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# ACLU CHARGES GOODSTEIN

**San Mateo, CA**—James Smith, an advertising assistant at the *Advocate*, has claimed that he was fired because of his refusal to take the special EST program for *Advocate* employees. The EST program, described as a “60-hour experience to realize the potential of our lives and an educational experience to enhance aliveness and well-being”, has been labeled as little more than a brain-washing technique by its critics. David Goodstein, publisher of the *Advocate*, has refused to issue any comment on Smith’s firing.

According to an informant on the *Advocate* staff who is working with outside sources, Goodstein plans to use the special EST programs to produce EST graduates for two political organizations, the Advocate Political Action Fund (APAF) and the Advocate Research and Education Fund (AREF). The new program, christened “The Advocate Experience”, has been approved by EST founder Werner Ehrard. “The Experience” is given free to *Advocate* staff members.

## LESBIAN MOTHERS DAY

**Boston, MA**—Demonstrations are being planned throughout the country during Mother’s Day weekend supporting the strengths, struggles, and demands of lesbian mothers. The nationwide demonstrations have been called by the Seattle-based Lesbian Mother National Defense Fund and New York City’s Dykes and Tykes.

Dykes and Tykes characterizes itself as an organization of lesbian mothers, their lovers and children, lesbians involved in the child care and teaching professions, and lesbians who wish to be involved with children in the lesbian community. They have organized a rally for Mother’s Day which will include talks on a variety of problems including lesbian motherhood, abortion, sterilization abuse, and Third World mothers’ problems.

Goodstein has also refused to accept paid advertising for fund-raising efforts in Eugene (OR) and Wichita (KS), where the gay communities face referenda on gay-rights ordinances passed last year (see the article in the April issue of GPU NEWS). Goodstein is refusing that advertising, according to the informant, because he fears that it would interfere with his own fund-raising efforts for the new political organization.

There are changes beginning in the *Advocate* staff following Goodstein’s “Experience” efforts. Several *Advocate* employees have publicly confirmed Smith’s story that he was fired because of opposition to EST. Goodstein had earlier told Smith that, if he did not take the EST course, he would “lose his chance for promotion and lose salary increases.” Meanwhile, Sasha Gregory-Lewis, once the paper’s senior editor, has been moved from that position to become “consultant”.

Randy Shilts, a veteran journalist at the *Advocate* and a reporter for TV-station KQED, has also been

forced to resign. In an interview with Boston’s *Gay Community News*, Shilts noted that he “objects to Goodstein forcing people into taking EST.” “But I am really offended,” he noted, “by the political fundraising of APAF and AREF—it undermines my professional standing as a reporter to be part of a political group.”

Smith has already contacted the American Civil Liberties Union, which is currently investigating litigation against Goodstein and the *Advocate* for denying Smith his constitutional rights. In a suit which has already been filed, the *Advocate* has been charged with discrimination against women in employment.

## WICHITA REFERENDUM

**Wichita, KS**—The Wichita City Commission, in a 3-2 vote, has decided to allow city voters the opportunity to cast their ballots for or against the gay rights ordinance which has been on the books for almost one year. The election has been set for May 9.

A massive educational campaign has been launched by the Homophile Alliance of Sedgwick County (HASC) and its Board of Directors. This campaign included printing and mailing of a brochure to over 120,000 registered voters in Wichita. The mailing costs alone have run over \$16,500; and HASC is presently engaged in several fund-raising efforts in order to continue the campaign.

Robert Lewis, Co-Director of HASC, estimates about a 50-50 chance of winning in the referendum. A gay victory in the middle of the “Bible Belt” would provide considerable support to other gay communities throughout the country facing similar referenda actions (see the April issue of GPU NEWS). Contributions to the educational campaign should be sent to HASC, Box 2573, Wichita, KS 67201.

Both Dykes and Tykes and the Lesbian Mother National Defense Fund believe that fighting through the courts alone is a losing battle, and that publicity in support of lesbian mothers must be publicly organized and executed. “Especially now when the right wing is organizing against lesbians, gay men, women, and Third World people. It is important to call on lesbian, gay, feminist, and progressive communities to make the issue of lesbian mothers public and to demand an end to child custody assaults.”

Persons wishing to support the efforts of lesbian mothers, but who live in regions where no demonstrations have been planned, may wish to contribute directly to: Lesbian Mothers National Defense Fund, 2446 Lorentz Place North, Seattle, WA 98109.

## N IRELAND FACES GAY RIGHTS TRIAL

Strasbourg, France—The European Commission on Human Rights in Strasbourg has consented to examine Northern Ireland's law on homosexuality to determine whether or not the law breaks the European Convention of Human Rights, to which the United Kingdom is a signatory.

A gay man in Northern Ireland has submitted a case to the Commission which claims that the present Irish law breaks two articles of the Convention — those guaranteeing right to privacy and prohibiting discrimination. The Commission declared that the majority of complaints filed by the man with the case were valid and admissible.

NIGRA (Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association) has publicly praised the Commission's decision to hear the case. In the past 23 years, the Commission has accepted only 156 out of 10,000 cases submitted to it; and none of these have dealt with the issue of gay rights. The

## GRNL ELECTIONS HELD

Washington, DC—Six new persons were elected in March to fill vacancies on the Executive Board of the **Gay Rights National Lobby**. The new members are: Pat Billings (Kansas City, MO), Eric Denby (New York City), Carolyn Handy (Washington, DC), Richard Maulsby (Washington, DC), Dr. Robert Seidenberg (Syracuse, NY), and Chuck Renslow (Chicago, IL).

Handy and Maulsby are the fourth and fifth members from Washington, and Chicago now has three with the election of Chuck Renslow. Renslow brings to GRNL both his experience as a management consultant and his past work for the gay rights movement in Chicago. Seidenberg, one of the founding members of the upstate chapter of N.O.W., is a practicing psychoanalyst and professor of Clin-

ical Psychiatry at Upstate Center. Commission is expected to make its ruling before the end of 1978.

Meanwhile, Northern Ireland Office in London said that there is still no fixed date for the publication of the proposals for homosexual law reform, which were put forward at the end of 1977 as a "matter of urgency" by the Northern Ireland Standing Commission on Human Rights. Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, stated that the proposals must be published before any action is taken, so that the public may make further "representations."

NIGRA officials expect that the Strasbourg Commission's decision will hasten the publication of the proposals. If the proposals are not published shortly, according to one NIGRA representative, the Government might be forced to change the law anyway, "if they (the European Commissioners) say it must be changed."

Twenty of GRNL's thirty-person Board of Directors will be up for election this spring. Ten women and ten men are needed who are willing to serve a three-year term beginning in April, and all GRNL members are eligible to run for the Board.

As of March 1, there were 1,130 GRNL members in 46 states and the District of Columbia. January was the most successful month in GRNL history, with 203 new members and 116 renewals. The fastest growing state has been Missouri, which jumped from 37th to 14th place. January also saw the first members from New Hampshire, Nebraska and Delaware.

For more information (or membership forms), write to GRNL at 110 Maryland Ave. N.E., Suite 210, Washington, D.C. 20002.

## KLAN RECRUITS TEENS

Oklahoma City, OK—More than one hundred teen-age boys reportedly have organized Ku Klux Klan chapters at two area high schools, and are waging a campaign of terror against gays, according to an Associated Press release. "We are not just against blacks like the old Klan," one youth is quoted as saying. "We are against gays and the clubs that support them, and are going to try to shut them down because this activity is morally and socially wrong."

The **Oklahoma City Times** also reported that an estimate 112 to 132 students, in the ages 15 and 16, have joined two teen-age chapters of the Klan centered in northwest Oklahoma City and surrounding suburbs.

The boys were quoted as saying that in late November they used baseball bats in an organized attack on patrons at a club catering to gays. In that incident several people were injured, tires slashed, and cars vandalized. The youths also claimed responsibility for the vandalizing of a large number of autos at a gay meeting spot in Will Rogers Park in December. No one was injured in that incident.

The youths also reported a series of cross-burnings attended by white-robed Klan members at an isolated rural site, reminiscent of Oklahoma Klan gatherings of over fifty years ago. According to the anonymous spokesman for the Klan, recruiting is done "very quietly" in the Putnam City school district area. "The only people we won't let in are girls, blacks, Jews, or dope smokers," said one boy, "and we might consider catholics if the time comes."

In March, the Oklahoma City Police Department announced that it had initiated an investigation of clan infiltration in local schools. The ongoing investigation was in part due to requests from several members of the Oklahoma City School Board.

## PRISON OFFICIALS MEET GAYS

New York, NY—At a top-level meeting held at the Justice Department in late March, Norman A. Carlson, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons has pledged that representatives of the gay community will be included among those conducting sensitivity-training sessions for prison staff at upcoming seminars in Atlanta, Dallas, and Denver. He also offered representatives of the gay community the opportunity to go through these staff-training sessions as full participants, and mentioned the possibility that additional sessions on the concerns of gay inmates could be held at the 38 federal prisons themselves.

Another result of the meeting was a promise by Carlson to appoint a member of his own staff to deal directly with complaints by gay inmates, particularly those who fear or have experienced sexual assaults. He further promised to make public the Bureau's guidelines on classification of prisoners, parole recommendations, and statistics on segregation-

## LESBIAN WINS CUSTODY

Alameda, CA—The attempt of the husband of lesbian mother Jeanne Jullion to obtain custody of one of their children has failed. When the couple was divorced in 1977, it was agreed that the husband would obtain custody of their oldest son (age 9), and that Jullion would retain custody of the younger son (age 4). Later Jullion attempted to obtain custody of the older boy also, and the court battles began.

The husband moved to obtain custody of both children based on the claim that Jullion was unfit because of her lesbian lifestyle. Publicity was released about the court battles, and attempts were made in the gay and feminist communities to raise money for legal fees. Alameda Superior Court Judge Robert Kroninger put a gag on the press, insisting that the case receive no outside publicity. While the gag was being challenged

al and recreational facilities. He noted that the Bureau will shortly be revising its own manuals to reflect the new understanding that prison rape is not a "homosexual problem", but rather a problem related to violence itself.

In 1976 and 1977, GPU NEWS, together with many other national and local gay publications, carried an intermittent series of reports on the Bureau of Prisons, dealing both with its negative attitude to gay inmates generally and its unwillingness to permit most gay literature and publications to be received by inmates. The Bureau's traditional position has been that dissemination of gay-oriented materials within the prisons, and visitations by gay ministers would contribute to violence by identifying prisoners as gay. No discussion of the joint issues of the gay ministry and gay publications took place at the March meeting, since both of these issues are currently under litigation.

Present at the meeting were David

by the American Civil Liberties Union, Jullion and her allies decided to play down further press coverage in the belief that it might hamper her attempt to gain custody of both children.

During 1977 the father was given temporary custody of both children while the judge contemplated his charges that the mother was unfit. Kroninger ruled in March that Jullion may retain custody of the younger child, declaring her to be "fully capable of raising her son."

Jullion's attorneys are still unwilling to discuss the custody case for the older child, fearing that press coverage may do some harm in the continuing litigation. Information on the present state of the case was obtained confidentially by staff members of San Francisco's **Bay Area Reporter** from friends of Jeanne Jullion.

Rothberg (Executive Director of the Fortune Society), the Rev. Troy Perry (Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of M.C.C.), Nan Hunter of the Lamda Legal Defense and Educational Fund, attorneys Robert Arthur and John Wahl (representing the Metropolitan Community Church Prison Project), Robert Maulson (a member of President Carter's Domestic Council), Dr. Peter Nacci (who is conducting a sexuality study for the Bureau), Norman Carlson, and several representatives from the Justice Department.

Gay representatives came away from the meeting with the impression that the Bureau's increased understanding of the nature of sexual assaults in prisons represents a first step toward resolving the issues which still divide the Bureau and the gay community.

## CHICAGO PRIDE WEEK

Chicago, IL—The Gay and Lesbian Pride Planning Committee has announced that Johnathan Katz, author of **Gay American History**, will be in Chicago for the 1978 Pride Week, which will be held from June 16 through June 27.

This year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week will be longer than usual, and will include showings of documentary gay films and filmstrips under the auspices of the American Library Association's Task Force on Gay Liberation. These showings will also figure in the ALA Convention to be held at the same time.

The Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee began a series of benefits in March to raise money to cover anticipated expenses for the extended 1978 Pride Week. 1978 Pride Buttons with a new logo design will also be available at fund-raisers and at various outlets throughout the city. T-shirts in white with a black logo design will also be available later in the spring.

## GAY NEWS FIGHTS ON

**London, UK**—As reported in the April issue of GPU NEWS, the appeal of its conviction on charges of blasphemy by **Gay News** was rejected by the Court of Criminal Appeal in the Old Bailey late in March. In addition to mass demonstrations during the court hearing, GN had also rallied substantial financial and journalistic support for their cause. Since additional appeal procedures, which could eventually lead to Britain's House of Lords for final settlement would be both expensive and time consuming, GN conducted a readers survey following the appeal rejection to determine whether Britain's gay community would provide momentum and support if further appeals were initiated.

More than 1,500 persons sent in ballot slips cut from GN, while hundreds of others wrote and tel-



**Denis Lemon.** Photo by Bob Workman. ephoned—over a dozen telephoning their support from the United States alone. Many also included donations with their YES votes.

The wheels have now been set in motion, and GN's lawyers are preparing initial appeal papers to be transmitted to Lords later in the year.

In addition to widespread support for GN from the gay community, the paper has also received letters of support from leading journalists and authors through the U.K. and abroad. Many of these feel that the gay rights issue is secondary to the more important considerations of freedom of the press in the United Kingdom. GN has also been in touch with several supporters (including Lord Willis) in Lords who have expressed support for the paper's appeal.

## INDIANA MEETING

**Indianapolis, IN**—This city will host its first Gay/Lesbian Awareness Conference June 30 through July 2, 1978, at the Michigan Street campus of IUPUI. Workshops, keynote speeches, films, a panel discussion, dance, and free concert will highlight the meeting.

Sponsored by the Indianapolis Coalition for Human Rights, the conference will feature Barbara Gittings and Allan Spear as keynote speakers. Films to be shown include **Gay USA** and **A Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts**.

Pre-registration brochures and conference information will be available shortly. Registration fees for the conference are \$8 (in advance) or \$10 (at the conference). These fees include all conference activities as well as one meal. Any profits from the conference will go to the work of gay liberation in the Indianapolis area.

For further information and registration forms, write to the Coalition for Human Rights, Box 20124, Indianapolis, IN 46220; or phone (317) 846-0780, or (317) 638-8144.

## MINORITIES SWITCHBOARD

**San Francisco, CA**—The Save Our Human Rights Foundation in San Francisco has announced the hiring of David Palmer as a special consultant to work full-time on the development of a National Minorities Switchboard (NSMS). Palmer was the 1974 founder and former administrator of the National Runaway Switchboard in Chicago, where he was responsible for demonstrating the effectiveness of a highly visible and nationwide toll-free telephone service for providing supportive information and local referrals to runaway youths.

People calling in will receive clear and non-judgemental information about sexual minorities and their lifestyles, and they will be put in touch with appropriate resources in their local communities which are oriented toward

assisting sexual minorities. Palmer has targeted fall of 1978 for the opening of NSMS, and anticipates a level of about 100,000 calls annually.

Along with its primary objective of providing services NSMS will serve as the first national vehicle for providing ongoing data on the incidence and distribution of sexual minorities throughout the U.S., and will attempt to provide documentation for the problems faced by these minorities. Because of the high cost of the WATS line, NSMS will operate with an annual budget of \$200,000. Most of the initial funding is to come from gay individuals and businesses, and benefits will be planned later in the year. Further information may be obtained by writing NSMS at Box 14561, San Francisco, CA 94115.

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## ANITA BRYANT UPDATE

Tulsa, OK—In a 90-minute interview on radio station KCFO-FM here, Anita Bryant announced plans to form a "legal task force" to combat the American Civil Liberties Union, which she noted is supporting the moral decay of the country by fighting for gays and other "immoral groups." She closed the interview by noting: "It's time that the silent majority speak up for their rights lest they be taken away."

At the end of March Bryant was also picketed at Douglas MacArthur High School in Decatur, Illinois. She was appearing at a revival meeting held in the school gymnasium by the Revival Fires Ministry of Joplin, MO, which was attended by about 3,500 persons. The anti-Bryant pickets were met with a force of Bryant supporters wearing Veterans of Foreign War caps and carrying pro-Bryant signs. The two groups were separated by a driveway and the Decatur Police.

The Decatur demonstration drew gay supporters from throughout Illinois, including about thirty representatives from various Chicago gay organizations. Gary Nepon, openly gay but unsuccessful candidate for 13th District primary election in Chicago (which had been held on March 21), was the featured speaker at the rally following the demonstration. About 100 supporters of Bryant, many of them teen-agers, traded catcalls with the pro-gay marchers. The Bryant supporters remained largely silent until the chant of "Two, four, six, eight, how do you know your wife is straight?" was heard; and then jeering began. When the two-hour demonstration disbanded, those walking to cars were also confronted by hostile teen-agers. Decatur auxiliary police provided escorts, and the event was well covered by central Illinois newspapers and television.

In an interview for the Phil Donahue Show, taped on March 21 but syndicated to appear in various regions thereafter, Bryant told Dona-

hue's audience that "gays have to resort to young boys when they reach a certain age." Donahue also attacked her anti-gay rights stance, challenging that "You're costing people their jobs." Bryant countered that the only issue was that of public display, and "flaunting an immoral life-style."

Her husband and manager, Bob Green, asked, "Do we have the right to think it [homosexuality] is wrong?" The audience groaned a bit when he suggested that Donahue treated gays and lesbians on his show with more accomodating tone. Green continued, "It's a moral thing. . . Whatever happened to the word 'discreet'?" When Donahue asked him if he then supported 'discreet' gays, he hedged. "We happened to pick the wrong issue," he finally admitted. While Bryant concluded the interview with a complaint that radio stations refuse to plug her new song, with its message that "heterosexuality is normal", gays picketed outside the studios.

On April 19, Bryant arrived in St. Paul (MN) to spearhead the drive to repeal this city's gay rights ordinance. Bryant had expressed fears that she would be assassinated in St. Paul by gays. Attorney Jack Baker, chairperson of the Target City Coalition backing gay rights, scoffed at these expressions. "We'd be silly to shoot her," he claimed. "She's the best thing that ever hit the gay community."

Meanwhile in Miami the Florida Citrus Commission at last released figures for 1977 citrus sales. Without releasing figures earlier, the Commission has contended that the gay boycott of Florida orange juice has had no effect on sales. The figures just released show that in 1977 citrus sales were off by over 30%; all other juices were up 14%, and juice substitutes (such as Tang) were up 11%. While higher prices may have contributed some to the citrus losses, the Florida Citrus Boycott Committee has announced plans for further

national action to further enforce the economic sanction of the boycott. Endorsement of the boycott has already been given by over 300 gay organizations nationwide, and the Committee now plans to seek the endorsement of national organizations such as N.O.W. and the Farmworkers Union in order to extend the boycott.

## GAYS MEET IN VA

Norfolk, VA—The Second Annual Tidewater Lesbian/Gay Conference will be held at Old Dominion University in Norfolk from May 26 through May 28. This year's theme is "Opening Doors". In addition to keynote speakers, workshops and playshops will focus on specific topics such as politics, intimacy, religion, health, separatism, and music.

Last year 150 women and men from across the country attended the conference. This year planners expect to welcome 300 persons. This year's conference is being sponsored by the Old Dominion Gay Alliance in cooperation with the Unitarian Universalist Gay Community, the Norfolk Coalition for Human Rights, Metropolitan Community Church of Tidewater, Tidewater Dignity/Integrity, and the Militia Motorcycle Club.

The conference will close Sunday afternoon, May 28, to allow plenty of time for people to take advantage of traditional Memorial Day activities in Virginia Beach. For more information, write the Old Dominion University Gay Alliance at P.O. Box 11123, Norfolk, VA 23517; or phone (804) 625-1130 between 6 and 10 p.m. any evening. Registration payments (\$5.00) may be sent to the same address, as well as requests for free housing, childcare, or other special arrangements.



## BODY POLITIC UPDATE

**Toronto, ONT**—The Body Politic will have to wait a little longer to learn whether a Toronto court will declare illegal the search warrant authorizing police to raid the paper's office on December 30. Mr. Justice Hugh Garrett, a recently appointed member of the Supreme Court of Ontario, reserved judgement on BP's application to have the warrant declared illegal and the remaining cartons of seized materials returned. Pink Triangle Press attorney Clayton Ruby, appearing on the *certiorari* proceeding, argued that any warrant authorizing the carrying away of twelve cartons of different materials constituted in fact a "fishing expedition", and was unconstitutional. Garrett's decision has been promised by no later than mid-April.

International support continues strong for BP, with major demonstrations in both London and San Francisco. In the latter city San Francisco city supervisor Harvey Milk has suggested the idea of a boycott of Ontario by vacationing gays, and of a boycott of goods produced in Ontario by gay and sympathetic businesses. Boycott publicity and arrangements are currently under way. Milk was quick to point out that the boycott should not apply to the French Province of Quebec, whose independent government recently passed a gay rights bill which is one of the strongest in North America, and the only one presently in force at the provincial level in Canada.

The Body Politic Free the Press Fund has announced that donations received through February have also topped the \$18,000 mark. Canadian gays have donated the largest amount (\$12,000), with the U.S. in second place (\$4,000), and the United Kingdom and Australia (\$1,000) in third. For more information on the fund write to BP at Box 7289 Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1X9.

Meanwhile, a Toronto judge has dismissed an application by BP to

quash the search warrant used in the police raid on the paper's offices. The publisher, Pink Triangle Press, has announced that it will appeal the decision.

Justice Hugh Garrett, a recently appointed member of the Supreme Court of Ontario, ruled that police were authorized to seize materials during their December raid on BP's editorial offices.

Attorney Hill added that BP could apply under the Criminal Code of Canada to examine and make copies of all seized materials, but that it had not done so as of April 1. Gerald Hannon of BP, who was charged under two obscenity statutes along with Kenneth Popert and Edward Jackson, said that the paper would apply for copies of all materials seized. "We'll probably do it between our appeals, and we think it will be allowed."

## COORS CHANGE

**Golden, CO**—The Adolph Coors Co. has added "sexual preference" to its equal employment opportunity policy. The company has been the target of gay boycotts in San Francisco and other cities because of its hiring policy. Bob Russo, a spokesperson for the firm, noted that the decision to add "sexual preference" to the policy statement was a "corporate one".

"We began meeting with gay rights leaders in various parts of the country," Russo explained, "and they had sought proof that we did not discriminate against gays in hiring." Russo went on to insist that Coors had never discriminated against gays, and that the present change in the wording of the policy statement was intended to testify to an unwritten policy which had been in effect for years.

In San Francisco, where the gay boycott has toppled Coors from first

to third place among beer-sellers, the boycott will apparently continue. Howard Wallace, one of the organizers of the Coors Gay Boycott, claimed that the changes in the policy statement were of no significance. He added that "... the adding of 'sexual preference' to its personnel statement will have no teeth in it unless there is unionization. The Coors Company. . . has made it clear that it is attempting to destroy the Brewery Workers Union. Without bargaining rights the employees have no recourse but to follow the day-to-day dictates of management."

## GPU NOW TAX EXEMPT

**Milwaukee, WI**—Gay Peoples Union, Inc., of Milwaukee received notification in late April from the Internal Revenue Service that a 501 (c) (3) status had been accorded to the organization. The letter, dated March 27 and signed by Peter K. Bros, Chief of the IRS Rulings Section 2 in Washington, D.C. noted that this decision reverses the earlier decisions of May and August 1975. In these decisions, the IRS had denied GPU Inc. the tax exempt status.

The new tax status means that donors may deduct from their federal and state taxable income any contributions made to GPU, Inc. The new tax exempt status is also retroactive to April 5, 1976. This was the date on which GPU NEWS was separately incorporated as Liberation Publications, Inc. of Wisconsin. The IRS had claimed paid advertising in the publication disqualified the parent organization from 501 (c) (3) status.

Gay Peoples Union is the sixteenth gay organization to receive the tax status since the IRS began reversing its earlier policies in 1977. Gays have claimed that refusing their organizations this status made them non-competitive in seeking public and private funding.

# EDITORIAL

In April of this year Gay People's Union, Inc., joined the growing list of gay organizations which have recently obtained 501(c)(3) tax status from the Internal Revenue Service. Earlier issues of GPU NEWS have brought news of this gradual policy change on the part of I.R.S. officials as it has affected gay corporations elsewhere in the United States; and, of course, we are doubly pleased to be able to report the acquisition of the new tax status by our parent organization. As most of our readers know, Gay People's Union, Inc., divested itself of GPU NEWS in 1976. This divestiture was part of the preparations for applying to the I.R.S. for 501(c)(3) status, and the organization and its officers and members have spent months of work and research in finalizing their application procedures. GPU NEWS subsequently became separately incorporated as Liberation Publications, Inc., of Wisconsin. The paper is also a nonprofit publication, but, partially because we accept paid advertising, we do pay corporate income tax, and contributions are not tax deductible.

The main thrust of the status change for GPU, Inc., lies precisely in that direction. Individuals who contribute to the ongoing work of the organization will now be able to deduct these contributions from their taxable income. For many upper-income persons seeking to contribute to worthy organizations and to reduce their own tax liability, GPU, Inc., can now present itself as a serious contender in the battle for funding. For those of us not in upper-income categories, there is still stimulus for contribution. If, for instance, you find yourself in the 25% taxable-income bracket, (i.e., with a net taxable income of about \$10,000), then it costs you less than 75¢ for each dollar donated to Gay people's Union: less than 75¢ because the deduction also affects your state tax liabilities as well.

The new status is, we must add, not a bounteous gift on the part of the I.R.S.; and to regard it as such would be shortsighted. It is rather a challenge to the members and officers of Gay People's Union. If the new status is accepted simply as the crown of success after what we all know to be a hard-fought battle, then it will be of little moment for the organization. To accept it as a challenge is to confess that the battle for funding, far from being over, has just begun.

In addition to a speakers bureau, a library, a counseling service, a hotline, and a monumentally successful VD clinic, all of which are presently operative but underfunded, a host of projects and possibilities have remained dormant, filed away for want of both personnel and adequate resources for funding. More aggressive and resourceful fundraising efforts can now be initiated thanks to the new organizational status, and these are already in the works. A major problem still remains that of person-power. Those many members of Gay People's Union who through the past years have donated generously of their time and their very selves will be quick to point out that new programs require time as well as money; and that time requires not just the further sacrifices of those who already have more than enough crosses to bear, but rather new blood, new ideas, and a new spirit of willingness, cooperation, and even sacrifice on the part of the vast number of as-yet-uncommitted gays throughout our community. The work, in short, requires a greater input of workers.

None of these remarks is intended to cast water upon the flames of successful effort. The single greatest change which has come upon the gay movement nationally within the last several years is precisely the ability to achieve 501(c)(3) status. There are literally thousands of nonprofit organizations throughout the United States which presently enjoy this status; and, while perhaps not anti-gay, the majority of them cer-

tainly have no real commitment to the cause of gay rights and integrity. The acquisition of the status by gay organizations brings to them the ability to compete with other such nonprofit groups in the open marketplace for funding. But the competition is strong not only in dollars, but also in bodies. So the challenge remains, and it is in responding openly and with commitment to this challenge that the full meaning of gay liberation can be realized. For to answer it we need to involve more gay people in the love, pursuit, and fulfillment of their own gayness. This, in the last analysis, is what gay liberation is all about.

From all of the staff of GPU NEWS, our most loving and happy congratulations to the officers and members of Gay People's Union, Inc. Our moral commitment to you has not been diminished one whit by our own separate corporate status; and, as you rise collectively to the new challenges ahead, our own knowledge and love of gay liberation and its message can only increase with our commitment.

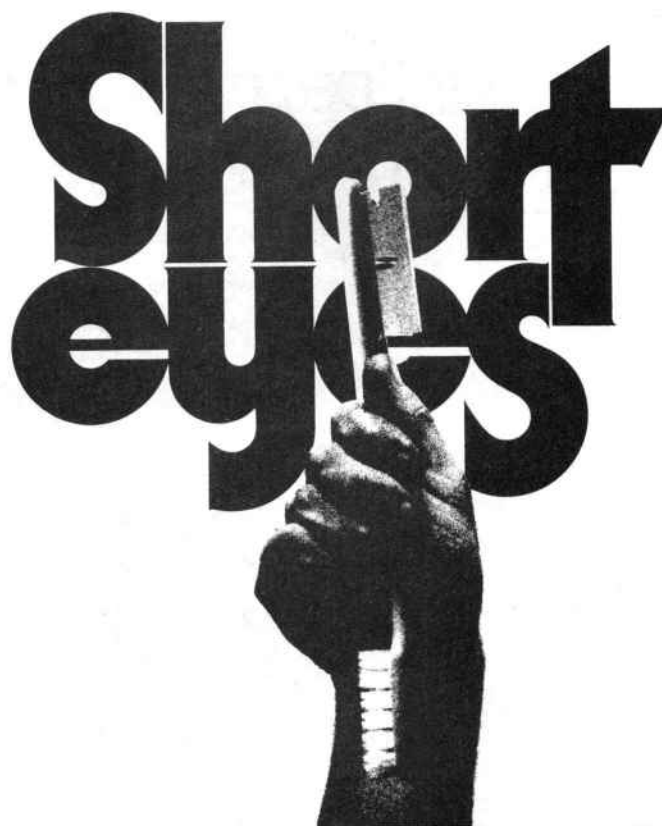
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You will notice that this issue in many places is marked with a new type style that is far different from the one you are used to seeing on our pages. This page has the editorial set in our old style (as is most of the issue) and this short item is set in our new style. In case you are wondering why we are changing type styles, let us tell you about an important new development.

About two and one half years ago we proudly announced that we had purchased our own IBM Composer which allowed us to set our own type. Now we are proud to announce that we have moved up to a Compugraphic Execuwriter II phototypesetting machine. More details next month!

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# Short eyes

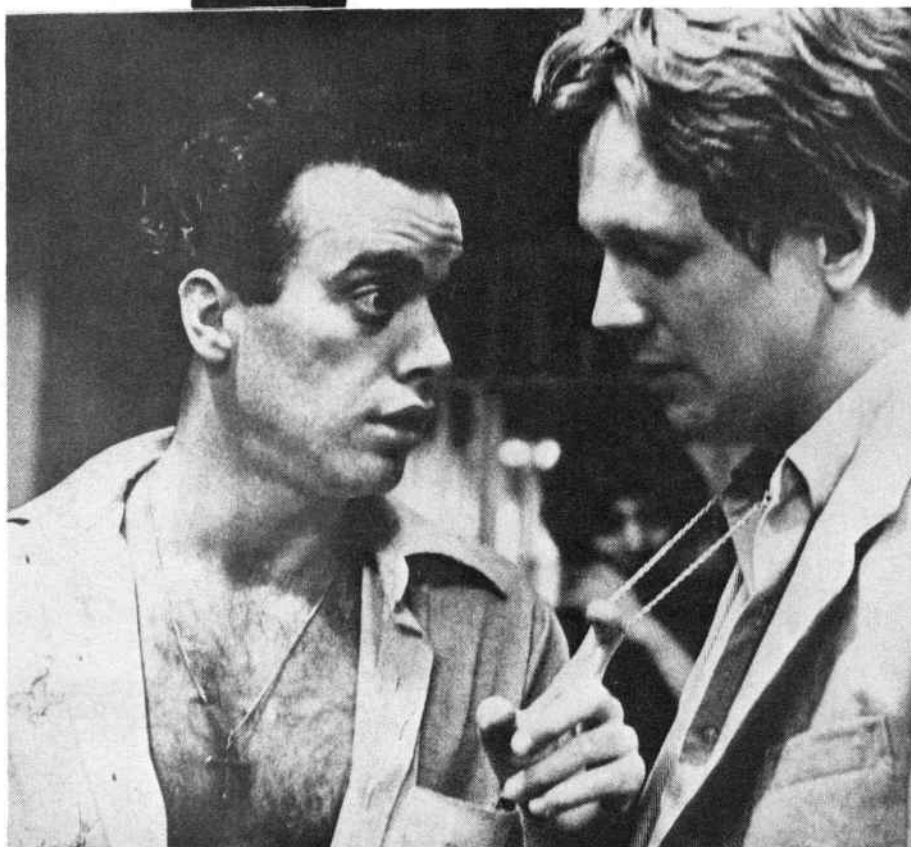


**Short Eyes.** Released by The Film League, Screenplay by Miguel Pinero based on his play. Produced by Lewis Harris. Directed by Robert M. Young. Music by Curtis Mayfield. Starring Bruce Davison and Jose Perez.

Reviewed by Sam Edwards

Miguel Pinero drew on his own prison experiences as an inmate at Sing Sing to write his play **Short Eyes**, which he has now adapted for the screen. The play opened at the Riverside Church in New York City in 1973 and was later transferred to the Vivian Beaumont Theater at Lincoln Center. It won two Obies and the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award in 1973-74.

Filmed entirely in "The Tombs" (Manhattan House of Detention), **Short Eyes** is an eloquent drama about prison life. The title is derived from prison slang, "short eyes" being the convict's term for a child molester. The viewer soon learns that the child molester, together with the rapist, carries the lowest

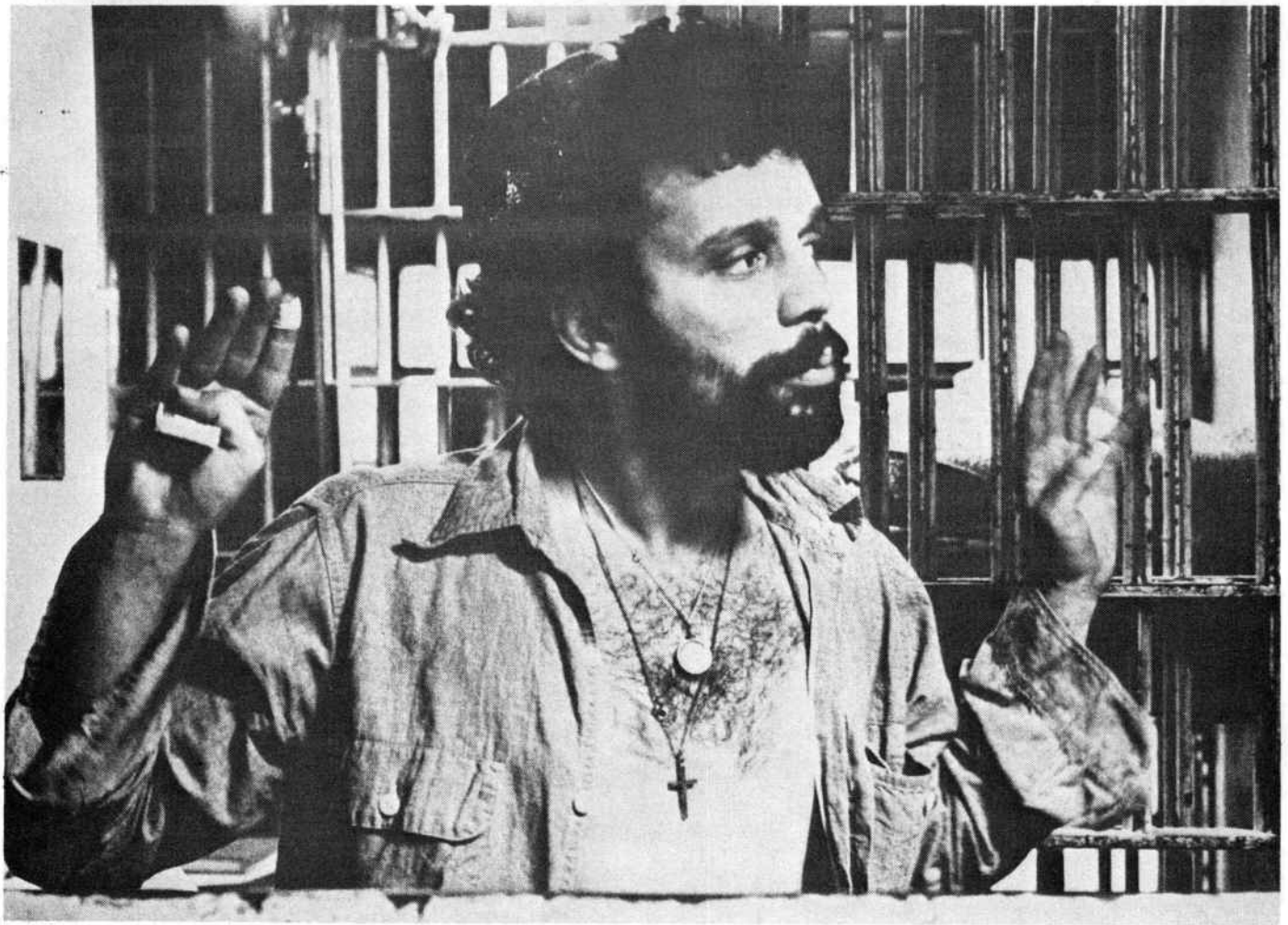


Joe Carberry as Longshoe Murphy (left) and Clark Davis as Bruce Davison ("Short Eyes")

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Miguel Pinero as Go Go in *Short Eyes*.

status among prisoners. Even the homosexual ("punk") carries a slightly higher status.

Bruce Davison, a well-dressed, white, middle-class, married man enters a cell-block that is primarily populated with Blacks and Puerto Ricans. The cell-block has three distinct groups: Whites, Blacks, and "Ricans". Each man in each group must have a friend who will protect his back (take his side in fights to keep him from being stabbed in the back). Davison is in the process of forming such an alliance when he lets it be known that his crime is that of child molesting. Immediately he is ostracized by all, becoming the subject of derision.

The sex object of the cell-block is a young "Rican" whom the men have nicknamed "Cupcakes." At least six men want him sexually,

but he has managed with the help of his friend to fend off their attentions.

After humiliating "Short Eyes" by pushing his head into a toilet, the men decide that since they can't have sex with "Cupcakes" they will rape "Short Eyes." The terror mounts as, with the tacit permission of a guard, they drag him to the back of the cell-block and spread eagle him on a table. Now, who will commit the sex act using the body of "Short Eyes"? Each knows he will lose status if he commits a homosexual act and each is afraid.

The guard, whose daughter was once molested, has indicated that he wouldn't mind seeing "Short Eyes" dead. Finally, when none will rape "Short Eyes", one takes a razor and slits his throat. The

depth of the prisoners' homophobia is thus revealed. They would rather **murder** than commit a homosexual act.

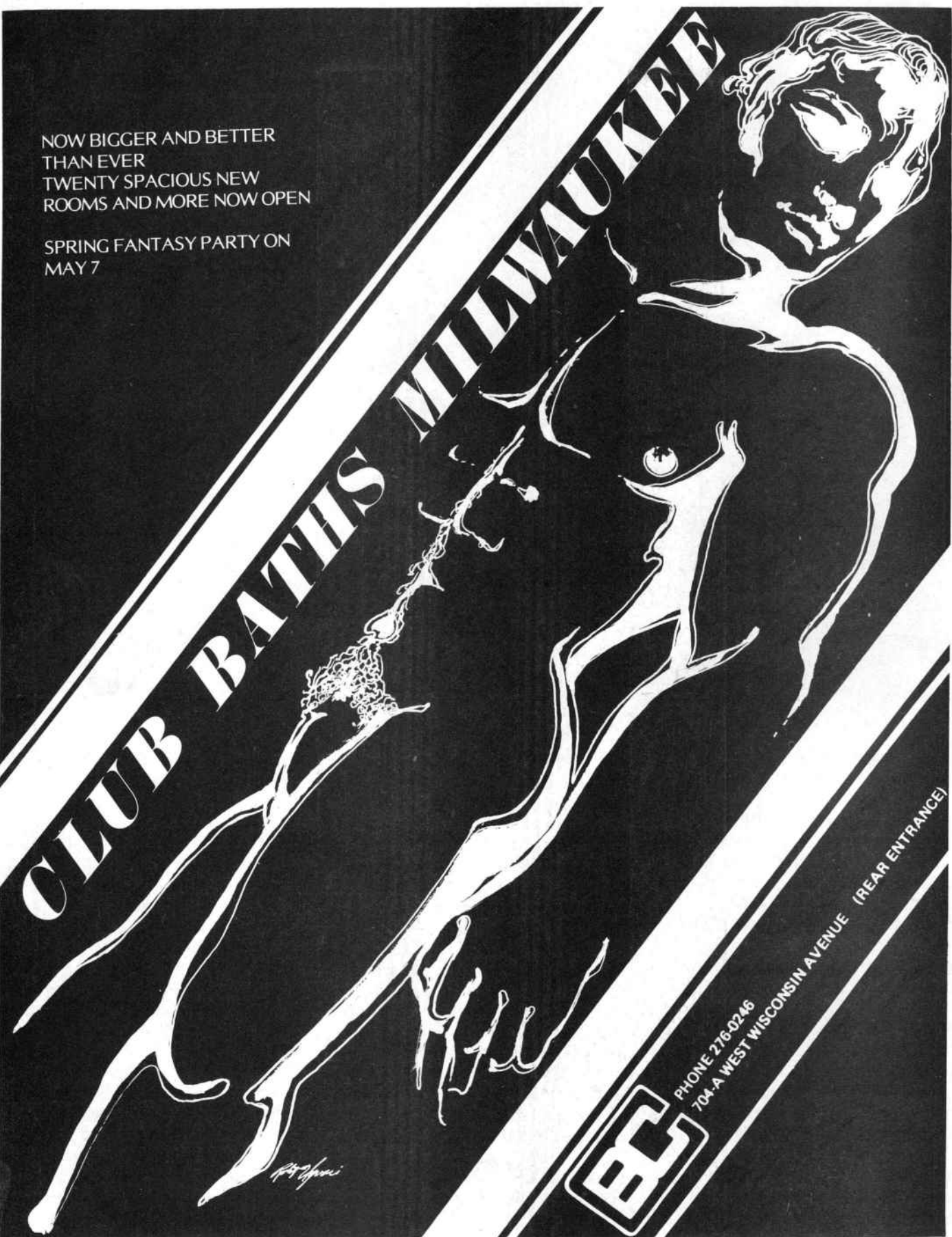
The performances of Clark Davis who plays "Short Eyes" and Jose Perez who plays Juan are brilliant. The playwright himself plays the minor role of Go Go and Tito Goya portrays "Cupcakes." The oppressive atmosphere of prison life is overwhelming and the dialogue, which breaks into Spanish at times, is frighteningly real. Here is a violent slice of life about which the general public knows little.

Miguel Pinero has created a minor masterpiece. **Short Eyes** is not a documentary; yet it documents, with a blend of fiction and fact, truths about prison attitudes towards the child molester and the homosexual. You **must** see it.

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# SEX SEX OBJECTS & TECHNOLOGY

BY LEE RICE

The extensive mastery of external nature, which began in earnest during the nineteenth century and has continued unabated into the twentieth, has been matched in the twentieth by the beginning of a technological mastery of inner (human) nature. Technological innovation, which in the past was turned toward the modification and subjugation of the environment in which we live, has at last begun to direct itself to the modification and control of our own human natures. For many, particularly religious fundamentalists, the human person represents a frontier beyond which technological change should never pass.

Others of us see in such technologies—genetics,

biogenetics, cybernetics, and a host of computer-related disciplines—the promise of both deeper understanding of human existence and of the continued evolution of the race itself.

One of the natural results of a technology of external nature has been increased availability of options. Technology may complicate our life by increasing the number of possibilities from which we must choose in any given situation, but the very existence of these choices also enriches our lives. Clothing and housing (primitive technologies) meant that homo sapiens, who is basically a tropical animal, no longer needed to limit choice of settlements to tropical climates. Improved methods of irrigation and desalinization of

water mean that agricultural communities enjoy a similar increase in options. It is only natural to assume that a technology directed inward will produce increased ranges of choices regarding our own selves—who we are and what we choose to be.

A space scientist speaking recently on the prospect of increased space travel and exploration mentioned the probable undesirability of sexual drives on the part of future astronauts, and suggested that sexual desire itself could be eliminated as a matter of personal option. Shades of big brother here, but the point was not that government would someday dispense sexuality like food stamps, but rather that each of us could someday face the decision as to whether s/he desired sexuality as a part of her/his total character.

Another possibility, recently mentioned in the futuristic literature, is that of engaging in a sexual relationship with a computer. Granted, of course, that humans are now able to respond sexually to a computer (or just about anything else, for that matter)—the trick is to get the computer to respond sexually to us. The problem is a technical one, complicated by the complexity of human sexual responses, but one which for all of that will probably have been solved before the end of the century. How to tell a gay computer from a straight one will be a problem for someone sometime, but more interesting problems lurk just around the corner.

If sexuality itself becomes an option which we may take or leave as we choose, if (having chosen it) we are still faced with options for coupling (men, women, computers, or even extraterrestrial life), on what basis would such decisions be made? Significantly, these problems can be raised without computers or science fiction. We are all presently in possession of sexual drives and feelings, so we ought to be able to say something in their favor; and most of us, in realizing the fulfillment of such desires, are linking up with something at least tolerably different from ourselves (masturbation fantasies aside), so we ought to be able to say something about sex objects in the process. Of course the obvious point is that gays choose same-sex objects, nongays different-sex objects, nobody to date chooses an IBM 360; and we all pretty much like what we get, whatever it is.

The underlying question, however, is this: what does the choice of an object have to do with the achievement of sexual fulfillment? Is sex inherently a twosome affair?—or is it basically a solo performance which works out better (at the present time anyway) with appropriate linkups to someone else (or something else)? In one sense, of course, two is better than one because of the nature of sexual stimulation—touch is a big factor, as is smell and the other chemical processes that make up sexual satisfaction. It is important to see that this point reinforces the question without answering it. Admittedly in sexual linkup with another per-

son certain feelings (“vibes”) are produced by that person, but those feelings and sensations are no less certainly inside the periphery of **my skin** than they would have been in the absence of the other person. The other person is an instrument for the production of these, but the instrument must not be confused with the message.

If the above analysis is correct, it bears an important lesson. What we seek in sex is a set of feelings, sensations, and pleasures; and the so-called sex-drive is directed at procuring them for ourselves. Granted, the full realization of these requires using another person as an instrument in their production. Granted also that experience tells us that we shall realize more pleasure for ourselves if we also serve as the instrument of pleasure for our partner. These two facts are, however, social contingencies, and the sooner we realize that they are so, the better off we shall be; for they may soon cease to be general truths of human sexuality.

Taking the contingent nature of sex objects into account has the advantage of enabling us to avoid much of the romantic drivel which has been passed off as profound reflection on sex—two beings united into one, the whole meeting of mind and body, the love which unifies all, and other silly slogans which promise much and deliver nothing. All of the romanticism aside, the only known way of fusing two people is in a blast furnace, and certain sacrifices are made in the process (life and limb). Otherwise, two persons (of whatever sex) engaged in sexual activity remain just that—two persons, and the sexual experience and pleasure which they enjoy is in fact two experiences, two pleasures, two distinct facts about two distinct persons. Gays by disposition choose one sort of sexual instrument, nongays another; and, if the promises of technology live up to their past performance, future humans may also be faced with a less deprived list of more than two options.

The usual charge made against talk like the above is that it reduces people to mere instruments of sexual satisfaction for their sexual partners, but the charge is misplaced. We use people as instruments, tools if you like, every day of our lives; and social living would not even be possible if each of us did not serve in various instrumental roles for others. The instrumental view of sexual relationship promises in fact to be a more honest, and therefore more moral, view of sex than the old romantic pie-in-the-sky perspectives. For one thing, if I am committed to using you as an instrument of my sexual satisfaction, then an open admission of this situation requires that I offer something of myself to you. In short, a sexual linkup between two people (even a one-night stand) is a mini-contract of sorts. Both persons enter it with the expectation of something for themselves, and the very instrumental relation of one to the other brings considerations of



honesty, openness, and reciprocation to the forefront. That, I suggest, is just where these considerations belong in any sexual encounter.

The problem with denying the instrumental nature of sex objects is that in so doing we are apt to convince ourselves that, in gaining our own sexual satisfaction, we have in fact provided sexual satisfaction automatically to our partner. The history of heterosexual couplings, and the myth of the vaginal orgasm in women, should remind us that nothing could be further from the truth. Sex is all too often, in the gay and nongay worlds alike, a one-way street. A one-way street becomes two-way only by getting the traffic moving in both directions, not by hoping that, if it moves one way, sooner or later it will also move the other way by some magic trick conjured out of the blue.

Gays are perhaps in a better position to understand the person-instrument view of sexuality; for gay sexuality, less burdened by the myths and the stereotypes which have weighted down the nongay world, offers some possibilities of greater creativity and more openness. This, I suggest, is not because gays are more creative or open (they are neither), but simply because bedside manner is less predictable in a gay encounter, so circumstances force gays to be more retrospective, planning, and communicative with respect to their in-

tentions and expectations for the partner. Some psychologists, and even a few gay authors, have wanted to claim that this very situation makes a gay relation indeed a more "artificial and contrived" affair. It is one of the idiocies of our age that "natural" often means "good," and "artificial" in turn "bad." If Kellogg's would start putting cyanide (a natural poison) into some of its natural cereals, perhaps we might think twice.

Telling someone engaged in a sexual encounter to "do what comes natural" is good advice if that someone is a fruitfly, for what comes as natural (instinct) is all that comes in that case. Offering the same advice to a human being is self-defeating and downright perverse. The greatest lesson to be learned from technology is that human beings produced it, and that for us nature is something to be made, not given. Gay sexuality offers much the same promise—to take it as a given is to ignore the fact that it is not gay sex which makes gay people, but rather the other way around. Lest it be thought that this article is a hymn to gay sexuality, I hasten to add that there is much in gay sexuality that is routine, uncreative, uninspiring, and downright dismal. But nature has not made it so; and, where it is so, it is due to the failure of each of us (gay or nongay) to live up to the challenge and possibility of her/his own sexuality.

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**Bughouse Blues: An Intimate Portrait of Gay Hustling in Chicago** by Gerald Nicosia and Richard Raff, Vantage Press, New York, 1977, \$7.95.

Gerald Nicosia received graduate degrees from the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle, where he also taught freshman rhetoric; and he is presently a teacher in the Chicago area. The creator of the Catholic campus magazine, **The Imprint**, he is also the author of many articles and stories which have appeared in the Circle's publications. Richard Raff, a graduate from the same campus, was one of the co-founders of the university's gay-lib movement. Given the trials and tribulations of openly gay teachers these days, it may come as a surprise (but no shock) that he committed suicide shortly after graduation,

and just after completion of the manuscript version of this book.

The co-authors seem to mesh well together. Raff brings to the book his own gay experience and knowledge of the inner workings of the world which he describes. Nicosia brings to it an attention to detail and style which raises it above the level of a documentary (i.e., a story seen through the eyes of an imbecile) or an expose (full of sound and fury signifying nothing). The approach, as the authors alert the reader in their brief preface, is one which displays dramatic and narrative techniques. Its purpose is that of bringing the reader to the boys, and not the boys to the reader. Editorializing is kept to the barest minimum, though the authors do argue at some length for two social programs: the decriminalization of consensual sex (whether for fun or money), and the necessity of reforming police departments in the area of enforcement of prostitution laws (where

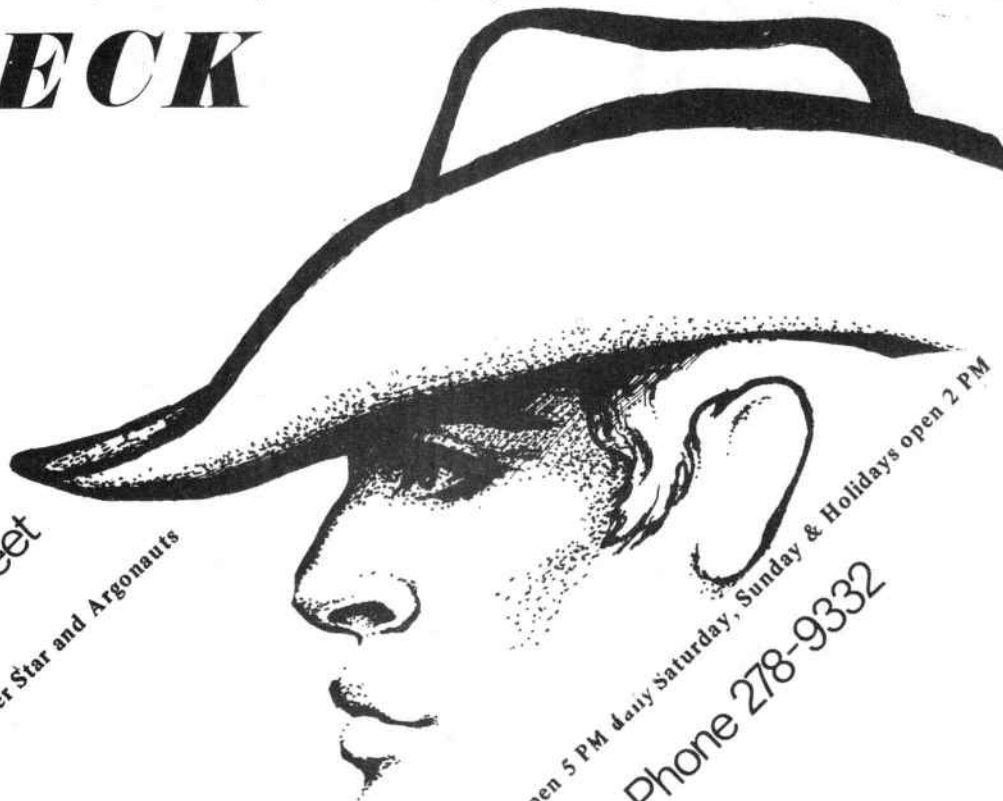
there are any).

The opening chapter offers a brief history of Bughouse Square (WASHINGTON Square, as it is still known by nongays in the Windy City). This chapter is followed by brief sketches of some of the regulars and their johns (clients). There is also a brief account, both frightening and humorous, of the abortive efforts which the Mafia made to take male hustling off the streets and put it into the well-organized (and infinitely more profitable—for the Mafia at least) bordellos. While I'm not sure that the authors are correct in their claim that the bordellos were a total failure (some still exist), it is true that a principal cause of their failure was the unwillingness of the boys to set into a routine schedule for hours and places of work. A continued attraction of the world of hustlers is the great American entrepreneurial dream—one is his own boss, answerable to nobody, and accountable only to oneself.

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The authors also fail to mention what the reviewer knows from experience to have been another overriding reason for lack of Mafia interest in Chicago (but not in New York). The Chicago Police generally charge more to overlook greater sins, and male bordellos are somehow more sinful in their eyes than the run-of-the-mill exploitation of women prostitutes. Perhaps there is some male chauvinism at work here in the department—after all, women were meant to be exploited, but not men, and least of all young men.

The authors are generally successful in bringing us into the mind and feelings of the hustlers and the constricted world in which they move. This is perhaps the greatest strength of the book—it did not for me inspire so much condemnation (as anticipated) as much as commiseration. The hustler's personal world is without past or future; and, even for the most successful and self-contented of hustlers, one cannot fail to entertain the lingering suspicion that the weight of the future bears heavily on the present. The geographic constrictions are also enormous. Even when the hustler takes a day off, he moves within the same small radius of blocks as those he works, sees the same people, has the same conversations, and usually goes to the same bars. While Chicago boasts some of the most beautiful gay bars in the United States, the hustlers' bars are (as in most other cities) the bottom of the heap. Perhaps as we move from a sex-negative to a sex-positive environment, prostitution will itself tend toward the vanishing point (without ever reaching it, of course). While agreeing with the authors' claim that hustling is within the province of individual liberty (it should not be a crime), I can still contend that a world where the choice was not so tempting would be a better world for all of us. The boys, in short, de-



RICHARD RAFF and GERALD NICOSIA

serve something better.

One underlying theme recurs at various points in the book, and is somewhat disturbing. That is the suggestion that the exploitative aspect of sexual interchange, which reaches its pinnacle in hustling, is somehow built into gay lifestyles. While the notion only surfaces once or twice, the authors do seem to believe that all gay relations exploit, and that the hustler-john relation differs from the others in degree only rather than in kind. Since both authors are recently graduated academics, perhaps this is a bit of wisdom picked up in Sociology 101 or some such course; but it just doesn't ring true. Like so much in the gay world, the world of the hustler is virtually (though not completely) a carbon copy of its nongay counterpart. Prostitu-

tion is a social problem, not a sexual-lifestyle-problem. Social attitudes toward sexuality lie at the heart of the practice of prostitution in any form; and, while it is no surprise that gays should share many of these attitudes (and institutions), it is equally true that we didn't invent them. It may also be true, at many levels of the gay community, that we were among the first to reject them.

The authors hold true to their promise to offer us neither a documentary nor an expose. Their story is a compelling and readable one. If the world which they depict is one which many of us, moved by the message of gay liberation, have come to reject for one reason or another, it is still a part of our real world, and one well worth the exploration.

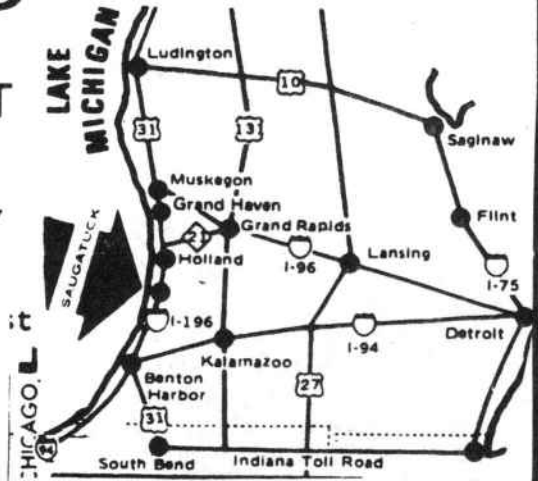


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# THE MANHOOD CEREMONY



a novel by  
**Ross Berliner**

**The Manhood Ceremony, a novel by Ross Berliner, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1978, 288 pages, \$8.95.**

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice

My first impression in scanning this novel was one of mixed disgust and horror. In these days of paranoia about paedophiles and drugs, the last thing we need is a tale about a homosexual child abductor who has a habit of killing his victims after sexually abusing them, and who is also a drug user. If that isn't enough to foster another Bryant crusade, the victim about which the novel revolves is also Jewish. First impressions are quickly dissolved in this case, for this is a book which, once begun, is not easily set aside. From the first encounter between the boy and his abductor, the reader develops a growing and deeply disturbing fascination for the two characters. The author handles an extremely provocative and complicated relationship with consummate skill, sensitivity, and insight.

The *Manhood Ceremony* is not just a disturbing tale of a young boy's confrontation with his own emergent sexuality. It also offers to the viewer a psychological tug-of-war between the victim and his gay abductor. Ricky Stern feels strangely drawn to the bearded man who approaches him one afternoon on a suburban street corner, mistaking him at first for his own guitar teacher. When Arvis suggests that they go off and "do something crazy", the twelve-year-old Ricky finds himself boarding a bus with the stranger. The boy's own recognition of danger is overridden by his fascination for Arvis—a fascination and thrust for self-discovery which is not diminished even by the realization later that day that Arvis has no intention of letting him return home. Ricky soon finds himself bound with rope in an outlying forest, where the first rape scene occurs. Arvis, we soon learn, is one of those creatures impotent in normal situations of sexual encounter, and only able to obtain sexual release in situations of compulsion, fear, and violence. A type not unknown in the gay world, psychologists tell us that he is probably less uncommon in the nongay culture.

When Ricky fails to return home

that evening, his alcoholic mother is convinced with growing horror that her son has been kidnapped. Her first project must be that of reaching her husband, which in this instance means finding out with which of his secretaries he is bedding down that evening. The police remain skeptical until they receive a call from a woman who has spotted the pair on a bus going out of town. As a result of the descriptions of several witnesses, the police and Ricky's parents must then face the terrifying fact that Arvis is not just an escaped convict, but a child molester and murderer. Notwithstanding all of their words of consolation and hope to the parents, the police are giving odds that, by the time they catch up with Arvis, the boy will be dead and buried somewhere in the forest area to which the pair had first been traced.

Two cops are assigned to track the pair, and to find the boy alive and unhurt if possible. Mac, who is brought out of retirement because of his experience in trackings of this type, chooses as his partner Mike, a closet gay who is sickened at the thought of what they may find. Mike had in fact been trained by the older officer during his own rookie period, and the closet door has never been closed to him; but Mac is (or is supposed to be) the only one on the force who is privy to Mike's gayness. In fact, in order to locate the younger officer on his night off, Mac must make the rounds (by phone) of the local gay bars. It is not just simple disgust which drives Mike in his pursuit of the pair, nor just the desire to find the boy before he is murdered, but also an active and highly personal hatred on his part for Arvis. He remarks to his older partner at one point that it is not just what Arvis is doing to his victims, but what he is doing to us [gays] which counts against him.

The suspense is unflagging as the scenes ricochet between the fleeing pair and their dogged pursuers, with occasional flashbacks to Ricky's parents. But the heart of the novel is not the physical speed of the flight

and pursuit, but rather the extraordinary psychological shift in control from the man to the boy. Ricky is loosed from his ropes and ungagged, following his promise to Arvis to make no attempt to escape or scream and the two set off hitchhiking toward Virginia and Washington. The shift in Ricky's situation is one from physical subjugation to psychology dependence. At the peak of this transformation the boy comes to the realization that he has the power to escape from Arvis; but, with mounting terror and self-revulsion, he comes also to see that he cannot leave.

The master-slave relationship between the two also reverses itself in the process, and Arvis becomes more and more psychologically subservient to his erstwhile captive. The net result of all this, and not a surprising one in retrospect, is that Arvis finds himself no longer able to extract sexual satisfaction from the boy, before whom he becomes impotent and himself childlike. So he compels (or does he?) Ricky to assist him in the abduction of another boy from a local shopping plaza. This leads to another, and final rape scene, during which the new abductee heaps violent reproaches ("queer", "sick", etc.) upon Arvis. It is precisely this element of violence and reproach which functions as the necessary ingredient in sexual stimulus for Arvis and the rape leads to its normal (for Arvis) result, the slaying of the new victim.

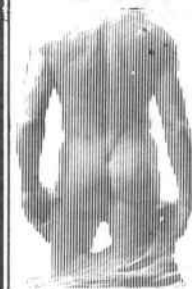
The story comes to a stunning climax in a highly charged confrontation in the woods, where Ricky first understands that he must come to terms with himself, and that, despite his rescue, he is to remain forever changed. The confrontation of Arvis with the gay cop is literally seething also with emotional entanglements and ambiguities. The end of the novel is not a resolution of these entanglements, but rather a psychological implosion of them which will haunt the reader long afterward. I for one shall not be able to forget the two central charac-

ters for a long time.

Ross Berliner is the pseudonym of an eminent physician and teacher at an eastern university who specializes in adolescent medicine. He writes novels in his spare time, is married, and is the father of four teenagers. His ingressions into the mind and character of Ricky are made with a subtlety of detail of nuance which bears eloquent testimony to his own background and experience. The initial portrait of Arvis is sketchy in detail, more a type than a fully knowable individual; but one which comes to his full individuation and reality in the relations with his captive and captor. Mike, the gay cop, is perhaps least successful in his portraiture. Of him we know that he is gay, moderately closeted, and with a torrent of deep-running emotions; but the geography of those emotions somehow eludes the unfolding of the narrative.

With the overall effect of the novel and interplay of its characters, Berliner's success is total. His enlisting of our sympathy for Arvis, not a mean task in itself, is all the more astonishing when we realize how he has adroitly finessed us out of any lingering preoccupation with the abductor's victims. Berliner positions the reader squarely on the inside of both principal characters, gradually and unobtrusively; and the result is a claustrophobic tension by the time the novel ends. It's a marvelous novel, subtle and always understated in the development of its characters. Tenderly, and sometimes cruelly, it refuses to gratify our expectations of hatred, or disgust.

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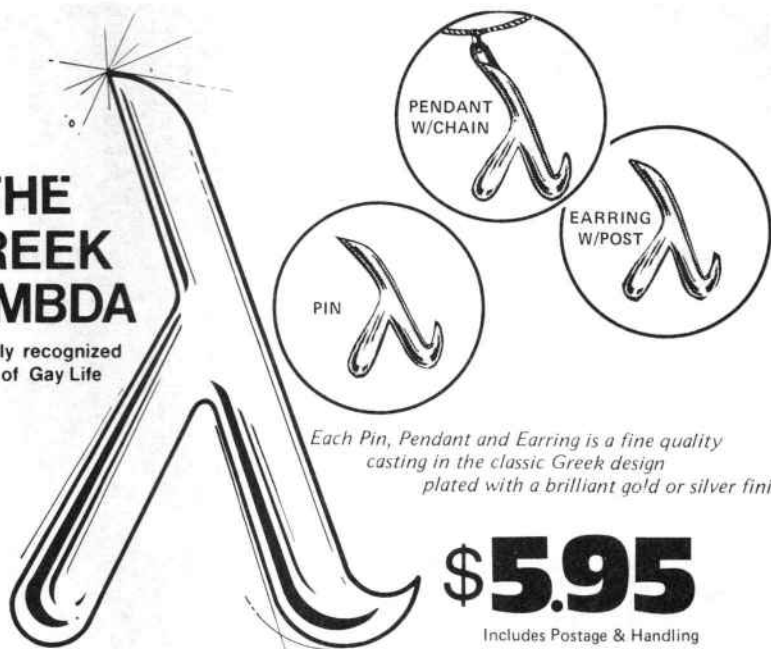
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# REVIEW

**Scruples.** A Novel by Judith Krantz  
Crown Publishers, New York, 1978  
\$10.00.

Moving against the background of opulence and indulgence which was (and to some extent still is) Beverly Hills, Paris, the eastern world of international movie-making, this novel is first of all the chronicle of Billy Eikhorn. Once the fat and unattractive daughter of a reclusive doctor in an aristocratic Boston family, she becomes attractive during her stay in Paris, and subsequently marries Ellis Ikehorn, forty years her senior and the ruler of a vast industrial empire. Their happiness is total but brief, for five years later Billy's husband is dead. To fill the growing and dreadful void she creates *Scruples*, a playland specialty shop where the rich can indulge their most lavish desires, an upper class Sears.

Secondly, *Scruples* is the story of Valentine and Spider, from their beginning as a team in the eastcoast milieu of fashion designing to the entwining of their careers with *Scruples*, where they become buyers and designers. Thirdly, there is the affair and subsequent marriage of Billy to Vito Orsini, a passionate film producer through whom she engages in a series of self-discoveries. The interfacing of the three (or

two?) stories offers a bagful of madness, merriment, and dream-world fantasies—and, oh yes, quite a bit of sex on the way. The principal protagonists are one and all nongay (there are people in Hollywood or dress-designers who aren't gay?); but, in the course of their raveling and unraveling, they manage to meet, fall in love with, hire, or be hired by various and sundry archetypal

gays from these nether-nether worlds.

The gays are generally of the stereotyped ho-hum sort the effeminate dress-designer, closeted actor, and other types which we have met too often to remember exact details. The only flesh and blood which they possess here is in their integration into the larger landscape of the novel. Giving a few blowjobs in the upstairs john

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JUDITH KRANTZ

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of a designing studio may make a gay gay, but it hardly suffices to make him alive to the reader.

Krantz, a born and bred Manhattanite, has lived in Beverly Hills for seven years. She is Contributing Editor to **Cosmopolitan** magazine, and married to Steve Krantz, who is also an independent film producer. She has lived in Paris, served a three-year stint as a fashion editor, and made frequent visits to England, France, and Italy. So the elegant and opulent world of film, fashion, and merchandising is without doubt one to whose secrets she is more than a little privy. She is at her best in describing that world in its myriad of happenings and pre-occupations; and, when she notes that 95% of male dress designers are gay, it is at least believable (I have no evidence contrariwise). She is not at her best dealing with the people who populate these worlds; even the main characters are somewhat evasive to the reader who seeks the inner workings of their feeling. She is, as suggested above, something of a bore (and therefore surely at her worst) when she deals with gay men and women (there is one lesbian who surfaces briefly in the novel). The occasional gay action (male) which occurs is literal enough, though the cocks are often attached to stereotypes rather than people of flesh and blood.

I do not intend the above to be a full put-down of the novel. It is generally fun to read, though its sheer length (nearly 500 pages) sometimes works its soporific power. Moreover, for those who are fascinated or intrigued by the high worlds of fashion and film (the present reviewer is not), **Scruples** would probably be difficult if not impossible to set aside once begun. **Scruples** is Krantz's first novel; and, while not a great novel, it displays an author of talent and skill. And it surely promises better things to come.

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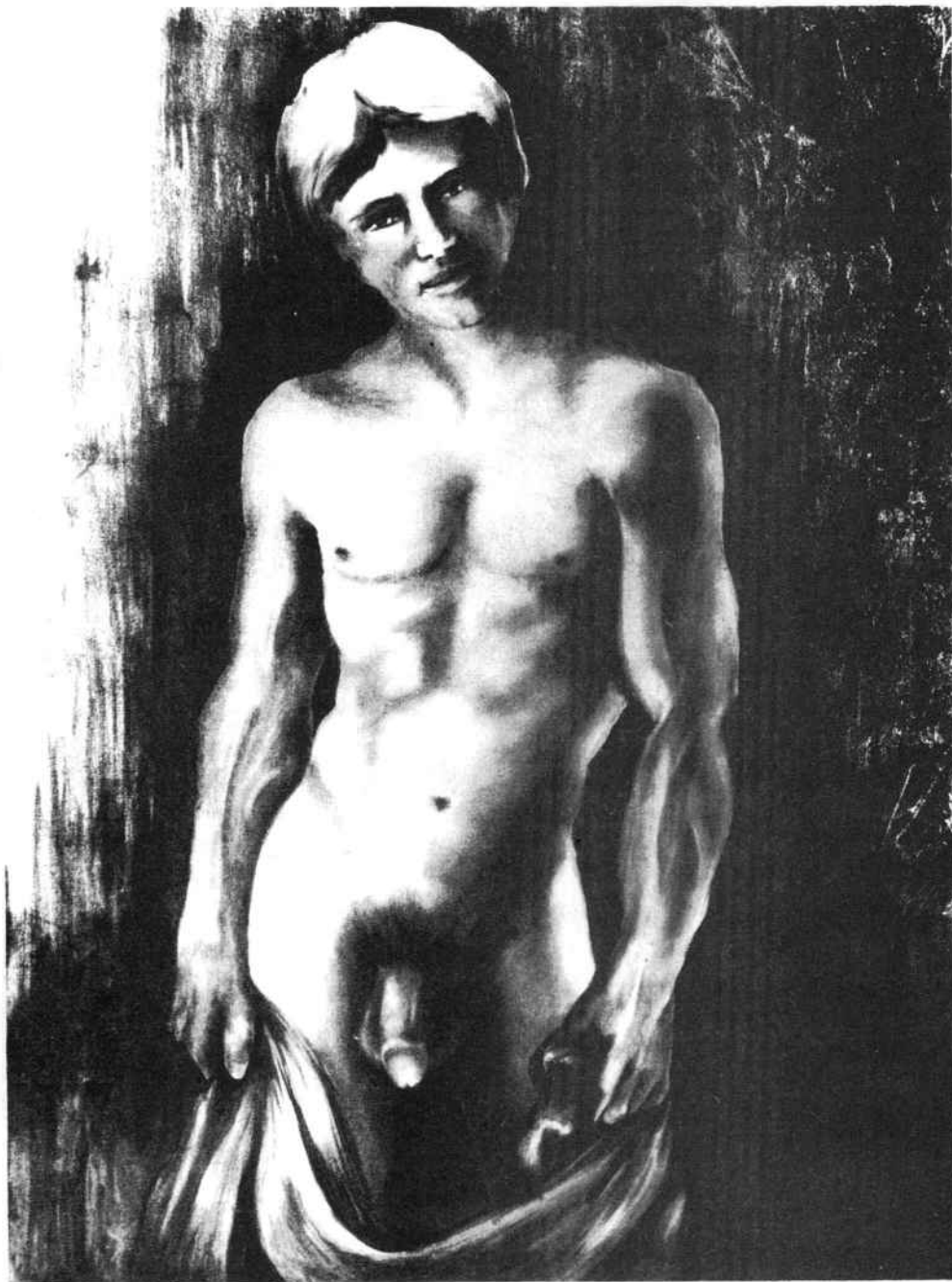
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# POETRY

by **NICHOLAS A. PATRICCA**

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## LIKE ARISTOTLE'S GOD

Just before midnight  
I watch for him  
like an ancient  
dedicated to his science

Slowly  
I prepare myself  
for this regular surprise  
in the charted cycle

I map  
his every movement  
I note  
the pinch of flesh  
beneath the eye  
I record  
his jeweled ear  
his silvered neck  
the slight fray in the cuff

He knows nothing  
of his subjects  
of the qualities  
they observe

Like Aristotle's God  
indifferent  
to the perfection  
they worship  
to the love  
he inspires.

## DISCO

images whirl  
 we spin  
 designed to please us  
 we pose  
 to attract and keep us  
 we spin  
 within perpetual motion

the moment ignites us  
 the waiter wants his money  
 creates and consumes us  
 the pretty boy his admirers

the bodies change  
 the fashions change  
 like the music  
 we are repeated  
 like repeated patterns  
 we are played  
 over and over

Perhaps it was the mouth  
 so oddly twisted  
 or that mass of freckles  
 (both are plausible)  
 or the tilt of the head  
 as if the world were askew

Perhaps it was the hair  
 so bright red  
 or the obvious mischief  
 in the conduct of the eye  
 but were you to ask  
 I'd say his shoes  
 were sufficient reason

the moss is three carpets thick  
 on the rocks. observed by fireflies  
 I sit in the cold stream  
 watch the waning light.  
 in the seventh grade faggot  
 was the worst thing you could  
 call anyone. the scent of mint  
 crushed fern and wildflowers  
 anoint me. I remember the ways  
 we used to play before the great  
 division. bubbles of air float  
 up through the hair on my pubis.  
 I should send someone my sex poems.

I sketch his body  
 leaping, young  
 arms flung wide  
 legs tucked high

I paint him a winged mask  
 black and red and white

I shade the supple lines  
 harden his adolescence  
 crop the hair  
 broaden the cheek across the bone

I read to him  
 my winter verses

He  
 stretched his long bare back  
 dropped his hand to scratch  
 his cock before he sat  
 looked away to catch  
 my interest

I  
 hid my eyes in a steady stare  
 sipped my drink, shifted my stance  
 opened my jacket to bare  
 my chest and shield my glance  
 toward him

He  
 took a cigarette from its pack  
 asked someone for a match  
 walked past me to the stairs



*Nicholas A. Patricca has been involved in Women's and Gay Liberation since 1968. He has participated in health programs for gay men, women, and other neglected groups, and is a member of the American Public Health Association and its Gay Caucus. In the fall of 1976 with two women writer friends he formed a writers group (the Sunday Evening Writers Group). It meets weekly to read, evaluate, and give encouragement to each member's writing. To date the Group has given four public readings, and several works of its members have been published. Also, Mr. Patricca has assisted Chicago's Woman's Work collective in their theatre and dance productions. In his academic publications and work, he has sought to relate the academic study of philosophy and religion to issues of concern to the broader community. He has recently edited a collection of essays (to which he also contributed) on the subject of women and religion.*



**MOCK**

## CHARACTERS:

PIP

GENIUS OF DESPAIR AND SUICIDE

PREFECT 14Q5

OLIVER

TIME: The foreseeable future.

PLACE: A riverbank.

SET: None required.

**AT RISE OF CURTAIN:** PIP enters from right and begins to pace on the forestage. He is quarreling with himself. After a moment he veers toward audience and makes as if to jump from stage (and thus into "the river"), then changes his mind.

PIP (Grimly): No way out. . .But I can't! But if I don't I'll go crazy! (Looking at his watch) It's happened! (Groans) The Faire of Faires **has opened its doors!** (A beat. Begins to frantically search his pockets) How come I'm only lucky when I don't really need it? And why is everybody that owes me money broke!?! (A beat. Staring vacantly into space) I'm going to miss **live** telemetry from the Saturn space probe. . .The only existing print of **The Mind Shrivellers** with the **original** ending! . . .the ending that made the studio bosses piss in their alligator shoes (Giggles. A beat. Wan smile) . . .I'm going to miss the first issue of **Escape Velocity**, the new non-sexist and non-racist sci-fi comix. . .and a whole arcade of futuristic games and pinball machines! . . .And I'll miss meeting the cast of **Star**

**Command** and Mr. Gaylite of the Lavender Asteroid! (Groans and holds his head. A beat. Starts to jump, then checks the impulse. **GENIUS OF DESPAIR AND SUICIDE** enters slowly from right carrying a carpetbag and a folding camp chair. He puts the bag down, sets up the chair, sits and opens bag, takes a pistol from it, gets up and approaches PIP) The current's too strong to swim against here. . .If I jump I can't change my mind. . .(Harshly) So what!?! Who cares!?! If I can't go to the Faire of Faires life isn't worth living! (Starts to jump then doesn't) Except. . .(Frowns) Except if I jump in the river and drown I'll have to look at a replay of my life. . .and that means seeing myself have fun at fairs and parties and arcades and circuses and sci-fi and comix cons! (Groans) That'd be **worse** than missing the Faire of Faires! . . .almost. . .(Becomes aware of **GENIUS**, turns, starts, recovers, laughs, and puts his hands over his head. Bitterly) How does no money, no watch or rings, no credit cards, and just plain **nothing** grab you?

**GENIUS** (Offering pistol to PIP): You misunderstand. I only wish to be of service to you.

PIP (Suspiciously, lowering his hands slowly): **How** help me?

**GENIUS:** You've made a decision. Your objection to the river is entirely valid: you **would** recall your life. However, (Urging pistol on PIP) there is no such problem with this popular and useful item.

PIP (Backing away from **GENIUS**): Talk about off the wall! Go back to the crazy farm, creep!

**GENIUS** (Deeply offended): I happen to be a Genius of Despair and Suicide! It is my duty to help persons **such as yourself** to find the **correct** key to the **final** door.

# GENIUS

A SKIT  
Adapted from NICHOLAS NICKLEBY  
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PIP (A beat): What happens if I take the gun and sell it?

GENIUS (Nastily): You're welcome to try.

PIP: Oh, yeah? (Puts hands in pockets) That means its programmed. (A beat) Besides, guns are too messy.

GENIUS (Crosses to chair and returns pistol to bag, then sits with bag between his feet): At least there's no argument about your wanting to commit suicide.

PIP (Crossing to GENIUS): Maybe. . .(Sighs) Do you know why? I mean, can you read minds?

GENIUS: I know why.

PIP: What do you think of my reason?

GENIUS: All reasons are good if you believe in them. (Searching in bag) There are many many paths to the gate you've chosen.

PIP: "No poison! I don't like bitter tasting things.

GENIUS (Patiently): There are polsons that are tasteless, odorless, and very quick.

PIP: If it isn't something a kid can get ahold of it's gonna look more like murder than suicide.

GENIUS (Sourly): Point well taken. (A beat. Takes a jeweled handled bronze dagger from bag) This charming antique has been serving mankind for several thousand years. And after you've used it I replace it with a quite ordinary hunting knife (Pointedly) something any boy your age might have.

PIP (Starts to accept knife, then remembers condition and backs away): Its a really nice looking knife, but

. . .well, ah. . .too messy! Just not my style. (An after-thought) Thanks anyway!

GENIUS (Takes a blue silk cape from bag and unfolds it): How about a cousin to the cloak Medea gave to Jason? A soft, sweet death, quite like freezing or certain drugs?

PIP: I thought Jason stole the Golden Fleece?

GENIUS: It doesn't matter; the point is (Frowns, then sighs and puts away cape) Sorry. I forgot that you want a suicide that looks like a suicide.

PIP: Listen, I've been thinking: I'll bet people give you. . .ah, little gifts—to show their appreciation for your help? Right?

GENIUS (Takes a small box from bag): You think if you had the money to go to the Faire of Faires you'd forget about the suicide?

PIP (Brightens): You'll lend me the money? You don't mind?

GENIUS: Do you know what's in this box? The eye of a Gorgon. If you were to gaze on it you'd be turned to stone!

PIP: No, thanks. (Giggles—in spite of himself) I don't like pigeons!

GENIUS (Testily): I forbid you to be flippant! (Holds out box) It is quick and painless! No one will be able to explain it, but at least it won't be painful or messy.

PIP (Takes box and handles it as if it were filled with nitroglycerin): Why don't you believe I'd go to the Faire of Faires if you gave me the money? I thought you could read minds? (Laughs sarcastically) Or was that a put on?



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GENIUS (Recoils as if slapped): Please don't! Please don't make that horrid **sound!**

PIP: You mean...? (Laughs)

GENIUS (cringing): Ooooh! stop! It gives me pain all over! Sigh and moan as much as you please: **that** does me good. But even better, use the box! I musn't tarry longer. I'm needed elsewhere.

PIP turns away, smiles wickedly, closes his eyes, holds box over his head, and opens it so GENIUS can see contents. GENIUS shrieks and falls off chair. PIP closes box, opens his eyes, turns and sees GENIUS and laughs—further injuring GENIUS.

GENIUS (Incensed): Of all the willfully spiteful and disrespectful—! Of all the irresponsible and imbecilic— (Gags and sputters)

PIP: Your problem's that you don't have a sense of humor!

GENIUS (Jumps up, all dignity forgotten): Sense of—! **Of course I don't!** What a vile and absurd idea! (Starts toward PIP) Now give me that box!

PIP (Holds box out to GENIUS and threatens to open it): What's it worth to you to get it back?

GENIUS (Taken aback; shields his eyes): Don't! The Gorgon's eye can't physically harm me, but **its** so...so (Shudders) **nasty!**

PIP: Does that mean you're willing to make a deal? All I want's enough money to go to the Faire of Faires and enjoy myself.

GENIUS: No! And stop deluding yourself! We both know **why** you want to go has **nothing** to do with science fact or science fiction, carnival rides or comic books, or games and prizes!

PIP (Blankly): Huh?

GENIUS: I understand **perfectly!** You see, suicides are sent **helpers** who are able to empathize. What... (Quickly, his eyes averted) what I mean is that I'm guilty of the same...the same **sin!** I **know** who you hoped to meet at the Fiare of Faires!

PIP: Sin? What sin?

GENIUS (Pedantically): There's nothing uncommon about the conscious mind being unaware of a person's

true motives, or for the flesh to imagine pleasure while in the very cesspool of depravity. But it is your Deeper Self that makes the Great Decisions, and your Deeper Self brought you **here**, to the bank of this river, in order to destroy yourself.

PIP (Stares at GENIUS. A beat. Slowly): You seriously think—

GENIUS (At edge of stage, eyes downcast): My decision—my Great Decision—was the only truly fine and unselfish thing I ever did. A small price to spare my family and friends the pain and scandal of my disgrace. (Turns to confront PIP. Fully expects the following to reduce PIP to abject humility and contrition) I know **all** about your **unspeakable** Crimes Against Nature! your Offenses Against the Universe! I don't suppose you know that each **heinous act** reduces the sun's luminosity by one candlepower!?! (PIP applauds. GENIUS is shocked) What—!?! **How dare you!?**

PIP (Applauds): Isn't this what you're supposed to do to save the life of a fairy?

GENIUS: **Peter Pan** is just a story! (A beat. Brightens) Of course! You don't know the difference between reality and fantasy! **That's** why you've no conscience or moral sense!

PIP (Suppressing a smile): Why don't you tell me about your suicide, maybe I can learn from your example?

GENIUS (Highly pleased): That **is** a good idea! (Frowns) Except I can't talk about...ah, you know...ah, what...what it was I did. (Quickly) But I can tell you about all the rest! (A beat) You see, I didn't know exactly what was wrong to do...No, no—I knew! And so did Buck. He didn't wait like a coward after we were caught, he went right to the killing room at Bryant's Slaughter House, lay down in a run off, and cut his throat. But it wasn't till after the other fellows'd spit on me and stoned me that I got up courage enough to climb a power company tower and throw myself on the high voltage lines.

PIP (Trying to be droll): How very shocking. (Laughs in spite of himself)

GENIUS (Hysterically): Don't! You must stop! You'll bring down the wrath of the elements! Don't you understand that you're a menace to the natural order of the universe!?

PIP: Wrath of the elements? Natural order of the universe? You mean we can cause time to stop and the sky to fall?

GENIUS: What do you think causes drought, war, famine, earthquakes, pestilence, and the harmful side effects of atomic radiation!?

PIP (Laughs): Don't I wish we had power like that! Wow, gays would rule the universe if they had the power to destroy it! (Laughs)

GENIUS (Cowering in agony): Stop! Please! That terrible noise! Please!

PIP turns away from GENIUS and smiles wickedly. A beat. PIP sighs, moans, and sinks to his knees. GENIUS looks at him hopefully. PIP sighs, groans, and sobs.

PIP: Oh, vile...! Oh, loathsome...! How! oh, how! could I...!

GENIUS (With mournful approval): Yes, yes, that's the proper tone! We are degenerate beasts heavy-laden with crime and degradation! It is our lot to feel shame and remorse!

PIP: I don't know about you, but I was lamenting lost opportunities. Times when I was vilely and loathsomely unadventurous! For instance—

GENIUS (Covers his ears, horrified): No! Don't! Monstrous!

PREFECT 14Q5 enters from left. PIP "freezes".

GENIUS (Confusedly, forgetting to uncover his ears): But—but Prefect! He isn't dead yet!

PREFECT folds chair and closes bag. GENIUS begins to shrink.

GENIUS (Vacantly): I've...I've been re-...recalled

...? (PREFECT gives him chair and bag. Realizing that he still has his ears covered causes GENIUS to sink even lower) I'm sorry! (Takes chair and bag) He refused (Glares at PIP) to play by the rules. If there were a way I would've killed myself again!

PREFECT (Takes GENIUS by arm): Times change.

GENIUS (Allowing PREFECT to guide him toward left): Then I'm not obsolete?

PREFECT: There is no shortage of quadrants and countries where homosexuals kill themselves because they are homosexuals.

GENIUS (As they exit): A little respect, that's all I ask!

The spell is broken. PIP looks around with a dazed expression, all memory of the encounter with GENIUS gone. OLIVER hurries on from right.

OLIVER (Glad to find PIP): Hey, what are you doing here!?

PIP (Frowns): I'm not sure.

OLIVER: Dave said you were looking for me.

PIP (Enthusiastically): Money! I loaned you! Right?

OLIVER (Playfully): If I pay you back you'll just go squander it on the Faire of Faires. (Laughs and bolts toward right)

PIP (Giving chase): Come back here you faggot!

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**NYC, NY**—28-year-old Victor Nusser was sentenced in criminal court to 50 days in prison for throwing a rock through the window of the Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop here. Nusser had been harassing the shop, one of the oldest and best-known gay liberation bookstores in the U.S., for several weeks. He was also fined \$250 and ordered to stay away from the bookstore.

*Gaysweek*

**Portland, OR**—Jerry Weller, former executive director of **Portland Town Council**, the coordinating gay rights organization for Oregon, was recently appointed to the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission by the County Commission.

*Gay Community News*

**NYC, NY**—**The Elements**, a magazine concerned with environmental and ecological matters, notes that there may be another reason to boycott Florida oranges and other citrus products. The oranges from that state are treated with Citrus Red 2, a carcinogen which has been linked to cancer in animal tests. The magazine also noted that California oranges are not treated with the dye.

*The Elements*

**Rock Island, IL**—The Quad Cities Police Departments have kept a "fairy list" of suspected homosexuals in the area since 1960. Various media people have been shown the list, and have questioned why it existed; but police have refused to cooperate with all investigative efforts.

*New Times*

**East Lansing, MI**—**Redbook** announced two months ago that it was going to compile and publish a list of ten major American companies which offer equal opportunities to women. The publication announced in April that it was abandoning the project since it had failed to find a single company.

*Lesbian Connection*

**West Hollywood, CA**—Dignity, Inc., a national organization of gay Catholics, has issued a statement backing the boycott of states which have not yet backed the Equal Rights Amendment. C. Kaesbauer and Madeline Ritchie, the two top national officers of this organization, noted that, though Dignity has a predominantly male membership, "... it is the obligation of all people to join our voices to those of other oppressed minorities who need the support of the ERA."

*News Release*

**Mankato, MN**—Two members of the explorer scouts, Scott Ford (17) and Scott Vance (16), have been expelled from their local post after admitting that they were gay. Ford and Vance appealed their dismissal to the director of public relations for Boy Scouts of America in New Jersey. Their expulsion was upheld at the national level.

*Gaysweek*

**Amsterdam, Netherlands**—A lesbian here who lives with her lover has lost her alimony payments because a judge ruled that a divorced wife must relinquish alimony if she remarries or "lives maritally" with another person.

*Lesbian Connection*

**West Hollywood, CA**—"Forty years ago, a clever campaign of villification confused the Catholics and Protestants of Germany so they voted in favor of the Nazi gangsters." That was the comparison made by Carla Kaesbauer, national secretary of Dignity (an organization of gay Catholics), with respect to the forthcoming election in Wichita (KS). "Basic human rights cannot be taken away by vote, since these basic freedoms are granted by God and protected by the U.S. Constitution," she added. "People like Bishop Maloney should know better. He's supposed to imitate Jesus Christ in his pastoral role."

*News Release*

**Denver, CO**—The Gay Community Center of Colorado, Inc., is in serious financial trouble; and, according to the treasurer's report, will need an additional \$12,000 in funding just to remain open through the end of 1978. At present GCCC is paying day-to-day expenses by withdrawing from its shareholding accounts, and the Board of Directors has announced the beginning of an all-out fundraising effort in the Denver area. For further information, write to GCCC, Box 2024, Denver, CO 80201.

*Press Release*

**San Francisco, CA**—Volume I No. 1 of **Gala Review**, a monthly publication of the Gay Atheists League of America, has just appeared. The editors of **Gala Review** are seeking original articles dealing with gay and anti-gay religious topics for future publications. For further information, write to Gala, Box 14142, San Francisco, CA 94114.

*Press Release*

**Phoenix, AZ**—In preparation for the introduction of proposed gay rights legislation at both local and state levels, the Phoenix gay community held a series of disco benefits during April, one benefit at each bar in the Phoenix area. Proceeds from all benefits have been donated to the Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR), an organization which coordinates gay activities throughout the area.

*Arizona Gay News*

**NYC, NY**—Lesbian filmmaker Jan Oxenberg is in New York to shoot her new film, "Memories of a Full House." The film, set in 1965, is an autobiographical depiction of the relationship between a mother and daughter in a lower middle-class Jewish family. Oxenberg's other films include "Home Movie", "I'm Not One of Them", and "Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts."

*Gaysweek*

# REVIEW

**Your Sexual Bill of Rights** by Leonard V. Ramer, Fifth Edition, Exposition Press, 1977, \$2.50 paper, (Order from Exposition Press, 900 S. Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville, NY 11801).

The first edition of **Your Sexual Bill of Rights** appeared in 1975. That it has undergone four successive reprintings in the space of two years provides eloquent testimony both to its timeliness and usefulness. The jacket describes the book as a candid and incisive look at the facts of human sexuality in "ten thorough chapters"; though, paradoxically, it is perhaps the fact that the chapters are not intended to be thorough which accounts for their general success. Each chapter is in fact a relatively self-contained position paper on a single problem. Though there are quotations (and even an occasional reference to other literature) at critical junctures, no attempt is made to provide a critical summary or review of the literature—legal, psychoanalytic, or otherwise.

While this general procedure might be deemed inappropriate from a scholarly perspective, it provides for the general reader a readable and concise manifesto of sexual liberation freed from the chatters of any single perspective or ideology (such as feminism, gay liberation, the social sciences, or psychoanalysis). Nor is the book (as the jacket again characterizes it) a "major contribution to the field of human sexuality." It is, rather, a modest achievement in this field, but a major achievement in making accessible to a wide and non-specialized public an overview of the common themes which recur in the liberation movements.

The book's ten chapters each deal with one special topic and elucidate a general thesis about it. Perhaps the best way to see how they hang together is to summarize the positions in their chapter-by-chapter order. (1) Sexual fear and ignorance is at the

root of much individual misery and maladjustment. (2) Many social problems [child abuse, murder, divorce, blackmail, etc] are rooted in sexual fears. (3) The human being is throughout its life a sexual animal, and sexual meaning pervades virtually all human activity. (4) The sex drive is a powerful neutralizer of aggression and violence in human interaction. (5) Homosexuality is neither a perversion nor a disease, but simply one human sexual adaptation among many. (6) The dangers of sex activity of the young with adults is highly exaggerated. (7) Many of our sexual fears and maladjustments are rooted in religion and its teachings. (8) The wilful sexual ignorance of the clergy has been one of the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of social progress in sexual conduct. (9) Most sex laws constitute an unconstitutional invasion of privacy. (10) Sexual fear and ignorance can

only be eradicated by massive education at all levels in society.

The chapter on homosexuality contains nothing that is new, though it manages to pack a lot of punch into only fourteen pages. Ramer strongly castigates those analysts and counselors for whom the major goal of therapy is a change of sexual orientation. He sees the major source of homosexual oppression in the sexual fears and guilts by which heterosexuals are generally afflicted. This version of the scapegoat theory while it is not new nor able to account for the whole story, is surely partially correct in the light of contemporary sociological analysis of homophobia and its various offshoots.

The book closes with a short annotated bibliography, most of whose entries are in the humanistic tradition and compliment well the style and level of the book itself. This is a generally solid manual, and it deserves a place in almost any book collection. Though its brevity forces it to appear both dogmatic at some points and overabbreviated at others, its very refusal to lose sight of the forest among the trees is a most valuable asset in this case. It makes, clearly and with due repetition, what is probably the most important of all: the very possibility of a full and human enjoyment of sexual feelings and emotions requires that we clear our minds of the intellectual rubble which has socially accumulated through the past centuries of darkness.



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# HERE & THERE

**Stockholm, Sweden**—In an unexpected move, the Swedish Parliament has lowered the consensual age of consent for gays from 18 to 15, bringing it into line with the age of consent for nongays. Legislator Joern Svensson, one of the advocates of the bill, said: "4% of Sweden's population is exclusively homosexual, while no fewer than 30% have had homosexual contacts of more than a fleeting nature. Does this make one-third of our population inferior?" The bill passed by a vote of 210 to 37.

*Revolt (Sweden)*

**Phoenix, AZ**—In a meeting held late in March at the Club Phoenix, The Information Network (TIN) was formed to replace Phoenix's ailing Arizona Gay Community Council. The new group will include gay businesses and organizations, as well as nongay businesses serving the gay community, which will meet once monthly to share information. TIN's first act was the publication of a schedule for Arizona's Gay Pride Week '78.

*Arizona Gay News*

**Los Angeles, CA**—As many as ten gay persons have already announced their candidacies for political offices in this city, announced Ken Schnorr, Second Vice President of the Stonewall Democratic Club. "In the past we have evolved our own sneaky ways to determine which of the people would be most favorable to gay rights, but now we are beginning to realize we can run for these jobs ourselves."

*Bay Area Reporter*

**Chicago, IL**—The 1978 primary elections resulted in losses for independent Democratic candidates in many districts; and these losses were doubly important for gays, because all had been strong supporters of gay rights legislation in 1977.

*Gaylife*

**NYC, NY**—The faculty of the New York University School of Law voted 28 to 4 in April to ban employers who actively discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation from using the school's placement office. Law School Dean Norman Redlich noted: "These people (gay students) pay tuition which goes toward operating placement services, so this is the only fair thing to do."

*Gaysweek*

**Paris, France**—Senator Henru Caillaet has introduced into the French Parliament a measure which would make homosexual relations between persons under the age of 18 legal. "The moral condemnation connected with the risk of legal penalties has strongly contributed to the marginalizing and the isolation of gay people," commented Caillaet. "The Penal Code should restrict itself to the repression of damage done to individual freedoms."

*Le Monde*

**Las Vegas, NV**—Goodwill Industries of Nevada cancelled an appearance by Shana Alexander, CBS commentator on the **60 Minutes** program, when they learned that her speech would be entitled "Goodwill Through Equal Rights." Alexander commented: "Apparantly there are two dirty words left in Nevada, and they are not 'good will', they are 'equal rights.'"

*Gaysweek*

**Amsterdam, Netherlands**—COC, the Dutch gay rights organization, has called for a meeting of gay delegates from all gay groups in EEC countries. The meeting, to be held in London during May, will discuss ways in which the European Declaration of Human Rights and the Treaty of Rome may be used to press for equal rights for gays in all EEC member countries.

*Gay News (London)*

**Washington, D.C.**—A police officer here who is seeking a sex change operation has been placed on sick leave by the department after refusing to stop treatments or to undergo psychotherapy. The unnamed officer has been living full-time as a woman, but had been going to work in suit and tie.

*Gay Community News*

**Buffalo, NY**—The April issue of **The Humanist** is devoted to the topic "Sex Research: Where Are We Now?" In addition to articles on the sexual revolution, special articles are devoted to sexual identity, sex roles, homosexual liberation, transsexual surgery, and sex counseling. For further information write to **The Humanist** at 923 Kensington Ave., Buffalo, NY 14215.

*The Humanist*

**Oklahoma City, OK**—The Oklahoma Senate has approved 42-0 a bill which permits dismissal of any teacher who advocates homosexuality. Senator Mary Helm (R—Oklahoma City), a member of the John Birch Society, said that the bill is needed to protect Oklahoma City from homosexual movements which are spreading eastward from San Francisco.

*Quad-City Times*

**Boston, MA**—The bill which would prohibit discrimination against gays in civil service jobs in Massachusetts has been referred back to committee. The Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation had opposed the effort to exclude police, firefighters, and correctional officers from the bill. The legislation has been introduced in every session since 1972. The bill was returned to committee this year because its sponsor, Rep. Elaine Noble, decided that the measure had no chance of clearing the Legislature this session.

*Gay Community News*

# REVIEW

*Sin, Sickness, and Sanity: A History of Sexual Attitudes* by Vern L. Bullough and Bonnie Bullough. Garland Publishing Inc., New American Library, New York, 1977, 228 pp., indexed, \$13.95.

Reviewed by Sam Edwards

Vern Bullough is Professor of History and Director of the Center for Sex Research at California State University at Northridge. Some of his other books include: *Sexual Variance in Society and History* and *Subordinate Sex*. He also is an editor of *An Annotated Bibliography of Prostitution* and *An Annotated Bibliography of Homosexuality*.

Bonnie Bullough is Professor of Nursing at California State University at Long Beach. Together with Vern, she has written several books dealing with nursing and health care.

Because there is a sexual revolution going on today, there is currently a vast amount of material being written about human sexual behavior. In the past we have had only the religious and medical "models" to look at, and alas, neither were scientific in their approach.

Western religions, Christianity in particular, were (are?) sex-hostile, basing their assumptions on misinformation, superstition, and taboo. Sex was considered evil, albeit a necessary evil if **procreation resulted**. Any sexual act not resulting in procreation was condemned. The Bulloughs trace the history of this hostility and taboo.

The medical profession, unfortunately, drew its sickness and insanity "models" to conform with the prevailing religious attitudes and those few who dared to try to shed a bit of scientific light were soundly trounced by the church. Therefore, our views of our own sexual nature have been distorted and each generation has passed on, or added to, the distortions.

Only in recent decades has sex re-

search become the subject of major scientific investigation. Recently the social and behavioral scientists, including the historian, have been re-evaluating our past and present attitudes towards sex, using for the most part, sound scientific methods of research.

In order to write *Sin, Sickness, and Sanity*, the Bulloughs have obviously waded through an incredible amount of references and resources, most of which are historical. They have unearthed many interesting and fascinating facts and theories which they present in short chapters in clear language which even the non-academic can understand.

Trying to predict future trends in our views about sexual morality by investigating our past traditions is not easy, particularly when the past is so filled with confusion. However, an examination of our past views is essential to an understanding of why the present views are so difficult to modify.

In speaking of the sexual revolution, the authors say:

...in many ways the current revolution is more threatening to our past traditions and assumptions than earlier intellectual revolutions such as the Copernican one in astronomy, the Darwinian in biology or the Freudian in psychology. Though Copernicus, Darwin, and Freud started trends of thought which undermined previous assumptions about the nature of man and his place in the world, they basically left intact the assumptions about moral conduct, much of which was based upon an aversion to open sexuality. The sexual revolution, however, challenges this basic foundation of Western thought. This is because the ongoing research into sex has undermined much of the basis for the belief that sex is evil, and in the process has challenged assumptions about premarital, marital, and extra-marital sex, as well as attitudes about non-procreative sex which societies in the past have stigmatized as being deviant.

The thirteen chapters of *Sin, Sickness, and Sanity* cover a wide range of topics. The first three chapters deal with the history of our western tradition of hostility to sex, with particular emphasis on the hostility to "unnatural" sex. The fourth chapter briefly discusses alternate or the opposite cultural views on sex found in China, India and Islam where sex is not a "sin."

Beginning with chapter five, the authors deal with specific areas of sexuality where current attitudes are changing. They discuss masturbation, ("The Secret Sin"), transvestism and transsexualism, contraception and abortion, menstruation, prostitution, venereal disease, pornography, nudism, and homosexuality before winding up with a chapter titled "Sex in a Changing World."

The format for these chapters is quite simple, but effective. The authors begin by tracing our historical attitudes, sometimes supplying little-known facts that help to explain our current attitudes. Then they summarize some of the modern research and show how current attitudes are changing.

While the book is not intended to be an exhaustive study, it does provide a good basic background and even provides a list of suggested books for further reading.

The next to last chapter ("Homosexuality, Sex Labeling, and Stigmatized Behavior") is one of the shortest and most disappointing in the book. While it is true that some of the material that would ordinarily come under this title was discussed in an earlier chapter titled "Unnatural Sex", the discussion leaves much to be desired. The historical treatment lacks depth and the summary of modern research is limited to a few paragraphs about the Kinsey Report and the research of Evelyn Hooker. Surely some more current research could be found. The gay liberation movement is kissed

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# HERE & THERE

**Paris, France**—The French Government has forbidden public display of the two leading French gay publications, *Incognito-Magazine* and *Dialogues Homophiles*. Previously the government had forbidden only the sale of the magazines to persons under the age of 18. This new and drastic step has been protested by the Gay Information Centre Aleph and the Paris Gay Liberation Front.

*Le Monde*

**Lompoc, CA**—Twelve men have been dismissed in the last three months on alleged homosexual charges in one of the largest anti-gay witch hunts in years. The purge is at the Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County. The federal Office of Special Investigations is conducting the investigations on the base. Those interrogated by OSI said that they found it difficult to remain silent during the interrogation. Four have admitted their homosexuality, eight have denied it; but none have attacked the validity of the charges.

*Bay Area Reporter*

**NYC, NY**—Police Commissioner Robert J. McGuire has denied reports that the department would conduct a survey to determine how many gay officers are on the force. McGuire added that he was "not interested in getting into officers' private lives", although he had "always assumed that in a population of 25,000 males there would be a statistical number of homosexuals."

*Gaysweek*

**NYC, NY**—Nearly twice as many complaints of sexual misconduct are filed against heterosexual teachers than are filed against homosexual teachers, according to a poll conducted by *McCall's*. The women's magazine, which surveyed over 1300 elementary and high school teachers, found that most of the complaints came from parents.

*McCall's*

**San Francisco, CA**—San Francisco's annual gay parade has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the city's Hotel Tax Fund to partially finance this year's June 25 Gay Freedom Day Parade. It is the first time that the parade has received any city funds. The action ends a longstanding dispute between the gay community and the Chief Administrative Officer's policy of not funding the parade, which is now the city's largest annual parade and drew over 300,000 persons in 1977.

*San Francisco Sentinel*

**Hollywood, FL**—Officers of the Executive Committee of the Broward County Democratic Party have appointed gay activist Mark Silber to the party's Committee on Minority Affairs. In January Silber became the first openly gay person to be elected to the Executive Committee.

*Gaysweek*

**New Brunswick, NJ**—The New Jersey Gay Coalition sponsored a statewide conference entitled "Problems and Progress in the Struggle for Gay Rights" on April 15. Hosted by the University Coalition of Lesbian Feminists and the Rutgers Gay Alliance, the conference was held at Rutgers University Student Center. In addition to workshops, the conference featured as keynote speaker Kay Whitlock, Coordinator of N.O.W.'s Task Force on Lesbianism and Sexuality.

*Press Release*

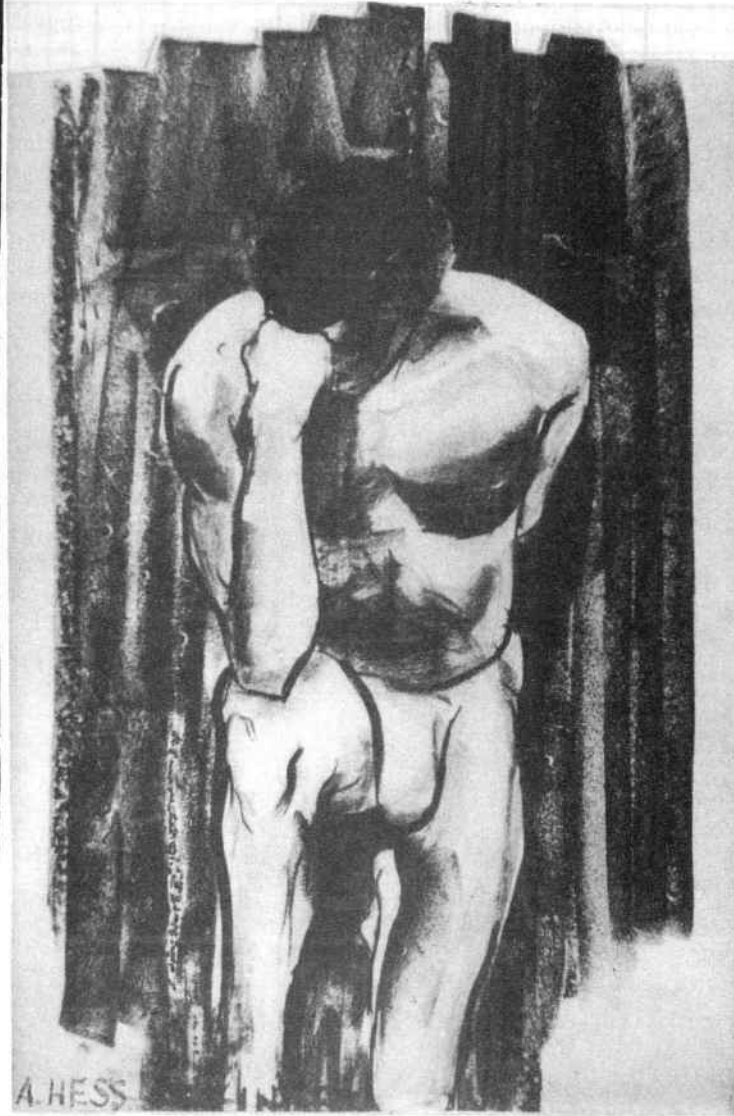
**Berlin, West Germany**—Craig Russell has been named best actor at the 28th Berlin Film Festival. The award was for his performance as a female impersonator in the Canadian film "Outrageous", a film ignored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in the U.S.

*Gay News (London)*



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# REVIEW

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off with only two paragraphs which say nothing more than the fact that gay organizations exist. The authors say:

These organizations are still needed to give in-group support to their members, but when and if homosexuals are fully accepted, most of them will probably disappear.

However, the authors are to be commended for including the text of Freud's letter to an American mother. This letter is not found in Freud's collected works because it was written late in his life and was not discovered until well after his death. The letter, written in 1935, indicated that Freud no longer considered homosexuality to be an illness. Kinsey found and published the letter in 1951, but many students of Freud are still unaware of its existence.

They are also to be commended for indicating that they favor a new and changed view toward homosexuality and see it as "acceptable" by society.

All in all, **Sin, Sickness, and Sanity** is a book worth reading. It should be particularly helpful to those who wish to expand their background knowledge of sexual attitudes, but who do not wish to pursue the topic in its usual heavy, academic form. One small carp to the publishers; why did you set this entire book in a rather fancy-type style called Souvenir? That style is quite beautiful in small quantities, but is somewhat hard to read in large batches.

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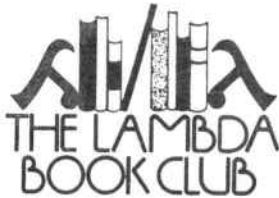
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# REVIEW

**What You (Still) Don't Know About Male Sexuality** by Dr. Barry McCarthy, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York, 1977, \$8.95.

The purpose of this study is to offer, in a popular and easily digestible form, the results of the past two decades of sex research as it specifically applies to males. In the introductory chapter the author lists twenty-five common assumptions about male sexuality, each of which is false (included in the list is the claim that homosexuality is a disease.) According to McCarthy, the more statements to which the reader was inclined to give assent, the more the book is needed. So what we have here is not an attempt to make new inroads of understanding, but rather a survey of what has come to be relatively commonplace from a scientific perspective. It is a sad fact of our civilization that, though scientific knowledge and research is its lifestream and most impressive product, the cultural and social institutions lag behind this progress by no less than half a century at best.

Individual chapters are devoted to body sensitivity, masturbation, sexual fantasy, sexuality and the unmarried male, contraception, sterilization, VD, intercourse, oral-genital pleasure, male homosexuality, marriage, a cost-benefit approach to extra-marital sex, pregnancy, parenthood, increasing arousal and potency, learning ejaculatory control, overcoming ejaculatory inhibition, sex in the middle years, and post-marital sex (for the ageing or for the divorced.) Some of the chapters also conclude with body or mind exercises. The emphasis throughout is upon knowledge which is both personal and practical in its import. Sociological or psychometric data is brought into the picture only to the extent that they serve this pragmatic function.

The conclusion of the chapter on homosexuality is worth quoting.

"For the sake of homosexuals and heterosexuals alike, it would be best if society as a whole could adopt the basic principle that serves as a guide for responsible therapists: sexual orientation is a matter which the individual himself must be free to decide in his own best interests. Those choosing to make a homosexual adjustment should be given as much respect as those who make the heterosexual choice. Homosexuality should be looked upon as a truly **alternative** life-style, not a second-rate one. . . contrary to what you have heard, there is such a thing as a happy homosexual."

The extent to which the other chapters would be of interest to gay readers is, of course, relative to their own realization that general knowledge of the male sexual situation is a worthwhile acquisition regardless of lifestyle. Some chapters, such as those on ejaculation and arousal problems, are sufficiently general and down-to-earth to be of immedi-

ate practical use to many gays. The chapter on masturbation is also well worth the reading; since McCarthy argues that males do it too rapidly in many cases, though not that they do it too often. This is also one of the chapters with body exercises at the end.

Barry McCarthy is a practicing clinical psychologist and sex therapist, as well as an associate professor of psychology at American University in Washington, D.C. He is also co-author of **Sexual Awareness: A Practical Approach** (California: Scrimshaw Press, 1975), and has written many articles and lectured extensively in the field of sexual awareness and therapy. There is a brief appendix on how to go about choosing a sex therapist, as well as a list of suggested further readings. McCarthy has produced a humane, sensible, and eminently readable excursion into the hows and wherefores of male sexuality.

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**Mr. Inbetween** by Allen Todd,  
Vantage Press, New York, 1978,  
\$6.95.

Seventeen-year-old boy meets boy in high school locker room. Boy gives blowjob to second boy. During body-building course with teacher, boy has sex with teacher. Boy begins to wonder if he is gay. Boy goes to Hollywood to find out whether he is gay. Boy picks up Mike in Hollywood bar, they have sex, and become lovers; so presumably first question has been answered. Second question: can young innocent boy from Potville make it last with worldly Hollywood gayboy? Answer to second question: no—on to San Francisco. Boy loses heart to San Francisco, body to Marty, and thinks maybe he is losing his mind too. Boy goes to college, finds too many books, not enough sex. Maybe San Francisco isn't all that

it's cracked up to be. Boy moves to Los Angeles, but not before having sex with woman (no fun). Boy is wiser, novel ends.

The boy is Carleton, the novel is **Mr. Inbetween**, the author is Allen Todd (owner and manager of several gay bars and restaurants in L.A. and San Francisco), and the story is downright soporific. Some authors reach beyond the credible and thereby strain even the liveliest imagination, but Todd has managed to go below the credible, so as not to disturb or awaken even the dullest imagination. Added to the total nothingness of the story is a writing style which acknowledges only two basic sentence forms, and places them end-to-end in tireless alternation. If such colorless prose had been exercised on the Magna Charta, democracy would still be an unknown word.

Bar pickups are sketched with a similarly imaginative line.

"What are you looking so unhappy about?"

"I beg your pardon, sir, were you speaking to me?"

"Let me introduce myself, ny [sic] name is Eric Krueger."

"That's nice, but if you don't mind, I'd like to drink alone."

"You look like a man with a problem."

"No, not really, it is just that I've lost a close friend, and to make things worse and more complicated I moved into a rooming house where the landlord sleeps with his tenants. No, I haven't got any problems."

This is the sort of stuff of which \$2.50 pulp novels are made; but, even for that price, there is usually enough sex tossed in to make up for the sagging story line. I personally wonder whether the author of this story is even gay, since he neglects even that modest compensation, as if to suggest that he has as much against gay sex as he does against the English language. It is sad to announce that the publisher and author plan a sequel.

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# REVIEW

Jonathan Loved David by Tom Horner, Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1978. Paper, \$5.95.

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice

No fewer than six books have appeared in as many months on the question of homosexuality in the Bible, all of whose authors have been moved in their writing by the laudable realization that our understanding of the scriptural texts and background has been at best incomplete and at worst flatly inaccurate. Besides being a paperback (which will make it more economically accessible to a wider public), this new study has a number of other virtues which commend it to those with a general (though not technical) interest in the subject.

For one thing, its style is eminently readable, almost conversational at points. Secondly, for those who do wish to plunge more deeply into textual exegesis, there are a wealth of footnotes at the end—unobtrusive, but available. A relatively complete index of subjects will permit those who have read other studies to make ready comparisons on a point-by-point basis. An index of scriptural texts cited and treated will permit the reader to see how his/her favorite (or not so favorite) passages fare under the critical perspective of the author. And, finally, the emphasis throughout the exposition is squarely upon understanding the people and the cultures behind the biblical texts; and that, with respect to any historical text, is not only stimulating and enriching, but good honest fun as well.

The first chapter offers a brief sketch of the middle east background from which both the Old and New Testaments sprang. The early Hebrews not only reacted against elements of these cultures, but in many instances borrow liberally from their laws and social regulations. Chapter 2 is devoted to David and Jonathan, and Chapter 3 to Ruth and Naomi;

since the biblical account of both these pairs (or "couples") contains homosexual overtones at various junctures. The following chapter, on Sodom and Gibeah, comes to the now commonplace conclusion that the biblical tale of Sodom is a tale of the destruction of a city because of rapists and violators of the laws of courtesy to travelers.

Horner discerns (Chapter 5) three kinds of homosexual activity in biblical times. First is homosexual activity between heroes or soldiers, an ennobling and laudable activity. Second is homosexual prostitution as part of the temple rites of the cultic religions: the type of ritual often condemned as "homosexuality pure and simple" (in our English translations) in the Old Testament. Finally there were the occasional but not uncommon homosexual liaisons of a transitory sort between married men. Effeminacy was condemned generally, but was regarded as incidental to homosexual practice in all cases except those of the cultic religions.

Chapters 6 through 8 deal with Paul's references (or putative references) to homosexual activity in the Pauline Epistles of the New Testament. These chapters are perhaps less successful in offering pat answers; since, as Horner concludes, the attitude of Paul is ambivalent on the whole sex-love question. There is some evidence that the passages which refer to homosexual activity in *Corinthians* are directed to specific cultic practices common in the pagan religions in and around Corinth, but even these passages are not wholly clear in their import. There are some closing efforts to present a psychoanalytic interpretation of Paul as a man who "craved love." Like most psychoanalytic accounts, these proposals are infinitely more obscure than the passages which they are supposed to clarify.

The closing chapter is entitled "Jesus and Sexuality." Horner provisionally rejects purported textual evidence showing that Jesus had sexual relations with women, as well as other evidence sometimes cited to in-

dicade that he was homosexually inclined. With the Essenes of his time, Jesus was part of a small minority to suggest that marriage was not for everybody; and this insight ran directly counter to much of the earlier Hebrew theologizing. He also treated women as persons rather than as chattel or property—which, in the ancient world, made him a minority of one. Most important from Horner's perspective is the fact that Jesus had nothing bad to say about homosexuality. Any condemnations which his followers may have issued later were, as the author puts it, non-dominical: they did not originate in Christ's teachings. Christ's teaching emphasis throughout his career was on the inner state of the person—not on what I should dub the "plumbing" aspect of sex conduct (which includes the who and the how).

The reader, having completed this book, is left with the feeling that s/he has entered the minds and feelings and times of the two Testaments; and that these were not all so bad as they are often made out to be by their detractors, especially if we realize the miniscule amount of real hard knowledge of human nature and conduct available to the people of the period. The upshot is that this is a fine book and a helpful study.

For the fundamentalist or literalist, of course, the book will be anathema from its first page; since it proposes to understand the Bible rationally and historically. For such a literalist the best counsel is to eat no pork or shellfish (*Leviticus*), wear no fabrics of blended materials (*Deuteronomy 22:11*); and if a woman, refrain from all sexual activity during the menstrual period (*Leviticus 18:19*). If the literalist is a male, he should go in to have sexual intercourse with his widowed sister-in-law if her husband has died without first siring a son (*Deuteronomy 25:10*). With these, and many other things, to do, the fundamentalist should have no time for reading this or any other book—nor, I hasten to add, for writing any.

# HERE & THERE

**San Francisco, CA**—The National Sex Forum will be offering two identical programs in sexual attitude restructuring from June 24 through July 1, and from August 12-19. For information on the programs and sessions, write to National Sex Forum, 1523 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

*Press Release*

**Minneapolis, MN**—A letter urging support for a "strong" civil rights law giving equal rights to homosexuals, written by Dr. Herbert W. Childstrom, President of the Minnesota Synod of the Lutheran Church, has been sent to 44 pastors in the Lutheran Church in America's St. Paul District.

*The Lutheran*

**Garden City, NY**—Doubleday will publish in May Malcolm Boyd's autobiography, **Take Off the Masks**, in which the Episcopal priest reveals that he is gay. "You could say I've been working on it all my life," says Boyd, who is 54. The book contains descriptions of Boyd's first love affair in New York with a German monk, as well as a description of his current lover and San Francisco roommate, a 37-year-old former businessman.

*US Magazine*

**Birmingham, UK**—Gay Communists should recognize that the gay movement is a valid movement in itself and should take a more active role in it, rather than to hold back just because gay rights groups are not under "revolutionary leadership." This is the content of a resolution passed at the second Communist Party Gay Rights Aggregate, held in Birmingham in April, and attended by gay CP members from throughout the United Kingdom.

*Gay News (London)*

**Tallahassee, FL**—The state Supreme Court has ruled that a homosexual may practice law in Florida, provided he does not say that he ever engaged in homosexual activity. The court ruling came in response to a request from the Florida Board of Bar Examiners in the application of Robert F. Eimers, a Philadelphia attorney who is gay, to practice law in Florida.

*Associated Press*

**Stockholm, Sweden**—Despite furious efforts against the bill by conservatives in Sweden's Parliament, a new law was passed in March which ends all legal discrimination against gays. Under the new law, the age of consent for gay sex is also lowered from 18 to 15, bringing it into line with the age of consent for nongays.

*Gay News (London)*

## FEEDBACK

Dear GPU People,

I moved in January, and received the February issue today. The Post Office apparently sent you my new address. What happened to the January issue?

T. R.  
Indianapolis, IN

(Editor's note: If you want the post office to forward second class magazines, you must fill out an authorization form and leave it at your **old** post office. Without the form, the post office does not forward, nor do they return the magazine to us. We receive a notice that the issue was not delivered, together with your new address. You will receive the **next** issue at your new address, but the previous issue is simply destroyed by the post office; so everybody loses. Better yet, **before you move**, pick up a supply of change-of-address cards for publishers at your post office. Publishers will pay the postage when the card is

received, and your magazine service will not be interrupted.)

Dear GPU NEWS:

I have enjoyed reading GPU NEWS this past year. I do try to be informed regarding gay activities and happenings as well as current events, vocational interests and avocational interests. I subscribe to several gay publications and am a member of NCTF, ACLU and Gay Nurses' Alliance. We gay persons need to keep informed and educated so we can instruct the layperson to rid him of his bigoted beliefs, myths and mis-information. We don't want our rights erased by the forces of Anita Bryant.

Thank you for publishing an informative monthly magazine.

R.H.  
St. Louis, MO

Editor GPU NEWS,

I see where Anita Bryant invites being called a "female chauvinist pig" by not liking that "homosexuals eat male sperm", as quoted in April GPU NEWS.

Can it be that Anita does not eat eggs, the female reproductive element? I cannot see any valid reason for open and unashamed eating of sperm, the male reproductive element, not having equal propriety with open and unashamed eating of eggs, the female reproductive element.

Besides, the customary method of acquisition is most enjoyable to the participants and approving observers, and it is obviously not restricted to homosexuals.

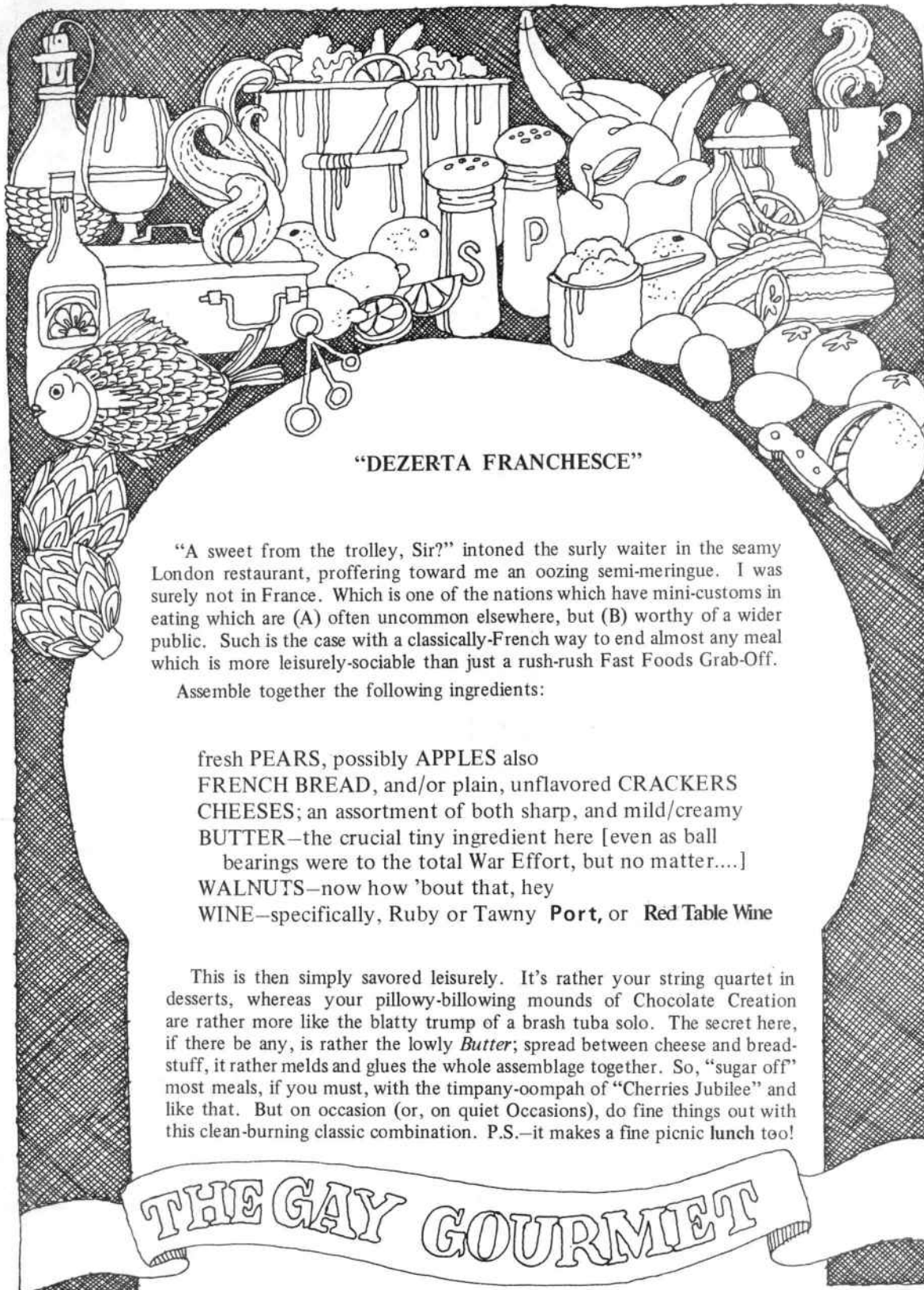
Gay Gourmet

Editor GPU NEWS,

In a recent broadcast, Paul Harvey stated that a survey showed twice as many sexual crimes committed by **heterosexuals** (emphasis mine) as by homosexuals.

Page Anita: "Save Our Children."

Listener in Chicago



### "DEZERTA FRANCHESCE"

"A sweet from the trolley, Sir?" intoned the surly waiter in the seamy London restaurant, proffering toward me an oozing semi-meringue. I was surely not in France. Which is one of the nations which have mini-customs in eating which are (A) often uncommon elsewhere, but (B) worthy of a wider public. Such is the case with a classically-French way to end almost any meal which is more leisurely-sociable than just a rush-rush Fast Foods Grab-Off.

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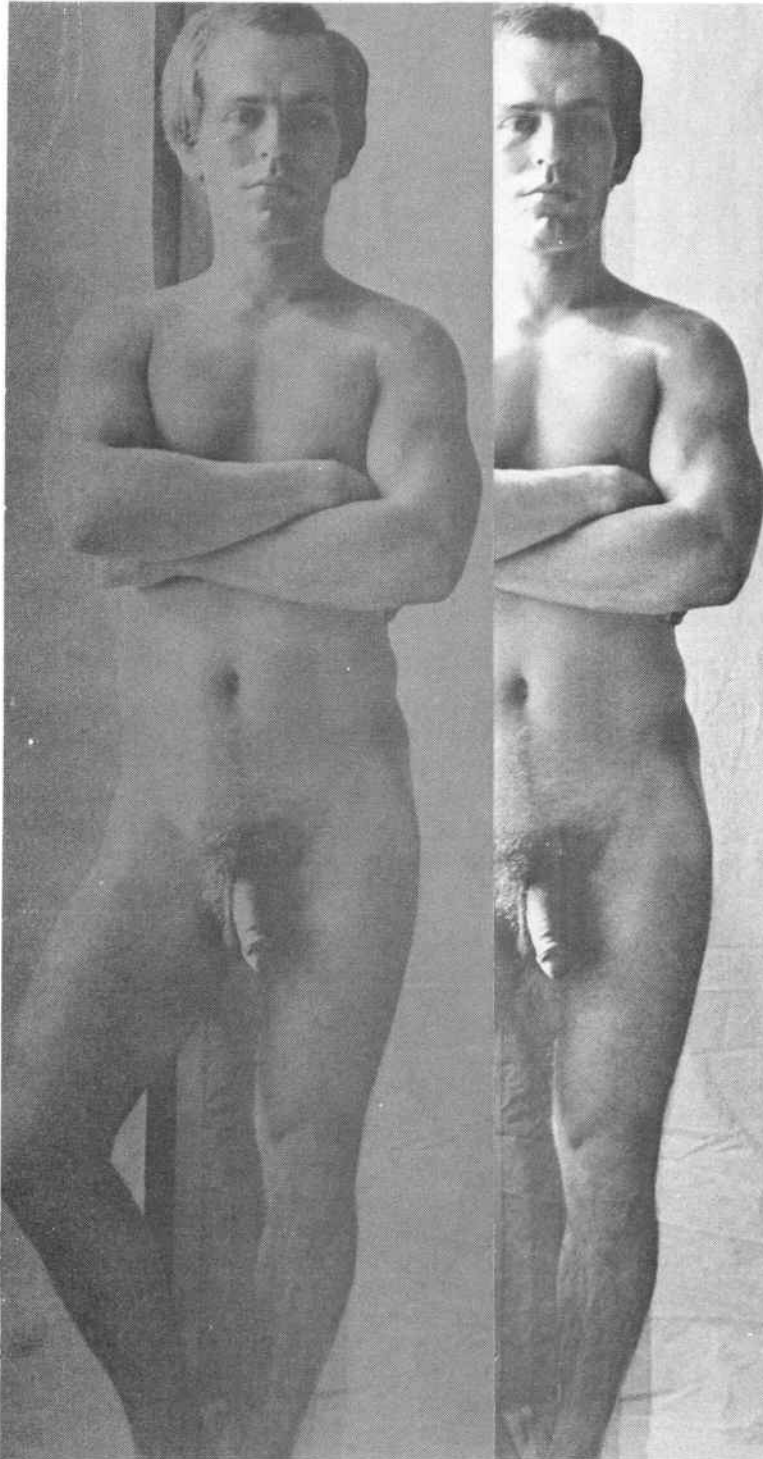
fresh PEARS, possibly APPLES also  
 FRENCH BREAD, and/or plain, unflavored CRACKERS  
 CHEESES; an assortment of both sharp, and mild/creamy  
 BUTTER—the crucial tiny ingredient here [even as ball  
 bearings were to the total War Effort, but no matter....]  
 WALNUTS—now how 'bout that, hey  
 WINE—specifically, Ruby or Tawny **Port**, or **Red Table Wine**

This is then simply savored leisurely. It's rather your string quartet in desserts, whereas your pillowy-billowing mounds of Chocolate Creation are rather more like the blatty trump of a brash tuba solo. The secret here, if there be any, is rather the lowly *Butter*; spread between cheese and bread-stuff, it rather melds and glues the whole assemblage together. So, "sugar off" most meals, if you must, with the timpany-oompah of "Cherries Jubilee" and like that. But on occasion (or, on quiet Occasions), do fine things out with this clean-burning classic combination. P.S.—it makes a fine picnic lunch too!

THE GAY GOURMET

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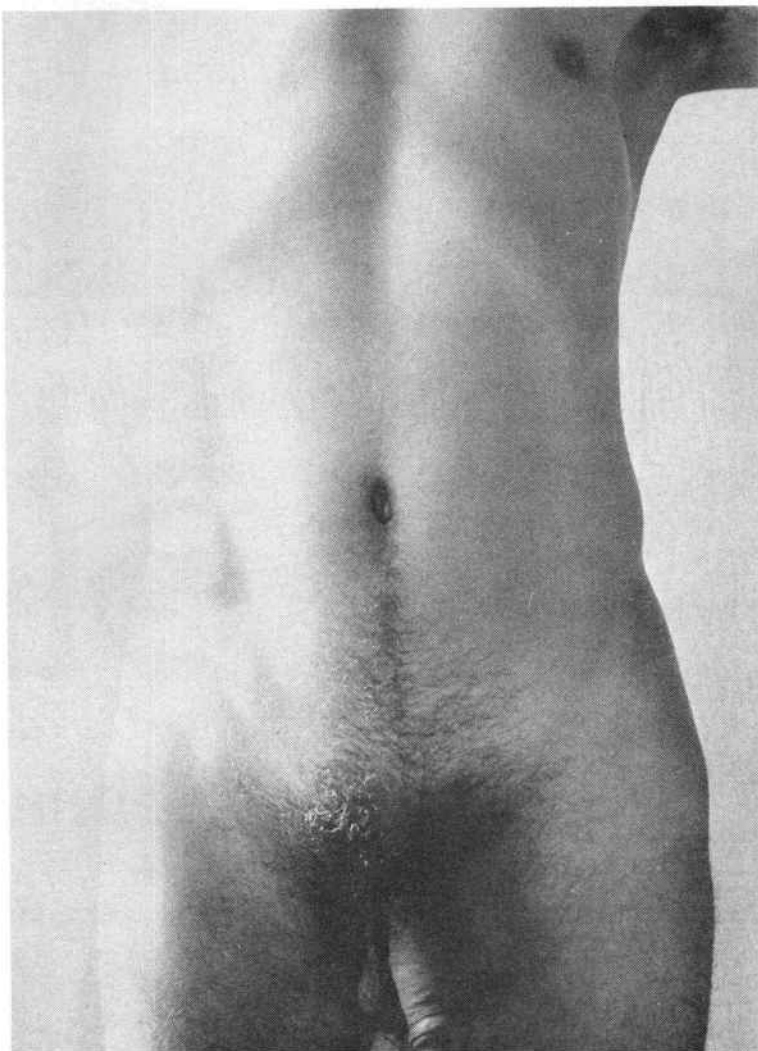
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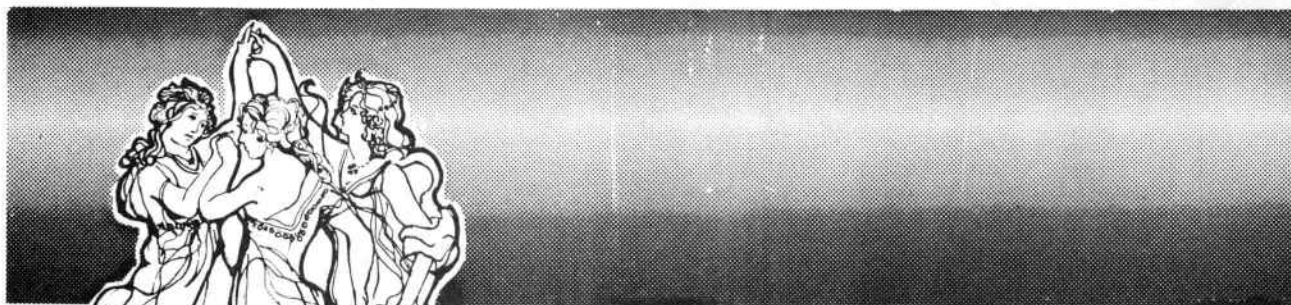


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- MAY 1** Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Monthly business meeting. 8 p.m., The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell. Gay Pride Week (Chicago) Benefit, Alfies, 900 N. Rush St., Phone (312) 822-0300 for information. Madison, WI Gay Awareness Week, 8 p.m., Tripp Commons, free, Ginny Vida, NGTF, speaker.
- MAY 2** Madison WI Gay Awareness Week Open House Gay Center, 1001 University Ave, 8 to 10 p.m.
- MAY 3** Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite Madison, WI Gay Awareness Week 8 p.m., Tripp Commons, free, "The Fantasy of Love", Dr. Charles Silverstein, author "The Joy of Gay Sex."
- MAY 4** The Baron (Milwaukee) Thirties Party costume prizes and dance contest. Little Jim's Movie Nite (Chicago) Madison, WI Gay Awareness Week 7 p.m., Sellery Hall, free. "Gays are Family and Friends", Dr. Charles Silverstein. Sidetrack Lounge (Cedar Rapids) Disco Concert, through May 6.
- MAY 5** Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Season Opening. (see ad elsewhere). Madison, WI Gay Awareness Week Open house for the speakers at the Women's Studies Building, 209 N. Brooks, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Poetry Reading. 8 p.m., Mitchell Theater, Vilas Hall, Free.
- MAY 6** Madison WI Gay Awareness Week Workshop for gay counselors. Dr. Charles Silverstein, Lysistrata, 11 am Midwest Gay Movement Workshop, 2 p.m., Lysistrata.
- MAY 7** Gay Pride Week (Chicago) Benefit, Center Stage, 3730 N. Clark St. Phone (312) 935-2900 for information. Gold Coast Movie Nite (Chicago) Club Milwaukee Baths-Spring Fantasy Party. Phone 276-0246 for info. Madison WI Gay Awareness Week Benefit spaghetti dinner. 5-7 p.m. The Back Door, \$2.25. Tripp Commons, 8 p.m., free, Results of Survey by Karla Jay and Allen Young, "Lesbians and Gay Men Speak Out."
- MAY 8** Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee), Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center, A doctor will speak on "VD The Gift That Keeps on Giving." Integrity (Indianapolis) Eucharist at 7:30 p.m, followed by Study Series, All Saints Church.

- MAY 10** Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite
- MAY 11** The Baron (Milwaukee) Forties Party  
Costume prizes and dance contest.  
Sidetrack Lounge (Cedar Rapids)  
Disco Concert, through May 13.  
Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite.
- MAY 12** The Baron (Milwaukee) Tuxedo Junction, Two Live Concerts.
- MAY 13** The Baron (Milwaukee) Tuxedo Junction. Two Live Concerts.  
Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Tulip Party.  
One of Chicago Banquet, Bismark Hotel, Cocktails 6 p.m, Dinner 7:30. Tickets \$10. Write Box 537, Chicago, IL 60690 or phone (312) 549-6593.
- MAY 14** Gay Pride Week (Chicago) Benefit  
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Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite
- MAY 15** Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee)  
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- MAY 17** Gay Pride Week (Chicago) Benefit,  
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- MAY 18** The Baron (Milwaukee) Fifties & Sixties Party. Costume prizes and dance contest.  
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- MAY 19** Saugatuck Lodges (MI) Grand opening party. Free buffet.
- MAY 20** Gay Pride Week(Chicago) Benefit,  
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- MAY 21** Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite
- MAY 22** Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee),  
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Speaker Dr. Mary Kenny Badami,  
"Sexism in Language."
- MAY 23** Gay Pride Week (Chicago) Benefit,  
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