femininity. Since she may only love her own masculinity in him, she envies him his masculinity.

The envy poisons their love.

He, coveting her unattainable femininity, decides to punish her. She, coveting his unattainable masculinity, decides to punish him. He denigrates her femininity--which he is supposed to desire and which he really envies--and becomes more aggressively masculine. She feigns disgust at his masculinity--which she is supposed to admire and which she really envies--and becomes more fastidiously feminine. He is becoming less and less what he wants to be. She is becoming less and less what she wants to be. But now he is more manly than ever, and she is more womanly than ever.

Her femininity, growing more dependently supine, becomes contemptible. His masculinity, growing more oppressively domineering, becomes intolerable. At last she loathes what she has helped his masculinity to become. At last he loathes what he has

helped her femininity to become. So far, it has all been very symmetrical. But we have left one thing out.

The world belongs to what his masculinity has become.

The reward for what his femininity has become is only the security which his power can bestow upon her. If he were to yield to what her femininity has become, he would be yielding to contemptible incompetence. If she were to acquire what his masculinity has become, she would participate in intolerable coerciveness.

She is stifling under the triviality of her femininity. The world is groaning beneath the terrors of his masculinity.

He is playing masculine. She is playing feminine.

How do we call off the game?

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Bring books to MGTF meetings! We can't all afford to get--or sometimes even find--all the books we'd like to read. If you have any books you'd be willing to share: Gay fiction, non-fiction, feminist literature, etc., bring them to the MGTF meetings. It might be nice to start book exchanges in your own groups, too!

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Be Bop...Be Bop...Be Bop...Be Bop



# MAINE GAY TASK FORCE MINUTES

The 27 October 1974 meeting of the Maine Gay Task Force was held in the Gay Community Center, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, at 3:00 PM, with 27 persons attending. Groups represented were Gay Rights Organization of Portland, Brunswick Gay Women, Gay Support and Action, Wilde-Stein Club, and Lambda. Gay Rights Organization of Lewiston is no longer in existence, and Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, Hancock County Gays, The Bridge, and Maine Gay Indians were not represented.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

A bank account has been established at Depositors' Trust. The current balance is \$110.31 - this per Stephen Leo, Treasurer.

It was agreed that at the beginning of each meeting, the chairperson, meeting place, date, and time for the next meeting would be decided. It was also agreed that meetings should occur on the average of once a month and should alternate between Bangor and Brunswick. The next meeting will be in Brunswick, at the Pleasant Street Unitarian Church, on 24 November, at 3:00 PM, Anne Garland presiding. Notices will be sent out, and there will be an announcement in the MGTF Newsletter. Susan W. Henderson presided at this meeting.

Susan Breeding has volunteered to be co-ordinator, or one of the co-ordinators, for the Speakers' Bureau. She understands that each group has taken care of speakers in its own area heretofore, and is agreeable that that arrangement continue, but she would like to publicize the fact that there is a statewide Gay organization which has speakers available.

Peter Prizer wanted to make it clear that persons as well as organizations are welcome to contribute to the Newsletter. The deadline is the 21st of each month.

Anne Garland gave the Education Committee report: A Gay Culture Month is being planned, possibly for February. On a given day of every week of that month a Gay cultural event would be held. The committee wants suggestions for films, plays, poetry readings, panel discussions, etc. The events would probably be in Brunswick. The committee would

lik to publicize the event widely and invite dignitaries. As well as being educational, it would raise money for the Gay libraries MGTF is establishing. Steve Bull suggested A VERY NATURAL THING as one of the films. Stan Fortuna, Stephen Leo, and Tim Bouffard have seen it; their opinion was that it was sexist, but did have some redeeming qualities. Carrots and Tomatoes, the Lesbian review, was also suggested. Jonathan Sayward suggested Home Movie, a Lesbian film which has been well received out in Colorado. A coffee house for Gay Culture Month was also suggested.

There have been several requests for the Womancraft course. Anne Garland will look into it.

It was suggested that we charge 50¢ for each person attending MGTF meetings. It was objected that some members could not afford it. It was decided to pass the bowl for voluntary donations, as we traditionally have done.

It was the consensus of the meeting that, if a group needed money in an emergency and a meeting of the MGTF could not be called, the Treasurer would have the authority to write a check for the sum needed and report thereon to the next meeting. It at all possible, any group needing money should request it at a regular meeting.

Steve Bull asked for suggestions for a second annual Maine Gay Symposium. Various locations were suggested. Anne Garland and Sharon will check into the feasibility of using the United Church of Christ Center in Portland. Peter Prizer will check into other sites in the Portland area. Neil Woodward will check into the Augusta Civic Center. Anne Garland into Bowdoin College, and Susan Henderson into the Unitarians' Ferry Beach Conference Center. Stan Fortuna suggested that the member groups should start fund-raising drives for the Symposium funds, and Susan Henderson will ask Sturge Haskins to put a request for funds in his column in the Gay Community Newspaper in Boston.

Tom Maxwell, member of Lambda and GRO, is presently in the Augusta City Jail on a charge of threatening communication to the Governor of Maine and faces 15 years in prison if convicted. When he was 18, Tom was sent to prison for sodomy and fellatio with a minor (14 years old). There was some question as to due process, as Tom claimed the act was

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# MAINE GAY TASK FORCE MINUTES continued

mutual and the court made no effort to ascertain the truth of this. The 14-year-old boy did not appear in court; his parents appeared in his stead. A policeman claimed to have witnessed the act in Deering Oaks Park, Portland, but did not make the arrest until three hours afterwards. This summer Tom, who was out of jail and off parole at the time, petitioned the Governor for a pardon and was refused. He wrote an angry letter to the Governor, supposedly threatening his life. Two and one-half months later, he was arrested and is now in jail with \$5000 bail, which the judge will not reduce. In the meantime, Tom has been pressuring the Portland police about their treatment of Gay men at Deering Oaks Park in Portland. Tom did not have hard core facts but did know of Gays who had been hassled, also by the Park Police. No one is willing to come forward and make charges and get involved in the legal process. Tom will also have to appear in Portland District Court on the charge of assaulting a police officer who Tom claims insulted him for being Gay. There is a chance that he may be acquitted of the threatening communication charge, because the prosecution has to establish intent, and Tom has made no move to carry out his threat.

Stan Fortuna has contacted the law firm of Stein and Smith, who were recommended to him by the lawyer who represented the Stowe House waitresses last summer. An acquaintance of Jonathan Sayward also recommended the firm (the acquaintance is also a lawyer). Stein and Smith terms are that if they take the Maxwell case, they are to be paid \$300 at the outset; they estimate that the entire case will cost between \$300 and \$400 in legal fees. Any greater costs will be negotiable.

Tom has no money to pay a lawyer; the court-appointed lawyer practically assures Tom guilty and is only making efforts when pressured by interested individuals to do so. Tom's parents are both on disability insurance, but have come up with \$200 toward the lawyers fees. Lambda has contributed \$30 more and will give the entire \$100 if necessary, but asks that MGTf give the other \$70. After lengthy discussion, a consensus was reached that the \$70 be given and that Stan Fortuna be authorized to accept Stein and Smith's terms and start them on the case.

It was suggested that we keep Stein and Smith in mind for future legal needs and that a list be made of sympathetic lawyers in other parts of the state.

The Gay counsellors are trying to organize one or more weekend workshops on counselling techniques. Anyone with ideas on the subject is invited to contact Stan Fortuna, Neil Woodward, or any other member of Lambda. (They can be contacted through the Newsletter). The workshops will be open to anyone from MGTf; particulars will be announced in the Newsletter and at the next meeting.

It was decided to make no statement concerning the current Governor's race, as it would be best not to make the Gay cause a political football.

The meeting was adjourned, and a dinner, sponsored by the Wilde-Stein Club and prepared by members of Wilde-Stein and GSA, was served to all at the meeting who cared to come.

Susan W. Henderson

\*\*\*\*\* THE BRUNSWICK GAY WOMEN'S GROUP

Dear Richard Jude, REFUSES TO DIE. (So does Lois  
Granted, Steve Grossman is ov- Lane.) Back by popular demand;  
erly critical of non-monogamy, but we will meet some Friday night  
isn't it refreshing to find a man soon (when our astrologer decides  
who waits at home for his lover? it's ok.) All women are welcome-  
Isn't it positive reinforcement for any Friday evening 7:30 on. At  
other men who don't want to prove 17 Lincoln St., Brunswick.  
their promiscuous virility? And is- Karen Bye & Anne  
n't it nice to know a man who can Garland  
cry about love; who prefers to sub-  
due his "powerful, insistent mascu-  
line sex drive" in favor of waiting  
for a meaningful relationship? \*\*\*\*\*  
I find "Caravan Tonight" a bea- CLASSIFIED  
utiful alternative to Mick Jagger  
and, for that matter, Bowie. Anyone interested in getting to-  
gether for modeling/figure draw-  
ing, contact: Anne Garland  
729-3702 Brunswick.  
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Anne Garland To Charley, Stu, and Colin: Give  
my best to Nelson in Trafalgar.  
Love, Peter



WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Full acceptance of homosexual and bi-sexual people by society
- Social and legal equality between all women and men
- Repeal or reform of laws which deny this equality
- Eradication of the prejudice and hostility faced by the homosexual

THE HOMOSEXUAL MAKES A POSITIVE AND EQUAL CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY AND HAS AN EQUAL RIGHT TO SELF-FULFILLMENT

Homosexuals are women and men who are emotionally and physically attracted to others of their own sex, and therefore do not conform to society's expectations. Thousands of Maine people are homosexual; many others are bi-sexual, responding to both their own and the opposite sex; and more and more people in general are discovering that their nature has both a heterosexual and a homosexual side. Homosexuality is a part of the whole spectrum of human sexuality, but the only aspect of sexuality approved by our society is heterosexual marriage. In marriage distinct male and female roles are assigned to husband and wife; and together with the economic, political and social privilege accorded the male role these distinct expectations form the basis of sexism. Homosexual behavior is a betrayal of the proper gender role as we can see from the stereotype images of lesbians as "butch" and male homosexuals as "pansies". Homosexuals pose a threat to society's sexist structure even though the majority of homosexual and bi-sexual people do not fit these stereotypes.

There is no acceptable way for Maine homosexuals to relate openly with each other. Some discover the bars, parks, streets and other meeting places for homosexuals, but for many this has no appeal. Others live in rural isolation, are frightened and ashamed of their feelings and have little or no contact with people who are openly Gay. Even those who lead a full social life within the Gay subculture, still feel they must conceal that half of their lives from their family and friends at work, or risk losing both family and job.

Widespread prejudice against homosexuals is at the root of all problems facing Gay people. The prejudice has derived from the myth that homosexuality is a freely-chosen perversity, and, more recently, a sickness; and it is maintained by ignorance and fear. For lesbians, society imposes a double oppression: that of being gay and of being female. The MGTTF strongly supports Women's Liberation and recognizes that both movements face a common enemy of sexism in society. The MGTTF provides a framework whereby all women and men - whatever their sexual preference - can work together against this double oppression.

We want a society in which people of all sexual orientations have the same freedom to develop and express their personalities. The MGTTF pursues these aims on two main fronts; changing society's attitudes and reforming repressive laws in the following areas.

- EDUCATION: Factual and correct information about homosexuality should be available in schools, colleges and adult education, in particular, that emotional and physical attraction between people of the same sex is perfectly natural. Better education and enlightened media coverage will lead to greater understanding of sexuality as a whole.
- THE LAW: The law reflects and enforces society's attitudes toward homosexuality. There is much evidence of police harassment of homosexuals and discrimination in the courts. The civil rights of homosexuals should be upheld by the law.
- COUNSELING AND THERAPY: Many religious people, psychiatrists and doctors offer guidance based on the mistaken view that homosexuality is the basis of all homosexuals' problems and that it should or can be "cured". Although Gay people may have no greater need for help or advice than others, help, when needed, can come more easily from those who understand the particular situation.
- COMING OUT: Some homosexuals are changing attitudes by "coming out" or not hiding their Gayness and refusing to accept the strains of a double life. Others, because of family and employment considerations, cannot come out until social attitudes have already changed; but as more and more homosexuals do come out, the myths about them will be dispelled.

The MGTTF seeks to develop an awareness of repression and to provide a political organization capable of attacking prejudice everywhere in the State.







For Boons, For Balloons, For Peter

I've sown a seed, I've turned a page  
an age

A new life growing  
While he shuns a million pair of eyes  
that paralyze

His love from flowing

He's here, to stay?

But I'll be there away in  
England somewhere to play

My new Symphony  
of ages, of pages  
of love and magic seeds  
and new discovered needs

But what of old ones?

Can I leave them, when

I cannot even say good-bye

I try

But he's imploding

He shelters well the love I sought  
he thought

I was exploding

He wished that I would go away...

I sigh, so deep

I have to try to keep my  
Spirit from falling, to sleep

And so I reach out

for boons, for balloons  
for love and magic seeds  
and new discovered

The feelings inside live

I love him, and

He won't listen to my good-byes

he cries

Silently, floating

And he shelters well the love I sought  
he thought

I was exploding

I was.

Richard

Jude

Peter?

A simple song  
to long

for him now?

Who is my part  
my heart?

Who can say  
what demands desire?

Who is he  
he should mean this much  
to me.

Is it sex

a hex

or the night?

What is the need  
the seed?

What declares

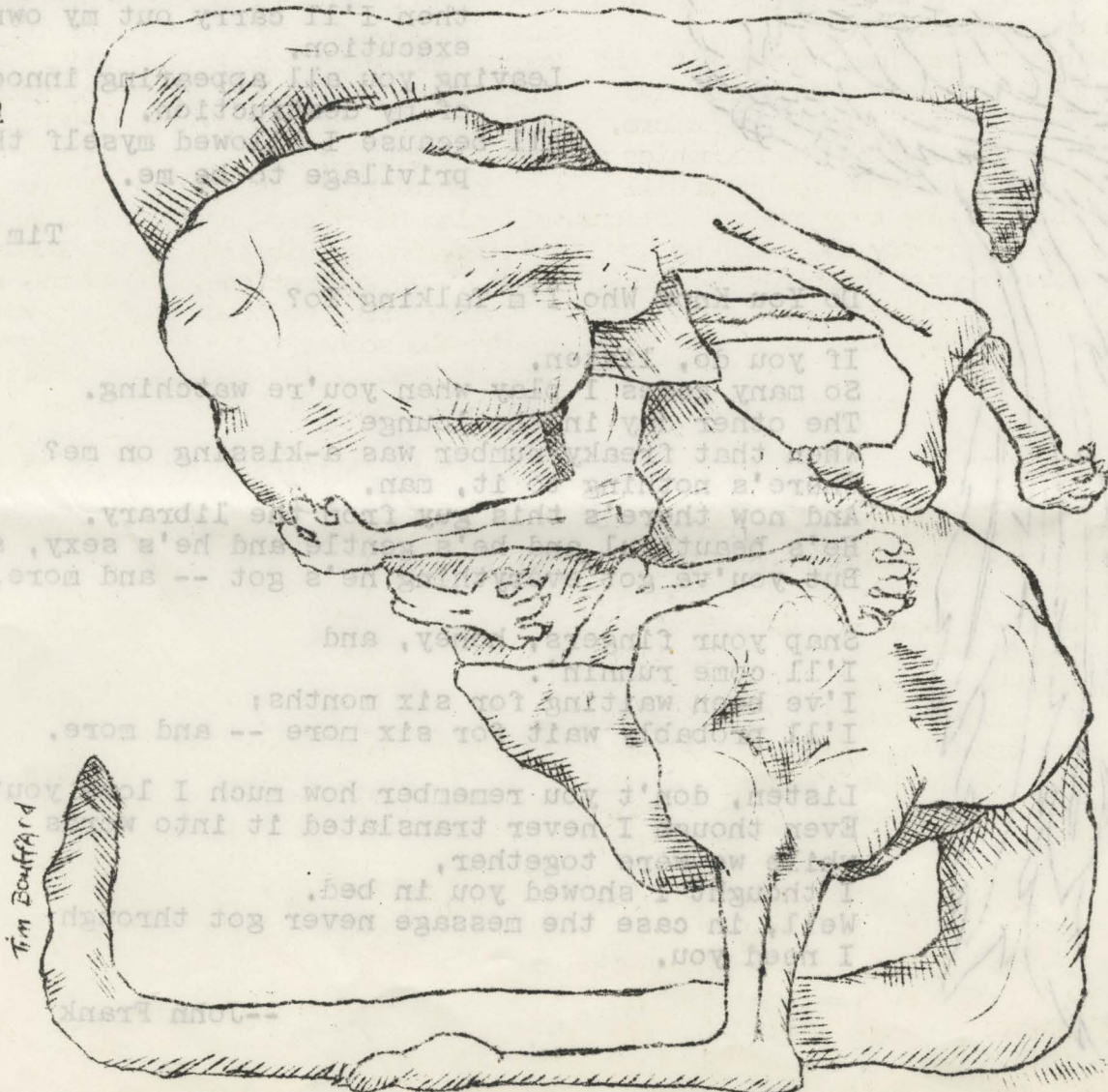
want of touch of flesh?

What is this

this longing to know his kiss?

A simple song?

Richard Jude

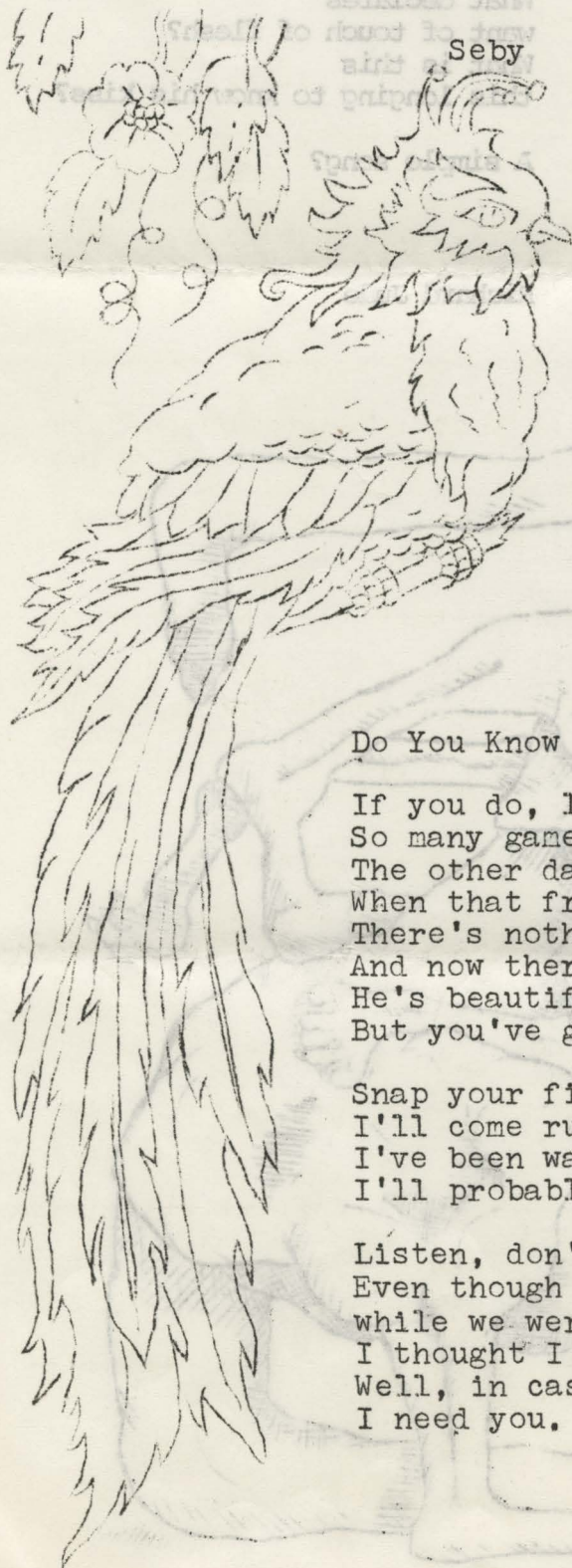




The Wilde-Stein Club will hold a "Fruits and Fruitcakes Sale" on 2 and 3 December in the Memorial Union of the University of Maine at Orono. All sorts of edible items with fruit in them will be offered for sale. If you would like to donate something, Please contact Susan W. Henderson, Wilde-Stein, Memorial Union, Univ. of Maine, Orono, Me., 04473. Thankyou.

TO A FRIEND

Thru the woods one evening just at twilight I walked.  
A lavender hue engulfed the world.  
The sounds were soft, in whispered tones  
As leaves came fluttering to earth,  
And birds their sweet goodnights were singing,  
And in the distance I heard the beating of the sea.  
How peaceful, how restful, and yet, alone I walked  
Wishing with all my heart you were by my side.



Seby

The Prosecution:  
Conform! Conform!  
Adjust! Adjust!  
Be what we are, or don't be at all.  
We'll smother your soul, and leave nothing alive but your body  
A mere existence will be your torture.  
You are not to share your life or love, your thoughts or dreams with anyone.  
You are a freak, a mere entity, to be dealt with according to our standards.  
You are a mistake of our system, a clown to entertain us.  
You are a reminder of the faults in our culture.  
You have broken our laws, and made yourself known.  
You refuse to shape in our mold.  
You must be removed  
So we can be perfect again!

The Defense:  
Because I don't reflect you, you have condemned me.  
My life is different, but it's me.  
The me I I looked so long for.  
And I was so together when I found it, I dared to be different.  
But in a world based on conformity, individuality can't exist.  
You have judged me as a detriment to society and have condemned me to isolation.  
You remind me of your hatred by just looking at me.  
My punishment is painful beyond all physical means.  
You will drive me until I break, then I'll carry out my own execution.  
Leaving you all appearing innocent of my destruction.  
All because I allowed myself the privilege to be me.

Tim W.

Do You Know Who I'm Talking To?

If you do, listen.  
So many games I play when you're watching.  
The other day in the lounge  
When that freaky number was a-kissing on me?  
There's nothing to it, man.  
And now there's this guy from the library.  
He's beautiful and he's gentle and he's sexy, sure.  
But you've got everything he's got -- and more.

Snap your fingers, honey, and  
I'll come runnin'.  
I've been waiting for six months;  
I'll probably wait for six more -- and more.

Listen, don't you remember how much I love you?  
Even though I never translated it into words while we were together,  
I thought I showed you in bed.  
Well, in case the message never got through I need you.

--John Frank



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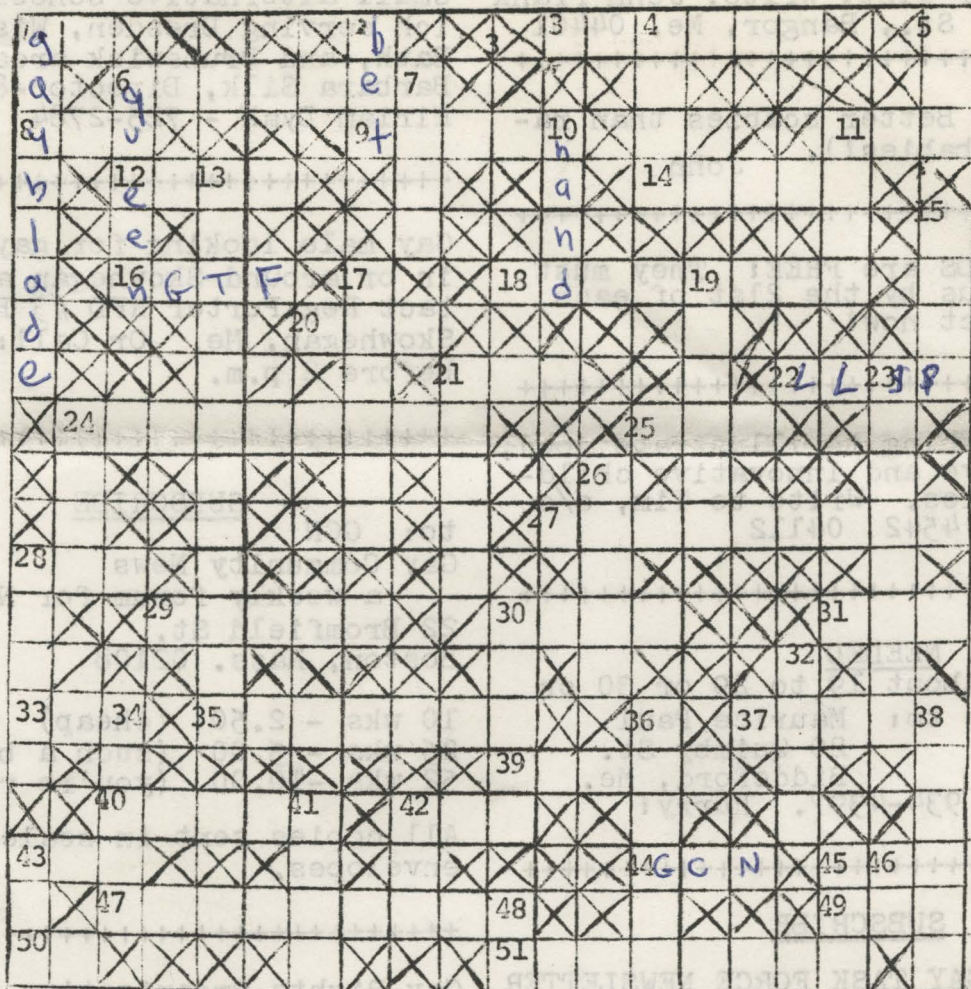
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dependently of the desire to re-  
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Society and the Healthy  
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Heterosexuals are by far the most  
blatant people on earth!!!! Ugh!!!!  
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The president of the African State of  
Senegal came out! HOORAY!





# DOWN

# ACROSS

1. Homosexual Knife? (two words)
2. Wager
4. Gay Organization
5. Kind of Smoked Meat
6. Male Homosexual (slang) regal person
7. Butch or Ferme can be this
10. Connects fingers to wrist
11. Female Homosexual
13. See 23 Down
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Wrist
17. Opposite of Idle
19. Eye the Clielele; Sail
21. Goes with 34 Down
23. See 13 Down
24. "Everybody's Autobiography" in Boston
26. Gay Men's "Characteristic" Walk; Thanksgiving Pie
28. Untamed; Oscar
30. Male Homosexual (slang); Flower
32. Go by; Act Straight
34. Goes with 21 Down
36. One; Unattached
38. \_\_\_\_\_ Clipper; Northerner
41. Adhesive
42. Southern Maine Gay Organization
43. Female Parent
45. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Closet
46. \_\_\_\_\_ is; Leave Alone
48. Thirteenth Letter of the Alphabet

1. Leave
3. Southern Maine Gay Organization
6. U.S. Coin
8. Pronoun
9. Feel
11. Opposite of Bright
12. Reverbrate
14. Male Homosexual (slang); peri
16. Howard Brown's Organization
18. L.A. GAY Newspaper
20. Tenth Mo.
21. Male Homosexual (slang); cigarette
22. Gay Men's Speech "Characteristic"
24. \_\_\_\_\_ Community Health Service
25. Unseen (past tense)
27. Police Morals Dept. (two words)
28. University Gay Organization
29. Homosexual (slang); odd
30. "\_\_\_\_\_ of Queers..."; Jalbert
31. Grow Older
33. Boston Gay Women's Organization
35. Gay Woman
37. Gay Ole Time
39. Drinking Vessel; Gert
40. Lure
42. Homosexual
43. Gay Church
44. Homosexual Newspaper in Boston
45. "\_\_\_\_\_ From Little Accm..."
47. Person who fears gays
49. Utility
50. Possessive pronoun
51. Social Involvement; Stirring