

## MS. WILCH APOLOGIZES TO GAYS

In the last issue of G.P.U. NEWS in an article on the events at the Democratic convention we reported that Ms. Kathy Wilch, a McGovern delegate from Ohio delivered a strongly worded speech in opposition to the proposed gay rights plank, minority report #8. It seemed plain at the time that Ms. Wilch had not prepared her own speech, but was only delivering it at the request of people on the McGovern staff.

In the furor that followed the speech, at least three state delegations (New York, California, and New Jersey) passed resolutions condemning Ms. Wilch for her speech and reaffirming support for the minority report. In addition, various gay organizations also demanded a public retraction and statement of

authorship. Ms. Wilch gave public statements regretting her hasty speech and on July 13 gave the following written statement to the press. The media as usual, for the most part ignored the retraction. We now present the statement of Ms. Wilch in full:

Thursday, July 13, 1972

On Tuesday night, I presented a speech to the Democratic National Convention opposing Minority Report #8, the Gay Liberation Plank. This speech was prepared for me by a lawyer on the staff of the Platform Committee, of which I am a member.

I opposed the plank for reasons of political expediency. The analogies I drew in the speech were aimed to show the possible ramifications of the plank as a political

document. I was not aware that the speech would imply that homosexuals are child molesters. CHILD MOLESTATION IS LARGELY A HETEROSEXUAL, NOT HOMOSEXUAL PROBLEM.

I heartily apologize to all members of the Gay Liberation Movement for any other implications which were derived from my speech, I wholeheartedly support the right of all individuals to privacy, and equality in all areas without regard to sexual orientation.

I will do all in my power to urge Senator McGovern to publicly repudiate the statement as prepared by the Platform Committee Staff and to publicly reaffirm his support for Gay civil rights.

Kathleen A. Wilch

## POLICE vs GAYS: CRISIS IN UNDERSTANDING (Part 1)

On Wednesday, August 9, three members of Gay Peoples Union, armed with a tape recorder, kept an appointment with Kenneth A. Bowen, Community Relations Specialist for the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission. This interview was followed immediately by an interview with Captain John W. Davis who heads the vice squad. Captain Davis would not allow the tape recorder to be used during his interview, but accurate notes were taken.

With this issue, G.P.U. NEWS begins a series of articles based on these interviews because we feel that it is important that the gay community understand police policies towards gays in Milwaukee. Hopefully, the police department will also see the importance of opening communications with the gay community.

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Gays are often called perverts, among other things, by the police.

This word was sprinkled liberally throughout both interviews referred to above. Perversion is defined as "a turning away from the true purpose . . . corruption." One can only wonder, considering the true meaning of the word, if perhaps the most prominent example of perversion in this country today is the widespread misuse of police power.

I am sure that most people would agree that the true purpose of the police is to maintain order while preserving the rights of all citizens. This must be done without regard for such individual characteristics as race, sex, age, or sexual orientation. Each citizen must be treated with equal respect, with no more force or interference than the individual situation warrants. Any deviation from that policy is a perversion of police power.

I am not saying that all police

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Following the successful example of West Side Discussion Group in New York City, GPU will hold 2 special discussions sessions each month in place of the general meetings. These sessions will be on topics of special interest to all gay women and men, and will be led by qualified members of GPU. These discussions will alternate with guest speakers, special activities and general business meetings.

**SEPTEMBER 4th** Labor Day - no meeting

**SEPTEMBER 11th** Mr. Ed McMannis, President, Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union, guest speaker, East Side Community Center, 8:00 p.m.

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## EDITORIAL

With this issue, G.P.U. NEWS completes its first full year of publication. If you still have some of our rather crude early issues, (we were so proud of them) hang on to them. . .they might become collectors items.

From the very beginning G.P.U. NEWS has made every effort to bring you a publication that you can be proud to read. The articles, for the most part, have been informative, timely, and well written. As a member of the staff quipped, "We don't mind being called "queens", but "dumb queens" - Never!"

In addition to local and national news of interest to gays, we try to include articles containing the liberated viewpoint; and we also feature articles, art, and poems that show the heritage of our gay culture. It is amazing how straight society has distorted the lives and works of famous people who happened to be homosexual. It is also amazing how few gay people are aware of our heritage. We agree with Dennis Altman, who in his "Homosexual Oppression and Liberation" says "the homosexuality of a creative artist is not merely an extraneous fact, as some critics, remarkably squeamish about sex, would like us to believe, but rather as long as the world insists on stigmatizing homosexuals, an integral part of his/her perception of the world."

We don't have to tell you that the publication and distribution of G.P.U. NEWS represents the volunteer efforts of many people and we are not going to single out any individual for praise. There is a great feeling of satisfaction felt by every person who has contributed time and effort. If you would like to help, just let us know. We are waiting for you to come forward.

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If you want counseling about a homosexual problem or would like to have a speaker on the subject for your group, contact us at the above address.

Yours in Liberation,  
THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

## FEEDBACK

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Dear G.P.U.

I have just returned from summer school and found the two copies of "Homosexual Behaviour Among Males" that you were instrumental in obtaining for our library.

This is to acknowledge their reception and to thank you for them. I do not have the authority to "pass" on any reading material except the books which I receive for general distribution in our library. Therefore, I could not render any decision on G.P.U. NEWS.

If, in the future, you can obtain books on varying aspects and views on homosexual behavior, for our library, I will gladly accept them.

Most sincerely yours,

Sherman Van Drisse, Librarian  
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Waupun, Wisconsin

*Editors note: Permission to send G.P.U. NEWS free to any prisoner who so requests has been granted by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health & Social Services. See FEEDBACK column August issue.*

Dear G.P.U.,

I understand that you people are helping people in the gay life and that's a very beautiful thing to do. Keep up the good work.

I am a novice female impersonator or transvestite that needs a friend badly. Wou'd like to communicate with a T.V. for understanding of what I am doing. If anyone can give me advice, please have them get in touch with me.

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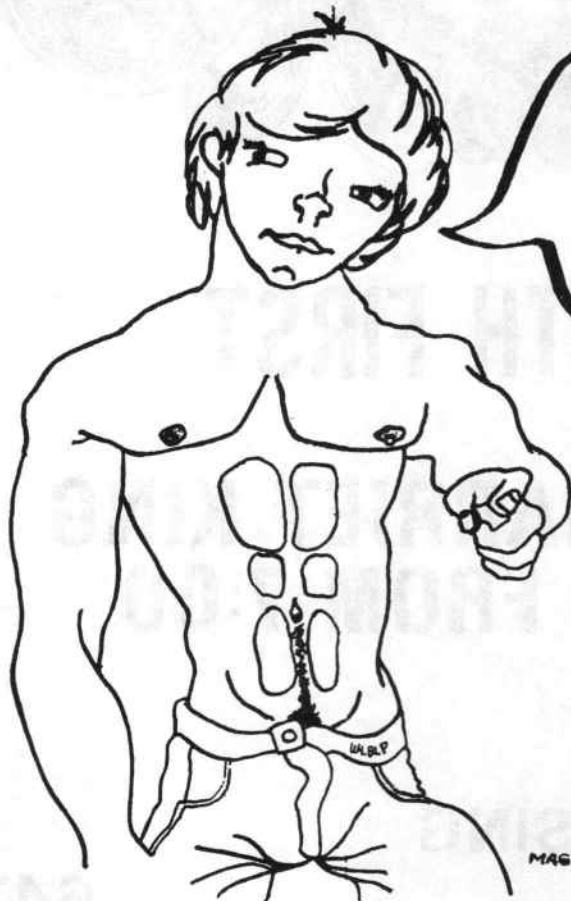
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Dear Master of Masters, Mr. Townsend, Sir:

It disappointed me that Your All Man Picture, Sir, was not on the cover of Your soap opera opus "The Leatherman's Handbook". Since, as You say, You've bared "Your Soul, as well as Your Ass and other parts of Your Anatomy" in the "Handbook", why not let Your readers see Your All Man Face? Could it be because You couldn't keep a straight (no pun intended) face at the thought that some of Your readers might take You seriously?

Having ruined my original copy by drooling all over each of the 319 turgid pages, i've sent my junior M out to purchase another. After all, the "Handbook" is the "only definitive exploration of the gay S & M leather scene ever written" to quote from the blurb on the

back cover. Could it be, Sir, that You are pulling our leg even with the title? The "Handbook" is obviously intended to be read with one hand.

Mr. Townsend, Sir, i've always admired You for Your work with H.E.L.P. (Homophile Effort for Legal Protection) and Your fine articles objectively viewing the gay liberation movement that have appeared in print. i've even enjoyed Your previous excursions into leather fantasy such as "Run, Little Leather Boy", but this book, Sir, comes as a low blow. (no pun intended)

While purporting to be a handbook for the experienced, Your book offers absolutely no insight to the Leatherman who is searching for a better understanding of his sexual appetite. Furthermore, the whole book is an effort at recruitment of the inexperienced with encouragement offered in almost every chapter for the novice to go ahead and try these sexual practices. The role of the M is particularly glorified and that of the S

is placed in a position of exaltation so as to make it seem unattainable and not much fun in any case. i, Sir, resent Your recruitment of new Ms when there are too many of us already. How You can preach masochism and gay liberation at the same time beats me. (no pun intended)

i'll gloss over the fact that You gloss over the dangers of S & M with less than 8 pages; the shortest chapter in Your book. These DANGERS can be very real and You know that all is not always fantasy and fun as You imply.

At the risk of being dismissed as a bit of "bitchy fluff", i have to comment on Your literary chapter. Sir, are You joshing us again by raving about "The Dog Fiend or Snarlyyou" by Captain Frederick Marryat? (Note to Your publisher: Marryat has two r's.) i happen to own a copy of the Dana Estes (publisher again note: no hyphen) edition, half bound in leather (WOW!!) with turquoise hand marbled end papers. It is Your privilege to place Marryat above Dana

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or Melville as a writer, but almost no modern critic would agree. Indeed, even Marryat's contemporaries such as Carlyle and Edgar Allen Poe had harsh words for him. That old sadist Poe said of him: "Marryat's ideas were essentially mediocre and the common property of the mob." Far from being a novel involved with "flogging and sado-masochism on the high seas", "Dog Fiend", while it does have one very brief flogging scene, deals with Jacobean smuggling and intrigue on the English Channel. The Channel is hardly the "high seas" and Captain Marryat was really trying to be funny. The book is high camp and the smugglers wind up fighting their only battle in drag! Really! You should check these little things or were you too busy identifying with the character called Peter Smallbones?

my junior M has just returned with another copy of the "Handbook" and i really have to break this off (no pun) in order to reward him with a golden shower. When we meet i might get my ass whup-

ped for it, but i'd like to give you a kiss.

Signed  
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## Homosexuality in the Media

\***Lancaster New Era** (July 19, 1972) pg. 13, Article: "Pennsylvania State University Committee Deadlocked on Hiring Homosexual as Teacher"

\***Racine Journal-Times** (July 27, 1972) Article: "Johnny Cash, Ex-Convicts Urge OK of Penal Reform"

\***New York Times, Book Section** (July 30, 1972) Review: "Straight" A Heterosexual Talks About His Homosexual Past, by William Aaron

\***Time** (August 21, 1972) pp. 34-40, Article: "Teen Age Sex, Letting The Pendulum Swing"

\***Milwaukee Journal** (August 19, 1972) pg. 5, Article: "Ex-Bishop Backs Homosexual Minister"

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I am writing this letter as a means of saying "thank you" to your paper and to all of the wonderful gay people I met when I was visiting Milwaukee in May.

Yes, we are legal over here in England, but not accepted. We still get the "wolf whistle" if we happen to be just a little bit camp. Drag shows are plentiful in the pubs here; it is a "Laugh-In" for the normals.

One of the nicest taverns I visited in Milwaukee was "Your Place". Jerry and Jim are two nice guys and I am honoured to count them among my friends.

I shall be returning to Milwaukee in the fall and would like to make arrangements for you to forward G.P.U. NEWS to me here in England.

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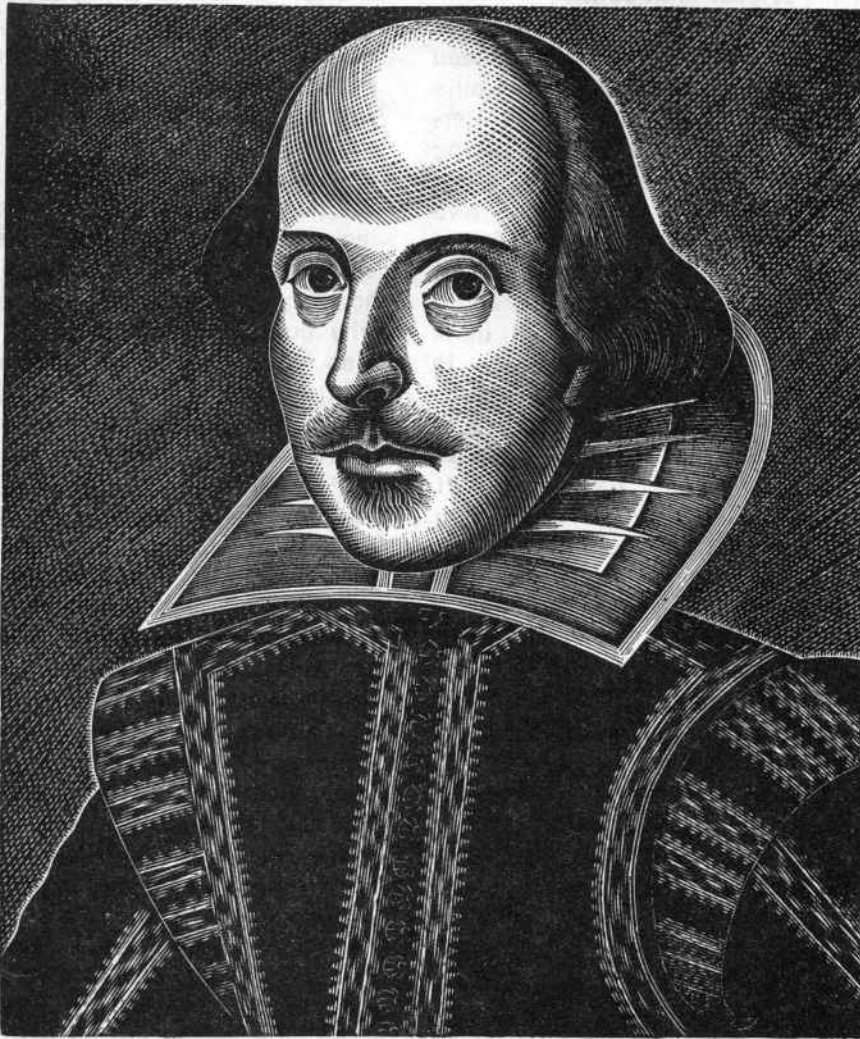
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When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes,  
 I all alone beweepe my outcast state,  
 And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,  
 And look upon myself, and curse my fate,  
 Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,  
 Featured like him, like him with friends possest,  
 Desiring this man's art, and that man's scope,  
 With what I most enjoy contented least;  
 Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,  
 Happly I think on thee,—and then my state,  
 Like to the lark at break of day arising  
 From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate;  
 For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings,  
 That then I scorn to change my state with kings.

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 by William Shakespeare  
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Let me confess that we two must be twain,  
 Although our undivided loves are one:  
 So shall those blots that do with me remain,  
 Without thy help, by me be borne alone.  
 In our two loves there is but one respect,  
 Though in our lives a separable spite,  
 Which though it alter not love's sole effect,  
 Yet doth it steal sweet hours from love's delight.  
 I may not evermore acknowledge thee,  
 Lest my bewailed guilt should do thee shame;  
 Nor thou with public kindness honour me,  
 Unless thou take that honour from thy name.  
 But do not so; I love thee in such sort,  
 As, thou being mine, mine is thy good report.



# this thing called . . . . LOVE

Traditionally it has been difficult for members of the gay subculture to establish their image as being capable of having deep and lasting love relationships in their lives. The prevailing attitudes of American and European societies has been one factor leading to this picture of gays and the enforced prejudices of our laws has been another. Much has been said about the many years of backwardness which have made the terms **Love** and **Lover** come to mean merely transient sexual relationships in our culture. With the new moves toward open sexuality and the slow but gradual recognition of personal freedoms for all minorities, gay people are re-examining their own attitudes and are now attempting to define love in terms of its real significance in a modern populated world.

There are many reasons why love is difficult for two people of the same sex, the majority of which are personal and have nothing to do

with society at large. What many gay people are trying to change now are the old group attitudes which hinder personal relationships and which are still very much a part of gay society today. A healthy love relationship is only possible for individuals who really understand gay life without allowing it to hinder their real human needs.

Psychiatrists have found that the tendency to withdraw from close personal relationships is a pattern which has become almost universal among homosexuals. It is a pattern formed by an early sense of guilt instilled by traditional society and the avoidance of personal commitment has thus become a form of self-punishment. When relationships become strong or demanding, there seems to be a need to end them. Many individuals find themselves going through life without ever finding any real love. Instead, they seem to rely on the pattern of bars, restaurants, restrooms and parties

for strong but temporary relationships. In essence it may be said that, for these individuals, the tendency seems to be an escape into group life.

Since sex has always been so openly and readily accepted in the gay world, it becomes a painful and notable cause of guilt in personal love relationships. A personal love relationship may become a challenge to group life, and thus a challenge to the security which many gays derive from group life. As a result, many homosexuals seem to have gone beyond the need for personal love. In its place are the series of extremely strong, but short-lived relationships of the gay world. It would seem that love, comfort, security, and companionship between two people are things with which many group-oriented homosexuals are unable to cope.

This underlying element is reflected in almost all of the major

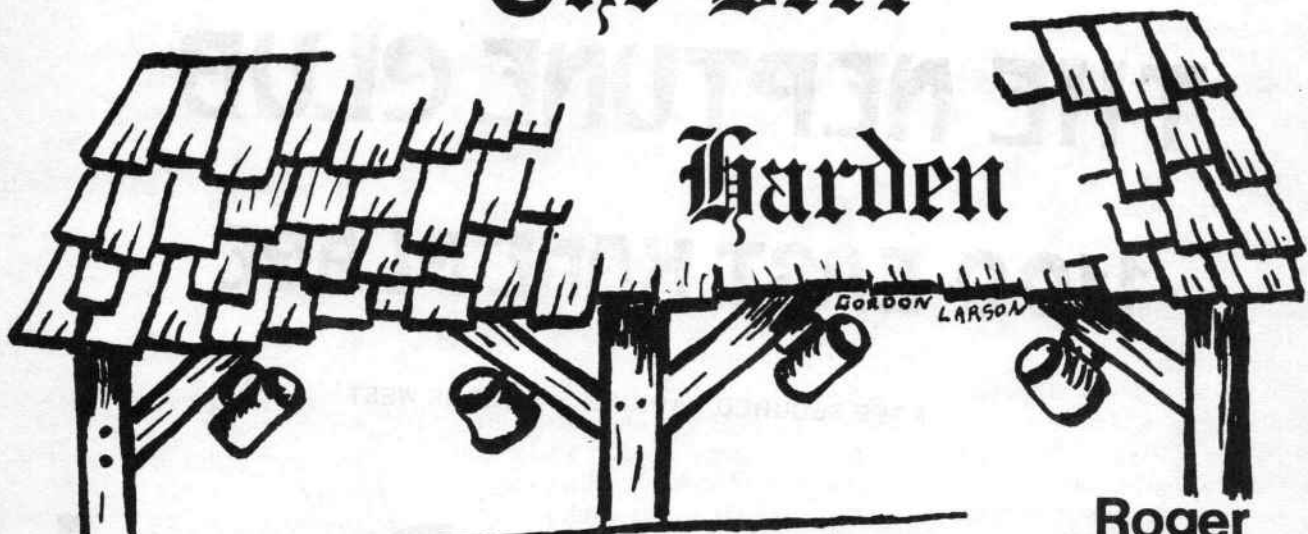
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# Book Review



**LESBIAN/WOMAN** by Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, Glide Publications, 1972, \$7.95.

Lesbian/Woman is a portrait of lesbian life painted with shadows of sadness, rainbows of joy, and perhaps most vivid of all, brilliance of hope.

It is, at long last, an honest, well research and documented, in-depth study of the lesbian woman.

The authors, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, write sensitively and from personal experience. As the founders of the first lesbian organization in the country, the Daughters of Bilitis; as lovers of nineteen years; and as counselors and friends to thousands of sisters, they know of what they speak.

As the lesbian's story unfolds, we see, woven like the threads of a tapestry, throughout the book, the thought that the lesbian is a person first, a woman second, and a lesbian only third.

We are shown the role playing "butch" and "femme" and how today's lesbian rejects this mimicry of heterosexual roles. We are, after all, women who love other women.

As the lesbian comes to accept herself in the various roles she is forced to play in our society, she is drawn to the feminist movement. Here she must play a part if women's liberation is to succeed. For it cannot and will not succeed as long as women oppress other women. For one to be free, all must be free.

The saddened shadows of lesbianism come from the danger of her very existence; that her simply being a lesbian endangers her job, her family and her reputation. For in the eyes of the church she is a sinner, of society — a criminal, and of psychiatry — mentally ill.

The lesbian mother is an example of society's cruelty to the homosexual. She is faced with the choice of denying her nature or be-

ing true to it and perhaps losing her children as a result. Ironically she may lose her children to a father awarded custody simply on his claim to heterosexuality.

The myths concerning lesbianism are deftly put to rest by the authors as they tell their story and stories of countless sisters. Banned are the myths of lesbian lovemaking. "There is nothing mysterious or magic about lesbian lovemaking (except perhaps for the two people involved)." "The mystery and magic of lovemaking come from the person with whom you are making love."

Through the young lesbian, the Daughters of Bilitis, the "bar scene", employment, etc. we are shown every facet of lesbian life in **LESBIAN/WOMAN**.

We are encouraged by changing attitudes on homosexuality in the psychiatric field, Women's liberation, civil rights groups, and even the churches. We take courage from statements quoted from mental health organizations and psychiatric groups, such as the following:

"homosexuality can no longer be equated with sickness, but may be properly considered as a preference, orientation or propensity for a certain life style."

"homosexuality does not constitute a specific mental or emotional illness."

"homosexuality appears to be as deeply motivated as normal heterosexual behavior."

It is the author's hope that lesbians become angry, for "the expression of hostility, of righteous indignation, was a stepping stone from martyrdom and self pity to self acceptance", and self acceptance is a stepping stone to liberation. In this vein, today's homophile community, self accepting, want equal rights and full citizenship and they want it now!

Yes, "Gay is Good" proclaim the authors, and their story is every lesbian's story. A story that is for everyone interested in knowing the truth about lesbianism.

Read and believe that our day will come. For:

"The Great Society can only be as great as its people, and the people can only be as great as

they know, appreciate, love, understand, and express their diversity and individuality."

**LESBIAN/WOMAN** is History; is Now! Read and enjoy.

Gayle Patrick

## ENDING

*Touching each other was easy  
in the beginning.  
Thoughts didn't get in our way;  
Nor memories either.  
The futue hung in a net  
above our heads,  
Not yet opened to spill  
its disappointing contents  
over our lives. . .  
Has it been two or three months now?  
Since we haven't even alluded  
to the change,  
While privately we pack up our emotions  
in little bundles  
to carry away from each other.  
I don't wander near the lake any more  
thinking of you;  
And just last Sunday  
someone saw you in the bar  
where you said you never go.  
It won't be long now  
before I'll be seeing you off  
on the train back to Toronto*

Jai Brett



Raymond Radiguet by Jean Cocteau

# POLICE

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pervert their power. If I were to hold such an opinion I would be guilty of the same blind prejudice that afflicts many policemen. However, I do feel that incidents of police perversion are at an intolerable level.

The police forces of many cities in our country are currently facing many internal problems: misplaced priorities, the selective enforcement of archaic laws against certain groups (particularly blacks and gays), and the use of the taboos and prejudices of society by police to intimidate individuals are only a few. These problems must be dealt with by the police in a spirit of co-operation with the community if the quality of police work in many cities is to be raised to an acceptable level.

Just how good is the police force in Milwaukee? To what extent do the perversions of police power so notorious in other cities affect our police force? The interviews with Mr. Bowen and Captain Davis should shed some light on these questions, at least revealing the standing policies of the police force and the vice squad.

Because of its importance, this article will concentrate on the interview with Captain Davis of the vice squad and the next article will deal with the interview with Mr. Bowen.

According to Captain Davis there is "really no harassment of gays in Milwaukee." Some police actions that occur are considered by some gays as harassment, but no true harassment occurs. Here it seemed that Captain Davis might have been referring to such actions as two uniformed policemen walking through a gay bar. Most gay people would agree that such police action does not constitute harassment. Captain Davis stated that he was unaware of any arrests having been made in bars on a basis of entrapping a homosexual engaged in solicitation. When asked further questions on the

subject of undercover vice officers in bars, he stated that undercover vice officers in bars do not make the "first move" . . . ordinarily. Any cases of vice squad officers arresting homosexuals for solicitation involve the homosexual as the "aggressor". The only "approach" made by the officer is by being there. It is my opinion that these statements will bring a certain amount of sardonic laughter in the gay community.

The point about harassment was re-emphasized later in the interview. Captain Davis said that there is no harassment, just strict law enforcement. Homosexuals are not "singled out". No more attention is paid to homosexuals than to any other group which includes law breakers. Homosexuals have the same rights all citizens do. He went further . . . Homosexuals are treated in the same manner as any other citizens; there is no special or unusual treatment of homosexuals.

The charges of "Lewd and Lascivious Conduct" and "Disorderly Conduct" often used against gays were also discussed in an attempt to find out just what constitutes a violation of these laws.

According to Davis, for a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct to be brought, a direct sexual activity must be witnessed. This would include such actions as masturbation, genital exposure, or actual penetration.

Charges of disorderly conduct usually stem from activities witnessed by vice officers in such places as public washrooms or parks and frequently involve such actions as masturbation. It was emphasized that "95% of all arrests made under this charge are made in public places such as washrooms or parks. Such actions as holding hands in public are not sufficient in themselves for a charge of disorderly conduct. However, such a charge could be made if the action spurs others to acts of disorderly conduct.

Captain Davis further stated that there is no actual training of undercover vice officers to teach them to "pass as homosexuals".

Any such skill is acquired in the same manner any person might learn: by reading, or by general social experience. He also denied that young and attractive officers are specifically sought for duty on the vice squad in an entrapment procedure.

Concerning the danger of sexual assault in jail, Captain Davis said that since prisoners in the Milwaukee jail are segregated one to a cell, there is no danger of sexual assault. There is no standard procedure to deal with rapist or victim in the jail since assault does not occur. Perhaps I'm wrong, but I seem to remember reading in the papers of actions being brought by prisoners who state that they have been sexually assaulted while in the jail.

When asked just who set the policies of the vice squad and who controlled its actions, Captain Davis stated flatly, "Chief Brier is the vice squad."

He then turned to one of the interviewers and asked if he was from Milwaukee originally. When assured that the interviewer was a "native Milwaukeean", the Captain explained that he had asked because most of the questions seemed to deal with the practices of the police in other cities, not Milwaukee.

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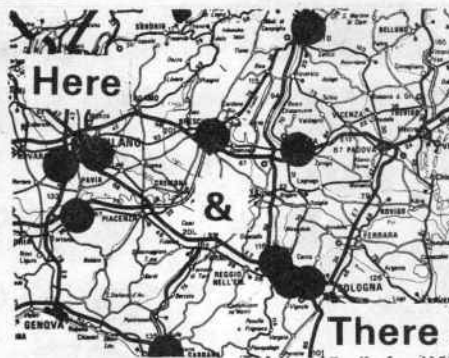
## CALENDAR

MONDAYS - 8:00 P.M. Regular Meetings at Eastside Community Center, 911 East Ogden.

SATURDAYS - 5:30 P.M. Vespers at St. Nicholas Orthodox Parish, 1155 North 21st Street.

SUNDAYS - 1:00 P.M. Worship Service of Metropolitan Community Church, Prince of Peace Parish at corner of 21st and Highland Streets

SUNDAYS - 8:00 P.M. Mass at St. Nicholas Parish.



Patrons of the Neptune Club will notice that the paved parking lot just 1/2 block west is now lighted and will have a full time attendant to provide security for parked cars. This is part of the bar's attempt to be responsible to the needs of the patrons.

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The new Metropolitan Community Church in Philadelphia has received letters of congratulations from both the Pennsylvania Governor and President Nixon on the granting of their state charter, according to the Advocate. The letters are legitimate, but there is some doubt as to whether or not the Governor and the President really knew what they were lending their names to.

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United Airlines has a new advertising slogan: "Your Land Is Our Land". It sounds good to hear somebody telling it like it is.

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According to the Columbus Gay Activists, two women are to be married September 2 on the campus of Ohio State University. The women are Marlene Zehetmain and Charlotte Brown.

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Three members of G.P.U. attended a voter registration conclave at the center for Chicago Gay Alliance. G.P.U. found the session informative despite the absence of One, Inc. and Mattachine. It was learned that a proposal will come before the next meeting of the National Coalition of Gay Organizations urging a national "camp in", possibly in Colorado next summer.

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Canadian Gay Activists Alliance has been awarded over \$9,000 to research and document the social needs of the gay community in Vancouver, B.C. by the Canadian Department of State. Congratulations CGAA!! Bon Chance!

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People who attended the grand opening of the Wreck Room, 226 E. Erie St., were delighted with the lavish food and drinks. If anyone has a well preserved hub cap from an unusual auto, they might consider donating it to the collection which is well displayed on the walls of this cozy bar.

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## LOVE from pg. 11

writings about gay life to date. If a member of a gay group falls in love he is often in conflict with the assumptions of the group because he is abandoning the group for something personal. This is the same group on which he has become so dependent for lasting personal relationships. In addition to this, many homosexuals still possess the medieval misconception that since homosexuality is neither real nor natural, then homosexual love cannot be real or natural. For these, sex becomes a reflex and a further cause of guilt. Stemming from this familiar guilt is the old fear in establishing lasting personal relationships. These people ignore the fear of loneliness, become dependent on their group for security, and throw themselves wholeheartedly into promiscuous activity. Some people are ready for love. Some are never ready.

Such a view sounds at first pessimistic, but in the end we must admit that there are no differences between homosexual and heterosexual love affairs that a thorough recognition of self would not solve. In examining ourselves openly and publicly as we are finally doing today, we must realize the serious responsibility of our intentions since the future of our movement depends upon our attitudes towards ourselves. ■