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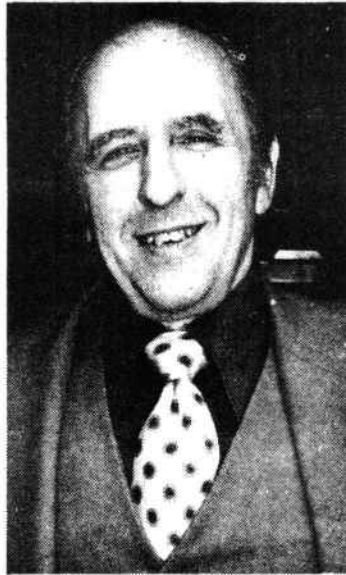
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VERMONT SODOMY LAW REPEAL

Washington, DC—In a repeat of the discovery (in 1976—long past its 1975 enactment) of the repeal of the New Hampshire sodomy law, Franklin E. Kameny discovered, in December of 1978, that Vermont had repealed its own sodomy law in 1977. This repeal was not confirmed by Kameny until February of 1979. The Vermont action brings the total number of such repeals now on the books (and known) to 22. If one counts the recent decisions of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, the state was the 23rd, but through judicial rather than legislative action.

Kameny had been elected an Alternate Delegate-at-large from the District of Columbia to the December, 1978, Democratic Party Mid-Term Convention in Memphis. Whilst lobbying there for both a gay rights resolution and a resolution which supports the pending constitutional amendment to provide full congressional representation for the District of Columbia, Kameny spoke with an officer from the Vermont legislature. She indicated that the legislature had earlier decided not to enact the proposed criminal code revision pre-



Franklin Kameny

sented to it as a package, but to do the job piecemeal, subject-area by subject-area. She went on to note that a modernized sexual assault statute had been enacted, and said that she believed that this enactment had also included repeal of the sodomy law.

While the legislator promised to send Kameny a copy of the new law, she did not do so. In January of this year Kameny and a friend from Columbus, Ohio, ferreted out

the Vermont Sessions Records, and were able to subsequently to verify the legislator's verbal report.

The repeal was enacted on April 23, 1977, effective July 1, 1977. The new age of consent is 16. Vermont was unusual in that its original law prohibited only **fellatio** (not anal sodomy). That prohibition has now been repealed.

The 22 states which have now repealed their sodomy statutes comprise 77.2 million people (by 1970 census figures), or 38% of the population. With Massachusetts added to this list, the figures are 82.9 million and 41% respectively.

The new sexual assault law applies to any kind of sexual act done under coercion or threat, but specifically excludes spouses. No distinction is made between heterosexual and homosexual assault. In prosecution for sexual assault, the law excludes from evidence any matter concerning the reputation of the complaining witness(es) or their past sexual conduct. Sexual assault provides imprisonment of 20 years and/or fines up to \$10,000; while aggravated sexual assault provides 25 years and/or \$15,000 in fines.

YEADON TO RETIRE

Madison, WI—James D. Yeadon, the only openly gay alderman in Madison, has announced that he will not seek reelection. Citing the amount of work demanded by the job, Yeadon said that he is forced to retire in order to devote full time to his law practice.

Yeadon was appointed to the city council here in October of 1976, and was elected to serve a full term six months later. The area which he represents is principally composed of students attending the University of Wisconsin. Asked if his gayness had effected his job performance, he noted: "It's a relaxed city here. People deal with me as though I'm just another alderman. I've never emphasized being gay,



and neither has anyone else."

The retiring alderman did, however, stress the importance of a gay being elected to one aldermanic position. He also hopes that another gay person will run for his seat in the forthcoming April election.

AID IS ETHICAL

London, UK—Physicians have now officially stated that it is ethical to provide Artificial Insemination by Donor (AID) for lesbians when they believe that they are acting in the best interests of mother and child-to-be.

The ruling came from the Council of the British Medical Association, endorsing the earlier decision of its Central Ethical Committee. Dr. John Dawson, Secretary of the CEC, noted that a child might be better off being brought up in a stable lesbian partnership than in one of the many disturbed heterosexual marriages.

SECOND RAID ON CLUB MKE

Milwaukee, WI—On Friday afternoon, February 2, police vice-squad officers raided the Club Milwaukee Baths, arresting seven men, including the manager Paul DeMarco. Six patrons were arrested for alleged sex-related offenses and DeMarco for alleged disorderly conduct and obstruction of an officer.

The following Tuesday, February 6, the men appeared before Assistant District Attorney Frank Crivello, who held one case for further investigation (because the individual had a previous record) and refused to prosecute the remaining six cases on state criminal charges. However, he referred them to the City Attorney's office for consideration for charging under the city's civil disorderly conduct law. Note that the state disorderly conduct law is a criminal misdemeanor, but the city's law, while similar, is not a criminal charge.

When questioned, Crivello said that he was following the D.A.'s usual procedure in cases of this kind. According to Crivello, first offenders are usually not prosecuted under the state criminal laws, but are usually referred to the City Attorney. When questioned further, Crivello said that there are "6 to 12 such arrests each week" from rest rooms, bookstores, parks, etc.

In a hallway outside the D.A.'s office, free lance reporter and photographer Jesse James Kleinert attempted to photograph Police Sgt. Thomas Saye who led the raid. A scuffle ensued and five police officers wrestled Kleinert to the floor, handcuffed him and took the camera. Saye arrested Kleinert, but District Attorney E. Michael McCann refused to prosecute, saying that both Kleinert and Saye had acted "improvidently." Saye then went to City Attorney David Felger who also refused to prosecute on city charges.

On February 12 Kleinert brought suit in Federal Court against Saye,

asking for \$90,000 in damages, contending that Saye's actions violated his rights under the First Amendment.

Meanwhile, the six remaining cases appeared before the City Attorney David Felger, who dismissed one case outright (that of a married man from out of the city). He also agreed not to prosecute the manager, Paul DeMarco, but held his case open for one year. One man requested a lie detector test and his request was granted. Felger then charged three men with a violation of the city disorderly conduct ordinance, but on February 23, on petition of Attorney James Wood, he returned the four cases to the District Attorney's office for possible diversionary probation. This means that if the District Attorney's office agrees, the four would not be charged, but their cases would be held open for six months and then dropped if they are not arrested during that time on similar charges.

As GPU NEWS goes to press, the outcome of the first case (originally held by the D.A.) is unknown and the four remaining cases will appear again in the D.A.'s office in the near future.

JOHN SIEFERT CAMPAIGN

There is another issue that is related to the previous raid on Club Milwaukee Baths in July of last year. A policeman named John Siefert was the undercover vice-squad member who, somehow, obtained a membership in the Club and then sponsored several other vice-squad officers for membership. What tactics Siefert used to obtain his membership are not known, but his actions enabled the vice-squad to conduct the raid.

Siefert is currently running for the office of Municipal Judge. When questioned as to his opinion about sex by consenting adults in private, Siefert says that as far as he is concerned there is some ques-

tion as to whether sex at a bath is really private.

Police Chief Harold Brier has refused to grant Siefert a leave of absence to run for office which is necessary since he is a city employee. The police department's rule against a policeman running for office was struck down last December on an appeal by Siefert and the police union. Brier has still not granted the leave and according to Siefert has placed him under plainclothes surveillance.

The police union asked the City Attorney's office for a ruling and got no action. (One of Siefert's opponents in the race for office is a member of the city attorney's staff who does have a leave of absence.) Then, the union, without naming Siefert, asked Judge Harold B. Jackson, Jr. for a ruling. Meanwhile Siefert continued to work as a policeman and campaigned, he says, in off duty hours. He was one of the successful nominees and his name is scheduled to appear on the ballot in the final election April 3.

Judge Jackson, after the primary was over, said that he could not make a ruling without an actual complainant being named and gave the union 30 days to refile. The date, conveniently, falls after the final election.

Bath manager, Paul Demarco claims that either Siefert or Brier is breaking the law and on February 25 filed a suit in Federal Court against Brier, Siefert and the City Treasurer who has been issuing Siefert's pay check.

Jess Kleinert, who is suing Sgt. Saye also tried unsuccessfully last year to get the Fire and Police Commission to investigate Siefert's conduct after Kleinert was arrested in September over a domestic situation. Kleinert claims that Siefert subjected him to threats and abuse at the police station and refused him the right to call his attorney for several hours. The Commission dismissed Kleinert's complaint.

LESBIAN WINS CUSTODY CASE

Detroit, MI—The Michigan Supreme Court reversed two lower courts on January 17 and restored custody of 12-year-old Jillian Miller to her mother Margareth Miller, a self-affirmed lesbian. This is believed to be the first time a state supreme court has ruled in a gay parent's favor when the contest was between parents.

Judge Ziem of the Oakland County Circuit Court said the mother's sexual orientation was a major consideration when he awarded custody to the father. The high court's decision appears to establish that lesbianism alone is not grounds for refusing custody.

"Two and a half years of hell is truly over," said Ms. Miller, 39, an Ann Arbor social researcher and novelist, who has been fighting to retain custody. "After I stopped crying and laughing and getting hysterical, I called Jillian at school. She said, 'Are you sure it's really over?' When I said it was, she said, 'Can I have the rest of the day off from school?'"

The high court ruled without dissent to reverse the state Court of Appeals and the Oakland County Circuit Court, which had awarded custody to Paul Miller, a General Motors employee, living in a Detroit suburb.

"The record does not present clear and convincing evidence," the high court said, "that the change of custody is in the best interest of the child."

The Ann Arbor law firm of O'Brien, Moran & Dimond handled the case. This is the same firm which successfully defended two V.A. nurses in Ann Arbor charged with a series of hospital murders in 1977. Both cases had serious political and human rights aspects. Attorney Thomas O'Brien said that the high court had reaffirmed the argument that "no court can take a child from a parent and consider evidence of sexual status alone, without proof that that status has a

detrimental effect on the child."

But mother and daughter had been "living, hour by hour, day by day," Ms. Miller said, in anticipation of the court ruling, which experts had predicted would favor the father. "It's been very painful. Now that it's over, let us all go back to living our lives, loving our children and getting along in our own spaces."

She said that it was D—Day for Jillian, who had been living in a sort of "war" since she was 10. The Millers divorced in 1973 and Jillian was with her mother for three years, until her father filed for custody. A temporary custody arrangement gave Jillian to her mother and the Miller's son, Ricky, to the father.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick Ziem ruled in June 1977 that custody should go to the father, because he was capable of providing a more stable home life. The Judge said Ms. Miller's homosexuality, which he repeatedly referred to as "sexual ambivalence", was a "major consideration" in his ruling and the appeals court upheld that decision after ordering Ziem to question Jillian more closely about her own parental preference.

"I think it is a return to sanity in the judicial process," said Arlie Scott, national vice-president of the National Organization for Women (NOW). "There's no reason why the best interests of the child should not always be considered. The home situation should be evaluated in terms of the individuals and not sexual preference."

Attorney O'Brien said he thinks the opinion may reflect a new awareness. "A few years ago a homosexual parent wouldn't consider that they had any chance, but now there's a growing awareness that some education has taken place."

Ms. Miller celebrated first with a few sips of champagne at work and then went home to spend the day

playing with Jillian and the dollhouse she had built for her for Christmas.

Over the past year, the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) coordinated media publicity in Michigan for Ms. Miller and helped with fund-raising. Don Mager, Project Facilitator for MOHR, and a gay parent himself, reports that Michigan gays are ecstatic at this victory. "The next day, my phone started ringing at 6 AM with calls from gay folks who had heard the previous night's news on TV, and the phone has been leaping off the hook all day. The issues were absolutely clear. Lesbianism was what was on trial, and the court ruled that that is not sufficient reason for removal of a child from its mother's custody. We are all winners with this one!"

FBI HUNT

New York, NY—Radical feminists and gay organizations along the East Coast are protesting what they claim to be a new wave of harassment by the FBI. The Grand Jury Project, National Lawyers Guild, and dozens of other activist organizations have petitioned the FBI Director William Webster to call off what they claim is a "witch hunt" throughout the lesbian and gay community.

They contend that the FBI began last summer to subpoena telephone toll records of persons who were active in the 1975 defense of Susan Saxe. Saxe is an anti-war activist and radical feminist presently serving time on charges of bank robbery. The letter to Webster contends that Bureau agents in Lexington, Kentucky, Dover, Delaware, New Haven, Boston and New York have been subpoenaing phone records of Saxe's supporters, including those of an 81-year-old grandmother who was jailed three years ago for refusing to cooperate in the Saxe investigation.

CLONE SUSPECT HANGS SELF

San Francisco, CA—A man charged with the murder of three San Francisco gay men has hanged himself in his maximum security jail cell. Thirty-one-year-old David Likens took his own life rather than stand trial for the strangulation murders of so-called "Castro Clones", maintaining until his death that he had not committed the crimes.

Likens, a former bartender and male model, was accused by San Mateo County authorities of the bizarre deaths of three men, A. Tomlin Goodman III (26), Daniel Oller (24), and Ronald Young (27). All three of the victims sported the "Castro Clone" look, and all three were strangled and dumped into the wooded hillside area of San



Mateo County.

Likens, who had served a previous sentence for the slaying of a

Los Angeles man, and was released on parole, became the prime suspect in the "Clone murders" after one surviving victim identified him as the man who had picked the victim up, taken him to his Henry Street apartment, and then tried to strangle him. A long investigation by the San Mateo Sheriff's Department and the San Francisco Police Department led to the charges against Likens while he was still being held in San Francisco for the attack on the man who survived.

Lieutenant Brendan Maguie of the San Mateo Sheriff's Department said that Likens had hanged himself with a bed sheet in his maximum security cell in the San Mateo County jail sometime on the night of January 18.

BATHS OK, BUT NO DISCO

Peking, Republic of China—Dark lights, strobe lights, and disco dancing are **OUT** in the new China, according to a UPI report, but Turkish baths are definitely **IN**. The Chinese have rejected plans for a disco by International Hotels, a U.S.-based corporation which had hoped to place discos in its 5,000 room Peking hotel. With official approval, the hotel is to be built with swimming pools, bars, saunas, and Turkish baths only.

The firm, which has six hotels in communist countries, operates 81 hotels in 48 countries, with an additional 10 under construction. It believes that large foreign-owned hotels will become common throughout China as tourism increases. Pan American has already received approval for flights to and from Peking airport, and also plans to build a hotel in the city.

Brochures now being printed emphasize the uniqueness and mystery of the virtually unknown land. As reported in the last issue of GPU NEWS, Chinese officials have already indicated that there are no laws against homosexual

conduct in the country. Although these officials appear to be reluctant to open what they consider to be "night clubs," they have indicated their friendliness to opening cocktail lounges. Public and private baths have been part of the Asian scene for centuries.

An indication of the temper of the government can be found in the billboards permitted to remain posted on public walls by officials. A public "democracy wall" is now acceptable in Peking, where citizens place their messages for others to read. Recently the wall included pleas for "Sexual Liberation," and the demand that a current film being shown in Peking not be shown with explicit sex scenes deleted. One wall contributor wrote: "Government controls over premarital sex, faithless love, and nude paintings is against the tenets of socialism."

While there are no gay student organizations on campus at Peking University, nor any such known organizations anywhere in China, several gay travel agencies on the west coast have already announced

tentative plans to establish gay coffee houses for tourists. So far as is known, the Club Bath Chain has no immediate plans under way for a "Club Peking."

CONFERENCE

Tel Aviv, Israel—The Society for the Protection of Personal Rights (SPPR), Israel's national gay organization, has announced the Fourth International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews to be held from July 19 to 22, 1979.

The conference is to focus on three major topics: Gay in Israel, Law and Liberation, and Modern Jewish Perspectives. The subjects will form the basis of the planned program. The group also has announced an optional package tour for conference attendants who would like to spend more time in Israel.

All lesbian and gay Jews, whether or not affiliated with the national organization, are welcome and encouraged to attend the conference. For further information, write: SPPR, P.O. Box 46039, Tel Aviv, Israel.

GIRLS OF BOISE

Boise, ID—"I cannot understand a city of this size [100,000] with the help it has available to it going through such an operation in 1977." U.S. District Judge Ray McNichols so stated in support of the six lesbians who were dismissed as city employees because of their alleged sexual preferences. The six were employed by the police Department in Boise.

Though the women refused to make any statement whatever concerning their sexual preferences, they were investigated by Boise officials, who claim to have received "citizen complaints" concerning their sex lives. One of those complaining was the roommate of one of those dismissed, and admitted that it was she (the accuser) who made sexual advances to her roommate.

Police Chief John Church said that the women were fired because they could have been blackmailed, and because their sexual preferences "hurt their job performances." He also was unable to offer evidence in court to support the latter claim. Judge McNichols was critical of the Boise Police Department, but did not reinstate the women. Instead, he ordered attorneys to prepare statements on damages, and indicated that arguments will be held on their request for \$10 million damages plus legal costs.

At the first hearing, the Police Department presented tape recordings of telephone conversations

BRIGGS FUND

San Francisco, CA—The Board of Directors of A United Fund to Defeat the Briggs Initiative has voted formally to dissolve their organization with a \$500 surplus. That money will be utilized solely to defray outstanding debts incurred by various other No on 6 organizations throughout the state. A complete financial statement has been made available.

which were taken as part of their original investigation. The judge said that he would listen to the tapes, and rule if the women had in fact given consent to the tapings. Chief Church stated also that the women were dismissed for misconduct, malfeasance, lowering departmental morale, and inefficiency. No documentation was presented for any of these charges, and Judge McNichols has notified the police that **each** must be documented at the next hearing.

PROVIDENCE UPDATE

Providence, RI—The sex and drug charges against the operators of the Club Baths outlet in this city have been dismissed. Police failed for a second time to produce any of the witnesses which they claimed could justify their warrantless raids on the Baths last December 4.

Although District Court Judge Anthony J. Dennis has dismissed the misdemeanor charges against Ivan Layton (manager) and Terence Dougherty (employee), felony charges against the two could still be brought in Superior Court, as well as felony charges against two club patrons. The grounds for these charges would be "loitering for prostitution" and "performance of unnatural acts." Vice Squad Inspector Brown indicated that he would re-present his cases to the state attorney general with a view to prosecution in Superior Court.

Since the early morning police action, condemned by local gay organizations and by the American Civil Liberties Union (which called the raid "lawless conduct" by police), Police Chief Angelo Ricci has said that he hopes to close down the Club Baths in Providence. Charges are still pending against three other defendants arrested in the raid.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

San Francisco, CA—A comedy routine on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" satirizing this city's mourning of the deaths of Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Milk sparked a flood of complaints to a local affiliate, and has prompted a network review of the entire show. Larry Grey, publicist for the comedy show, said that NBC executives would soon review the segment with a view toward preparing an apology.

Officials at KRON-TV, NBC's San Francisco affiliate, said that they would have blacked out the portion on Moscone and Milk had they known about it in advance. KRON switchboard operator said that about 50 persons showed up at the station in December to protest in person, and that more than 100 phone complaints were received.

The portion of the show which upset viewers was aired under "Weekend Update," a regular feature in which actors and actresses play newscasters. Comedian Jane Curtain introduced the story of the murders of Moscone and Milk. Newsreel footage was then shown of a mass of Red Chinese wearing green uniforms, some with red collars. A voice-over reported that the scene depicted 350,000 San Francisco Chinese homosexuals mourning Milk's death. Those with red collars were the "dominant kind", while those with keys on their belts were "submissive."

One reviewer who called in said: "I couldn't believe it. It was such poor taste it made me sick to my stomach." Other comments included: "insensitive," "horrible," and "insulting."

NBC apologized for a "Saturday Night Live" show once before. That was for a comedy routine called "The Claudine Longet Invitational Ski Tournament" in which skiers were shown falling down the slopes to the sound of shotgun blasts.

BRITT CHARGES HARASSMENT

San Francisco, CA—Newly appointed Supervisor Harry Britt has accused the San Francisco Police Department of increasing harassment of gay people in the city. Britt announced to a gathering of bar owners and workers that "the cops are coming down on the gays."

"There is no doubt in my mind that there is active police harassment of our community going on, of bar employees, of innocent gay people. . . The community has got to act together on this. I am not Harvey Milk and I do not have the clout that Harvey had, yet. So I am going to be calling on you [Tavern Guild members] to help with that and for your ideas and your support."

Later, during the Annual Installation Dinner for the officers of the Golden Gate Business Association, held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, Britt repeated his charges of police harassment. This time, however, S.F. Police Chief Charles Gain and his wife were in the audience.

Police Chief Gain asked to speak to the group following Britt's remarks. He conceded that, with the cooperation of Mayor Feinstein, the police were getting tough in the enforcement of many statutes throughout the city, but denied that these were in any way connected with the gay community.

In direct response to Britt's charges, Gain remarked: "This is

GRANT TO GLINES

New York, NY—The Glines, a non-profit organization for gay arts, has been awarded a grant of \$5,000 by the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant, along with \$1,000 from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, brings the Glines' public funding to \$6,000. The Glines, in operation for less than 3 years, is the first gay cultural organization to receive public funding.

The Glines is currently preparing its next major production, Doric



Police Chief Gain and his wife attended the installation of officers dinner for the Golden Gate Business Association.

not the case, whatever. In fact, I challenge Supervisor Britt and any of you here this evening to call me personally about any allegations of police misconduct." Gain then gave his office number (553-1551) and, to the surprise of everyone in attendance, he also announced his unlisted home phone number. Gain noted that the basic thrust of police

action was against narcotics trafficking and mugging.

Gain closed by saying, "The policies of this administration, that was wrought in such terrible tragedy, have not changed and will not change as long as I am Chief. There will be lawful and fair police conduct in my department. I will tolerate no less."

Wilson's comedy, **A Perfect Relationship**. Wilson's play will open March 22 at the 45th Street Theatre, and is to be directed by Michael O'Brien. Following that, the Glines will produce Robert Patrick's play, **T-Shirts**, to be directed by the playwright. A variety of other events, including poetry readings, films, and art exhibits, are also planned.

The NEA grant award letter noted: "Grant funds are to support the production and exhibition of plays,

films, visual artists, poets, and special events which deal with the positive self-image of the gay experience."

A passage from the DCA grant award letter says: "Your organization's program impressed them [the Department's staff and its advisory panel] with its artistic quality and its service to the citizens of the City of New York."

[**T-Shirts** is printed in the collection, **Gay Plays**, which is reviewed elsewhere in this issue.]

DETROIT ORDINANCE PASSES

Detroit, MI—Shortly after 11:30 a.m. on January 24, the Detroit City Council took roll call votes on two mutually exclusive Human Rights Ordinances. The short form ordinance, proposed by the Law Department with the support of Mayor Young, was permanently postponed by a vote of nine to zero. One problem which the nine councillors found with the proposal was that it had no power of enforcement except in the area of city contract compliance.

The long-form ordinance, a 34-page comprehensive Omnibus Human Rights Ordinance with very strong enforcement powers, was put forward by the Human Rights Department with broad community support. This support included that of the gay community, represented by the statewide coalition, Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR). The ordinance passed by a vote of eight to one, with only Councilperson Jack Kelley in opposition to it.

The newly adopted ordinance makes America's fifth largest city the largest city to specifically outlaw discrimination against sexual minorities. It also provides Detroit with one of the most comprehensive sets of protections, with the strongest enforcement powers of any U.S. city.

Don Mager, Project Facilitator for MOHR, was at the hearing almost seven years ago when the idea of sexual orientation protection was first incorporated into Chapter 10 of the City Charter, which was finally adopted by ballot vote in November of 1973. "For five years, since the Charter went into effect," commented Nager, "I have seen group after group make efforts to implement the ordinance. When I got home from City Council today, I dug out some 1974, 75, and 76 Gay Pride Week snapshots. In every year, among the placards in the Gay Pride March downtown were prominent slogans reading

Implement the Charter.' It's a traditional chant around here when gays have demonstrations."

Since the City Charter of 1974 mandated a human rights ordinance with strong enforcement powers, the Council has in fact been five years overdue in meeting its statutory obligations. Detroit, however, was the only American city, until the Seattle vote of 1978, to protect sexual minorities by a vote of the people.

Speculating on why the measure passed now, Mager noted: "I think we have an unusually social-justice-minded City Council, and they felt an urgency to register a strong check to efforts across the country to dismantle the civil rights gains of the sixties. I think the Council showed one of its better hours, because they are in full knowledge that this Ordinance may take the City through a series of court litigations since State Attorney General Kelley ruled in September 1978 that cities have no valid role in anti-discrimination enforcements."

Commenting on the sexual orientation aspects of the Ordinance, Nager said: "No one snuck anything through. The Council and media have made it common knowledge that this Ordinance includes gay rights sections. Ever since the Charter was passed, Detroit seems to be content with protecting gay rights, since no major opposition has ever been mounted. Even the (Roman Catholic) Archdiocese did not choose to oppose any sections at this time."

Though the contents of the Ordinance were common knowledge because of media presentation, the passage of it was not in fact widely publicized. Even Detroit gay reaction was somewhat muted, and there was no anti-gay reaction.

MOHR had its quarterly Policy Council meeting at Metropolitan Community Church in Detroit on January 27-29. This included a lecture and reception for San Francis-

co activist Rick Stokes, a gala review and benefit show at Todd's Disco Lounge, and other special events to celebrate the passage of the Ordinance.

Even before the meeting, Mager expressed his confidence that the gay community "will boogie-down in a grand victory ball this weekend. Especially when you realize that just last week a lesbian, Margaret Miller, won custody of her daughter by State Supreme Court ruling. We have got many reasons to be high this week; Michigan gays won't come down for days."

PULL UPDATE

Madison, WI—In the January issue of GPU NEWS we reported that a newly formed organization called People Using Legislation Legally (PULL) had met to organize efforts to thwart any attempt to liberalize Wisconsin laws governing obscenity and sex acts.

Elected officers of the group are: Chairman: Kenneth Karow, Neenah; Associate Chairman: Charles Weier, West Bend; Secretary: Judy (Mrs. Stuart C.) Locklin, Appleton; Treasurers: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Martin, Madison.

In the autumn the group urged attendance at several speaking engagements in various cities in Wisconsin. The speaker was Dr. Murray Norris, founder of Christian Family Renewal and President of Valley Christian University (an outfit that gives degrees to students who meet once a week with instructors in their home towns). Norris' topic was "How to be a Winning Parent" and his speech included a discussion of abortion, satanism, pornography, homosexuality, sex education, humanism, and "how parents are winning against these moral evils."

The group hopes to set up "prayer groups" throughout the state to "pray and act when important matters come up."

LONDON GAY PRIDE WEEK

London, UK—Heralded as “the biggest gay event ever held in Europe” by Capital Radio, the 1979 Gay Pride week plans are already well under way here. Organizers have announced intentions to keep the more spectacular arrangements under wraps for the time being.



1979 will see the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York (June 28). London's Gay Pride Week Committee (GPW) has taken that anniversary as its central theme for the entire week. This year, for the first time, GPW has rented an office from which it can direct and organize many events; and, also for the first time, there will be paid office staff to deal with administration, correspondence, and various secretarial tasks. The main parade is scheduled for June 30.

Don Tyler, GPW's secretary, commented: "This year GPW is going to be so big that we simply can't operate off the kitchen table." Capital Radio's Helpline Service has already broadcast appeals for suitable office space. The

GPW Committee is drawn from a wide spectrum of gay organizations. GPW has already distributed 20,000 stickers proclaiming Stonewall—79. Beginning in March a new sticker and poster will be issued each month as Gay Pride Week approaches.

Stickers and badges may be ordered from GPW at 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX, UK. GPW has also announced that special rates are available to gay organizations wishing to make bulk purchases.



CHICAGO PRIDE WEEK

Chicago, IL—The theme of this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week is "Stonewall: Ten Years After." This selection is in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the riot in the Stonewall Bar in New York City, where on June 28, 1969, gays for the first time in modern history fought back against police who were making a routine raid.

The logo selection, composed of interlocking male and female symbols linked in unity, is by Rich Pfeiffer, with art work by Laura LoChirco. The symbol is to be emblazoned on signs, posters, buttons, t-shirts, and in advertising.

The Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Planning Committee has chosen to co-ordinate three major events this year; though, as in previous years, other organizations and businesses will also be organizing events which will be placed on the calendar. A new event this year will be the Art/Street Fair entitled GALA I [Gays and Lesbians in the Arts]. GALA will be held on Saturday, June 16 in the East Lakeview neighborhood, and will cele-



brate both the visual and performing arts. With the event the Committee hopes to involve segments of the gay community not usually included in events of recent years. Persons interested in displaying art, film, music, dance, or theater are invited to contact the Committee.

A Loop Rally is being planned for Friday, June 22 in Daley Plaza; and it will feature guest speakers from the gay community as well as local politicians. The week will be capped off by the 10th Annual Parade

on Sunday, June 24. An altered parade route, to be announced later, has been chosen by the Committee. Local musicians are also planning a marching band to accompany the parade.

For further information, or to volunteer time or services, interested persons should contact the Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Planning Committee, Box 11483, Chicago, IL 60611 or telephone (312) 528-8786 or (312) 493-4979.

LAMBDA AWARDS

New York, NY—The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has presented its Lambda Annual Award to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Rev. Dolores Jackson accepted the award on behalf of MCC at Lambda's Annual Award Dinner, which was held on January 25 at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

TROY BANS DISCRIMINATION

Troy, NY—This upstate New York city has passed a measure which prohibits discrimination against homosexuals in all city hiring practices. The measure, which was adopted without debate in a 7-0 City Council vote, is a general affirmative action plan. The newly passed measure prohibits discrimination in hiring based on "race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, mental or physical disability, political orientation or affiliation, or sexual preference."

Troy is the third community in the state of New York to ban discrimination against gays. The city of Ithaca and the village of Alfred passed similar legislation during 1978. There was no concerted effort by any gay organization for passage of the Troy measure. According to Werner Kuhn, vice chairperson of the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations, there was no debate by the Council before the vote was taken.

Kuhn explained that the discussion of the measure was held by an affirmative action task force which was made up of City Council members and aides to the mayor. With the "considerable discussion" before the Council vote, Kuhn noted, "the committee seemed to do its homework. . . it was no surprise to the City Council."

There has apparently been no concerted anti-gay campaign in

Troy either. A number of religious leaders in the city last year signed a "clergy statement" in support of gay rights. Kuhn expressed hope that other New York communities would follow Troy's action in passing anti-discrimination measures. He pointed out that the ongoing "educational and outreach efforts" in Troy and the Albany area "are really bearing fruit."

"In our case no group went to the City Council requesting or demanding action. . . [there were] well-meaning individuals who have been exposed to the need for protection of gay men and women." Kuhn added that action in Troy came about because of "the good will which exists in the community generally."

"We have a small group of people working for gay and lesbian rights and we have a small group of people who are strongly opposed, but in the middle are a large majority of people who have taken a relatively neutral stand. . . when pressed, they are willing to be accepting of many different lifestyles," said Kuhn.

Troy is the 43rd community in the nation to ban discrimination against gays, either specifically or in city hiring practices. During 1978 Berkeley and San Francisco passed wide-ranging anti-discrimination ordinances. In Michigan, Ingham County banned discrimination based on sexual preference in county hiring. In New York City,

the Council recently defeated an effort to ban discrimination in that city. The measure failed even with the support of Mayor Edward Koch, who has already banned discrimination against gays in city hiring.

ALLIANCE SUES

Washington, DC— An advertisement which depicts gay lifestyles is causing a dispute here. The ad, which states, "Someone in your life is gay" and depicts three gay couples, was drafted by the Gay Activists Alliance following its rejection by the D.C. Metro Board, the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority.

Theodore Lutz, Metro general manager, said that his staff based its rejection of the ad "on the basis of the guidelines adopted by the Metro Board, which found the ad inappropriate." According to Bob Davis, president of the GAA, the organization met all of the requirements of the advertising guidelines before applying to the Board. The guidelines of the Board state specifically that items which might be objectionable to a "substantial segment of the community" are to be avoided. "The issue is, should our bus vehicles be a forum for these controversial subjects," Lutz said, and "how much should the captive audience be subjected to controversial issues."

Davis countered with the claim that the purpose of the poster is to educate the public about homosexuality. A group of gays organized to promote the welfare of gay persons called a news conference on October 25 in front of the downtown headquarters of Metro. There they announced that a \$10 million lawsuit had been filed against Metro charging the agency with violating the District's anti-discrimination law.

LESBIAN AUTHOR SUES

Los Angeles, CA—Lesbian writer Rita Mae Brown, author of **Rubyfruit Jungle**, is suing a leading feminist publisher for \$25,000. The lawsuit has been filed against Diana Press of California, and calls for a complete financial accounting and the return of rights in three of Ms. Brown's titles: **Songs For A Handsome Woman**, **The Hand That Cradles The Rock**, and **A**

Plain Brown Rapper.

Ms. Brown complains that her royalties are long overdue and that she does not receive full information about the sales of her book. Diana Press has insisted that there is no intention of cheating any of its authors. The company is still trying to recover from the effects of a fire which was started deliberately in their offices a year ago.

MARESSA BILL WITHDRAWN

Camden, NJ—Senator Joseph Maressa, the sponsor of the bill which would have made homosexual acts a crime in this state, abandoned his campaign in February, and withdrew the bill. The bill's introduction was reported in the January issue of GPU NEWS.

Maressa commented: "The courts have held these things are permissible in private, and... to thrust this thing forward would be to ask my colleagues to vote for something that may not be constitutional."

The Maressa bill was a reaction to a clause in the state's new penal code which repeals the crime of sodomy. The bill had gained national attention and was the focus of angry demonstrations in front of the State House. When the Senate passed the reformed penal code last year, some anti-gay protestors called the lawmakers "perverts."

The Maressa bill would have made homosexual acts between consenting male adults a crime carrying up to five years in jail and a \$7,500 fine. Maressa was adamant in preserving the traditional inconsistency of common law jurisdictions: the bill did not apply to lesbians.

Though the lawmaker denied that anyone had asked him to withdraw the bill, committee sources



N.J. Sen. Joseph Maressa

said that at least two senators had asked him to kill it. The sources added that, even had he not killed the bill, it would not have received even the six votes necessary to get it out of committee. Maressa conceded later that the bill probably would not have made it out of committee.

A recent State Appeals Court decision declared that prosecution for homosexual activities in private is unconstitutional and an invasion of privacy. Attorney General John Degnan had already declared his belief that the Maressa bill was unconstitutional, at the same time as he announced that his office would not appeal the court ruling on privacy.

"There's no question that the judge addressed himself to all

facts, and that the law relates to this bill," Maressa said. He blamed the press for some of the emotional reaction to the bill. "I never intended to put anyone in jail, break into anyone's bedroom, or break down any doors," he pleaded. Critics countered that legislators do not usually express an intention not to put persons in jail by proposing a law with stiff jail sentences attached.

Spokeswomen for gay rights groups welcomed the decision to kill the bill. "We are very glad at the outcome and hope that we won't have to face such a situation again," said Rosemary Dempsey, a representative of the Lesbian Task Force of the National Organization for Women. Phyllis Noble, president of the Gay Activist Alliance, added that the demise of the bill "means that legislation in New Jersey will no longer be determined by fear of homosexuality."

Nobel said that gays here are constantly in fear of losing their jobs and sometimes are denied human rights simply because of sexual preference. "Homosexuals here have no rights at all. We're really not asking for anything more than anyone else. We're not even asking to be accepted. We're just asking for equal protection under the law."

COMPUTER DATING

Columbus, OH—Ohio State University's "Date Match" Computer has been reprogrammed to include blind dates for gay couples. OSU gay students may now pay \$3.75—the same fee charged to their non-gay counterparts—and fill out the same confidential questionnaire about their hobbies and pet peeves. They then write the word "gay" in the allotted space, and wait to meet between 3 and 15 matches selected on the basis of compatibility by the computer.

Craig Covey of the OSU Gay Activist Alliance recommended the

computer project to the undergraduate student government. Covey noted that the only alternative available to gays who wish to meet other gays was that of the bars or baths. Covey estimates that at least 5% of OSU's 45,000-member student body is gay. He says that he is not surprised that the Columbus-based school has become the first in the midwest to offer a computer dating service for gay women and men.

At almost the same time as OSU programmers made the appropriate system alterations, Jim Lange,

host of ABC-TV's "The Dating Game", was predicting to a crowd at a San Francisco fund-raiser that there will be openly gay contestants appearing on the program this season. Actually, the breakthrough has already partially been made, since Michael Kerns, well-known writer for the gay press, appeared once, but seeking the affection of an unsuspecting female in this case. Kern's was introduced to the studio audience as a "dear old friend." His earlier career as a male hustler was neither mentioned or discussed.

BATT CASE APPEALED

Chicago, IL—In what could prove to be one of the foremost civil rights cases of the last five years, attorneys for Patrick Batt have petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a recent decision by the Seventh Circuit Court which upheld his dismissal from Milwaukee's Marion Heights Nursing Home, for having a "disruptive [gay] lifestyle."

Batt, an experienced personnel director, charges that the home violated his rights to freedom of speech, association, privacy, and due process when it fired him after learning that he was gay. Only two months before his dismissal, Batt was rated "very good" by the home's director in a comprehensive employment evaluation. In May of 1977 the home's Board of Directors offered Batt a month's severance pay and a sterling recommendation if he would resign.

Photo Mark Behar



When he refused to do so, he was fired.

Batt's attorneys contend that massive governmental funding under Medicare, Medicaid, and many other federal programs, which comprise 75% of Marion Heights' budget, made the home a public enterprise, subject to the same legal protections granted to Civil Service employees in governmental

positions. Marion Heights claims that, as a private Catholic nursing home, it is not subject to any constitutional limitations. Batt's suit seeks full reinstatement, back salary, monetary damages, and a permanent injunction preventing the home from further discriminatory actions against employees.

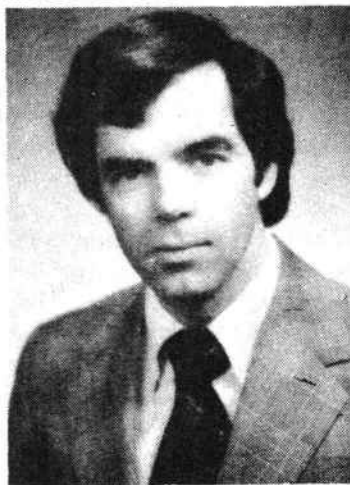
Legal fees now exceed \$10,000—a figure to be substantially increased by the new appeal. Though the case has been institutionally supported by the Playboy Foundation, the majority of funds have come from individuals and through special funding events. According to Michael Mitchell, coordinator of the Patrick Batt Legal Defense Committee, a major move is now underway to raise \$5,000 by June 1. Tax deductible contributions should be made to the: GPU Legal Defense Fund, c/o Patrick Ball Legal Defense Committee, Box 87336, Chicago, IL 60680.

BOSTON GAY LIAISON

Boston, MA—Mayor Kevin H. White has announced the appointment of Robin MacCormack as the city's first official liaison officer to the gay community. MacCormack, a 30-year-old Back Bay resident and native of Boston, has been active in the gay community for many years. He served for two years on the board of the Gay Business Association and is also a member of the coordinating council for the Boston Gay Health Collective.

In making the announcement, Mayor White said: "The needs of the city's gay community often go unattended because of either insensitivity or ignorance or neglect. Delivery of city services, particularly in the areas of public safety and health care, is not all that it can be for the gay community."

MacCormack's responsibilities will be to identify the needs of the gay community and to develop responses to those needs. White added: "I want him to cut through the



Robin MacCormack

bureaucratic red tape to get results for the gay community. He has proven himself an able and effective voice and I'm hopeful that he can improve communications between the city departments and the gay community."

White is the first elected official in New England to appoint an aide specifically assigned to handle relations with the gay community.

WASHINGTON STRIKES

Washington, DC—A medicaid computer in Ohio has reportedly authorized the issuance of birth control pills to a menstruating man, dental fluoride treatments for a toothless baby, and funds for major open heart surgery which took place in a home. These errors were apparently uncovered during a five-year test of medicaid computer systems conducted by the government's scandal-ridden General Accounting Office.

Federal investigators ran a punched-card test of fictitious medical cases through the state of Ohio's computerized system, and found that 12% were accepted despite obvious errors. Ohio officials defended the authorization of birth control pills for menstruating males, saying that the "claims were so off-the-wall that there is no reason to install safeguards against them."

NO GAY COMMISSIONER

San Francisco, CA—Mayor Dianne Feinstein, responding to questions at the predominately gay Alice Toklas Memorial Democratic Club, where she was a speaker, has refused to commit herself to the appointment of a gay person to the City's Police Commission. She noted that she has "no plans at the moment" to change the membership of the current Commission as long as present members, like Chief Charles Gain, "can maintain a good working relationship with me."

The Commission's current members were appointed by the late Mayor George Moscone. The slain Mayor had promised leaders of the gay community, at a meeting in November of 1977, that he would "appoint a gay person to the Police Commission before I leave office."

The announcement of the Mayor's position came just a few days after the swearing-in of newly appointed gay Supervisor Harry Britt, reported in the last issue of GPU NEWS. Though the Mayor's opening remarks at the Toklas meeting were greeted with applause, a handful of disenchanted listeners produced boos when she announced that no immediate changes were planned for the Police Commission.

DC SUITS FILED

Washington, DC—Several lawsuits have been filed against both the government of the District of Columbia and a gay movie house, the Cinema Follies, by the families of several of the nine men who were killed in a fire at that theatre in October of 1977. The fire, which completely destroyed the Follies, trapped fifteen men as they were watching films in the theatre, located on the second floor of a cinder-block building.

The lawsuits, which have been filed in the District of Columbia Superior Court, charge that the owners of the moviehouse and the



Mayor Dianne Feinstein and her newly appointed Supervisor for the Fifth District, Harry Britt, are shown on the president's dais in the Supervisors' ornate chambers just after the swearing-in ceremonies.

Later in the talk, she noted: "If a vacancy occurs [on the Commission] and a gay person can be found who is qualified and has a

background in police work, then I will certainly consider that person. That the person is gay will be incidental."

District are responsible for the numerous violations of both building and fire codes. Following the fire, city inspectors claimed that the cinema was in compliance with the District Regulations. In December of 1978, however, William Oates, the owner of the building, was charged with sixteen violations of the city building and electrical codes.

Investigators ruled that the tragic fire started when a theatre employee was shampooing a carpet with a flammable cleaning solvent. That solvent, according to officials, came in contact with an electrical

appliance, which caused the explosion and fire.

Eight individuals and two corporations have been named as defendants in four separate suits. Both Cascade, Inc. and U.L. Street, Inc., alleged to have been owners of Cinema Follies, are named; William Oates is named as "residing agent" of both firms; and Martin Crowetz, the employee who was cleaning the carpets, is also named as responsible for starting the fire. The complainants in the suits are seeking judgements and damages ranging from one million to eighteen million dollars.

PHILADELPHIA PROTEST

Philadelphia, PA—Approximately 50 gays and their supporters marched outside the offices of the **Daily News** in December to protest that paper's coverage of women and gays. According to a press release issued by the Gay Media Association and Wages Due Lesbians, several gains were made when representatives from the two groups met with **DN** Editor Gil Spencer during the demonstration.

Last June, when women's groups first picketed **DN** offices in response to columns by Peter Dexter which allegedly ridiculed women's fight against rape, and slandered lesbians in particular, Spencer claimed that those columns should be read "with a sense of humor." After listening this time to documented cases of **DN** columnists and writers using terms such as "faggots" and "dykes" when describing gays, Spencer agreed to set up an editorial policy prohibiting the use of derogatory terms and remarks in reference to gay persons. Two days later, on the



Scott Tucker (left)

Joel Spivak show, he conceded that it was "outrageous" that such terms were permitted to appear in **DN** columns at all.

In response to gay demands that the **DN** provide a page devoted to women organized against violence and a weekly rotating column for gay issues, Spencer would only agree to provide women and gay groups increased access to the **DN**. He also asked representatives to provide him with a list of issues which needed coverage, and to maintain telephone contact. Spencer also granted gay men equal space to respond to a particularly homophobic article by columnist Joe Markey (11-30-78).

GOLDSCHMIDT THREATENED

Portland, OR—The **Oregonian**, Portland's largest newspaper, has learned that, shortly after news of the murder of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk reached the city, an anonymous caller threatened the life of Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt. "We've already gotten one homosexual mayor; we're going to get the rest," said the caller, indicating a potential political plot against politicians who favor civil liberties for gays.

Last year Goldschmidt was the object of an unsuccessful recall effort after he signed a document proclaiming a local "Gay Pride Day" in the city. Dan Churchill, one of Goldschmidt's aides, said that the Mayor had no explanation for the threat; and that he would continue "business as usual." In a terse statement later issued to the

press, Goldschmidt referred to Moscone as "a personal friend."

The Mayor's police bodyguard, a plainclothes officer not normally assigned to city hall, was placed on regular duty there in response to the threat. Police officials also announced that additional and undisclosed security measures were being undertaken. Special security measures were also enacted in Seattle, whose citizens earlier defeated an anti-gay referendum at the urging of that city's mayor, who has also strongly supported gay rights.

Moscone's death marked the first assassination of a major U.S. city's mayor in 45 years. Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak was fatally wounded in Miami (FL) on February 15, 1933, by an anarchist; but that bullet was intended for President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

JUDGE HEADS ACLU

Seattle, WA—The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington has announced the hiring of Peter Thomas Judge, an open gay, as its executive director. Judge, 47, a former literary agent from Los Angeles, noted that his is the first openly gay person whom any ACLU affiliate has hired for such a post.

Judge will replace David Harrison, who left the post in 1978 to seek a master's degree in administration. Judge earlier served as president of the gay rights chapter of the ACLU of Southern California, and also was on its board of di-



Peter T. Judge, new head of the Washington State ACLU

rectors. He said that the major issues of the 1980's will include employee rights, women's rights and the abortion issue, privacy rights of corporations, government spying, and the right of citizens to live in a hazard-free environment.

Age discrimination will continue as a major issue, he added. "I think it's terrible to say to a man or woman that they're dead at 65." Kay Frank, ACLU of Washington President, said that the board selected Judge because he was the "candidate that could best meet the needs of this affiliate." Judge's gayness, according to Frank, did not even come up for discussion at the hiring meetings.

Judge's duties will include fundraising, membership development, public relations, and coordination of the ACLU's legal activities.

EDITORIAL

Our thanks to **THE BODY POLITIC** for the accompanying photo. Designed to accompany their own recent treatment of police harassment in Toronto, it certainly provides suitable editorial comment for this month's Milwaukee news as well.

One of our staff has just completed a survey of editorial opinion expressed in other local papers concerning police action against the Club Milwaukee. One paper attributes the harassment to the continued neurosis of a few vice squad officers. Another goes on to suggest internal politics within the Milwaukee Police Department. Yet another noted that, since the crime rate is down in Milwaukee due to a fierce winter, police must get their quota of arrests one way or the other. We've tried to keep editorial out of the news reports; since, the Milwaukee Police Department being what it is, we'll probably never know the perverse internal windings in any case.

On one thing all are agreed: the squandering of police power and taxpayers' money on useless harassment is a sign both of poor judgement and of the relative autonomy of the police in this city. The Milwaukee City Council is a relatively impotent body, with little or no control over how dollars are to be spent, and that situation is not likely to change in the near future. In the meantime, we'll continue to report police lawlessness and stupidity - letting the facts speak for themselves and keeping our interpretation of them to editorial columns clearly so marked.

Some readers from the east and west coast have written to us about the late arrival of January and/or February issues of GPU NEWS. The situation is relatively outside of our control. Milwaukee has been stricken with record snowfalls, subzero temperatures, and blizzard conditions for about two months.

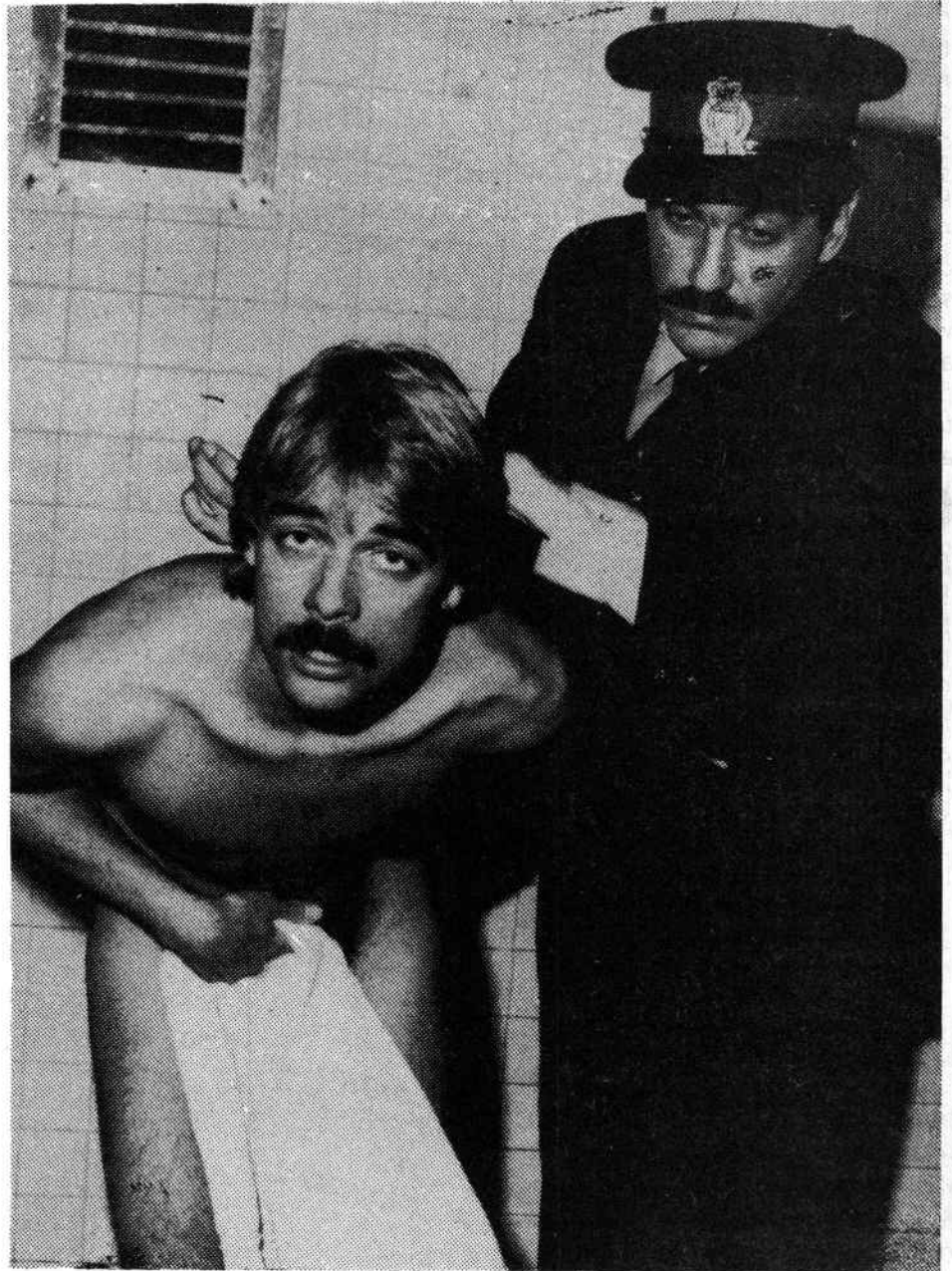
In addition to our many local problems, the U.S. Postal Service has also felt the crunch. With the advent of spring, things should return to normal; and, in the meantime, all we can ask is for your patience and tolerance.

Readers of this issue will also note many subtle changes (or so we hope). We have moved to a new and more flexible format for paste-up beginning with this issue. After we've broken some old habits, and learned some new ones, the payoff should be a more interesting and readable format for GPU NEWS. As always, keep your let-

ters and suggestions coming.

The outcome of **THE BODY POLITIC** trial reached us too late for inclusion in this issue. Though we could have slipped it in as a short news item, we feel that it deserves in-depth coverage; and we are planning on a feature article in the next issue.

This month's news columns carry much good news for gays and for gay liberation nationwide, even at the legislative and judicial levels (where the good news is hard to come by). And good news is the best way for us to welcome the spring. **Enjoy GPU NEWS.**



FEEDBACK

Dear Friends:

All of us have been disturbed by the catastrophe which befell our city during the last few weeks. Business failures are mounting, and the psychological effect on all of us has been most significant.

Our last meeting scheduled for January 19 had to be postponed not only because of the weather, but because it was impossible to enter Germania Place due to the drifts and accrual of snow which was the beginning of the horrendous snowfall. I do expect that there will be a semblance of normalcy for our next meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for remembering me on my 73rd birthday. Life has been most meaningful because of your friendship.

Fraternally,
Paul R. Goldman
Chairperson, **Maturity**

Dear Editor:

It has now been a little over two years since I called Milwaukee my home. I'd like to say that I enjoy reading GPU NEWS, and that I have sincerely missed not being able to have it to enjoy every issue. I would like a subscription beginning with the current issue, or the one before that if it is possible; since I am "hungry" for news from home. I don't remember the cost. If you cannot bill me, please let me know how much a year's subscription costs, so that I may get it into the mail as soon as possible. Thanks.

D.W.
Tampa, FL

Dear GPU NEWS,

Other than proving my appreciation for your fine magazine with a two-year renewal, I'd like to say you're all doing a **fantastic** job—and keep up the good work!

C. T. Mangan
NYC, NY

Dear Friends:

After having read your December 1978 issue from cover to cover, I telephoned a friend in Geneva re the clipping about the gay film festival - for I could hardly believe what I saw in GPU NEWS. Admittedly, there had been one, or rather an attempt at one. The Geneva Police interrupted several showings, seized films, etc., etc. So that all in all it turned into a rather sad affair.

Back in Zurich, slowly some odd form of tolerance seems to be triumphing. The gay porno films (clippings attached) seem to be becoming a weekly feature, Wednesday evenings at 11:15. Just a bit late for hard-working Swiss in the middle of the week, but at least the authorities don't stop the projection.

An item of far greater import. On February 2, all the media carried the news that the Zurich Police had finally and officially destroyed the so-called **Homosexual Register**. This is the card file listing all known or suspected homosexuals. I recall that gay pressure led to the destruction of said file in Stockholm in 1964. Now Zurich will no longer have one either. Doubtless many cities in the 'christian' world continue to have such files.

Enclosed also are some clippings in French from Geneva. Calvinism and narrow minds continue to reign down there. Admittedly - right now it isn't even a question of gay bars - just on-the-spot consumption of call-girl-hostesses.

In any case, I believe that the destruction of Zurich's **Homosexual Register** deserves some mention in GPU NEWS.

Cheers et merci,
G.C.
Zurich, Switzerland

To Whom it Concerns,

Please remove me from your mailing list.

Sincerely,
David R. Hopkins
State Representative
67th Assembly District

**The President of the
United States
Washington,**

Dear Mr. President;

You may register my opposition to the contemplated appointment as deputy secretary of agriculture, or in any other position in your administration, of:

W.R. Hancock
Florida Citrus Commission

The enclosed copy of "Something In Orange" will explain more fully my opposition to a man who has abetted, if no more than tacitly, the spread of murderous hatred, and the hateful murder of my people through his continued support of Anita Bryant.

Donald Cameron Scot
San Francisco, Ca

Dear Friends:

Please continue to put more news in your publication directed at lesbians. AND - where are the pictures of women???

P.K.
Indianapolis, IN

[**Editor's Note:** We're trying, we're really trying. If anyone out there knows a good source for tasteful women's graphics and photography, please send us information.]

Dear Friends:

Your publication is really first class! Graphically and editorially, it is as sophisticated as most magazines which cost twice as much and have many times the circulation.

Please keep up your standards of quality - Wisconsin gays need GPU NEWS! Thanks for your efforts.

S.M.
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

[**Editor's note:** We are not able to invoice for individual subscriptions simply because the added book-keeping costs are too much of a burden to our already taxed budget.]

A DISTURBED PEACE

by Brian McNaught

Now that cult leader Chuck Dederich has been arrested, it would seem we could comment on Synanon without fearing surprise packages in our mailboxes. Not necessarily so with the Roman Catholic Church. While Cardinal Humberto Medeiros would undoubtedly be shocked at such a comparison, he is, nevertheless, guilty of a similarly irrational response to criticism.

For suggesting one too many times that God loves gay people, long-time friend and supporter of sexual minorities, Fr. Paul Shanley, discovered to his surprise, a letter from the Boston chancery "inviting" him to a meeting with the Cardinal. At that subsequent meeting, Cardinal Medeiros "relieved" Fr. Shanley of his ministry to gay people.

Personally, I am outraged. I am not shocked because I am well-aware of how autocratic and cowardly the hierarchy of my Church can be. The examples are legion. But I do grow weary of attempting to enkindle hope in the hearts of other gay Christians who continue to anguish over the dry breast they are continually offered. Cardinal Medeiros has made a stupid mistake for which he must be held accountable.

Despite or because of my 16 years of parochial education and four year stay with a Catholic newspaper, I am one of the more anti-clerical persons who still considers himself "Catholic." Paul Shanley is one of the few persons who make it impossible for me to make sweeping generalizations about the clergy. He is **not** pompous, patronizing, sexist, protected or authoritative. He **is** genuinely holy, open, sincere, humble, on the line and selfless. Were there more priests like Paul Shanley, male or female, the Roman Catholic Church wouldn't have fifty per cent of its membership alienated.

Paul first became famous during Cardinal Cushing's reign in Boston. During the time when thousands of flower children were swarming Boston, making it the East Coast Mecca for runaways, Paul began working on the streets during the day and late into the night. He figured that the most alienated people in the country were runaways and that his calling as a priest was to be with the alienated and meet their needs as he imagined Jesus would. That meant finding food and shelter and listening to stories of home. Paul's style was not to show up in Roman collar. It didn't matter that the kids knew he was a priest. What mattered was that they knew someone cared.

Before long, Paul Shanley became nationally-

known as a "street priest" who was "street wise" and subsequently a major link between young people and those who wanted to understand them, their problems, the drug culture, anti-war sentiment and whatever else was an issue in the 60s. When the sexual revolution hit, the young people began talking openly about their sexuality and it wasn't long before Paul Shanley started speaking to audiences about homosexuality, transvestism, transsexualism and ambisexuality.

When Cardinal Medeiros took the reigns of the Boston Archdiocese, he inherited the famous street priest and the expected complaints from conservatives about his activities. Those with influence tried to use it with the Cardinal to "get that priest off the streets." These are the folks who insisted that their kids wouldn't run to Boston if there wasn't a priest there to help them; that their kids wouldn't take drugs if a priest didn't try to understand them; that their children wouldn't be gay if a priest wasn't telling them that God loves gay people too.

Cardinal Medeiros never publicized his approval of Paul Shanley as a minister to sexual minorities, but whenever a group of gay people requested a meeting with the Cardinal he would send them to his "representative", Fr. Shanley. Like all priests in the diocese who are not associated with a parish, Paul received the basic housing allowance and salary. As an "official" spokesperson, he enabled those Catholics who wanted to know more about homosexuality but could only hear it from a priest to eliminate a lot of fear and misunderstanding. He was a link to those gay Catholics who wanted to believe their Church cared about them. More than once I received a frantic gay person who had to talk to a priest. Paul was always there.

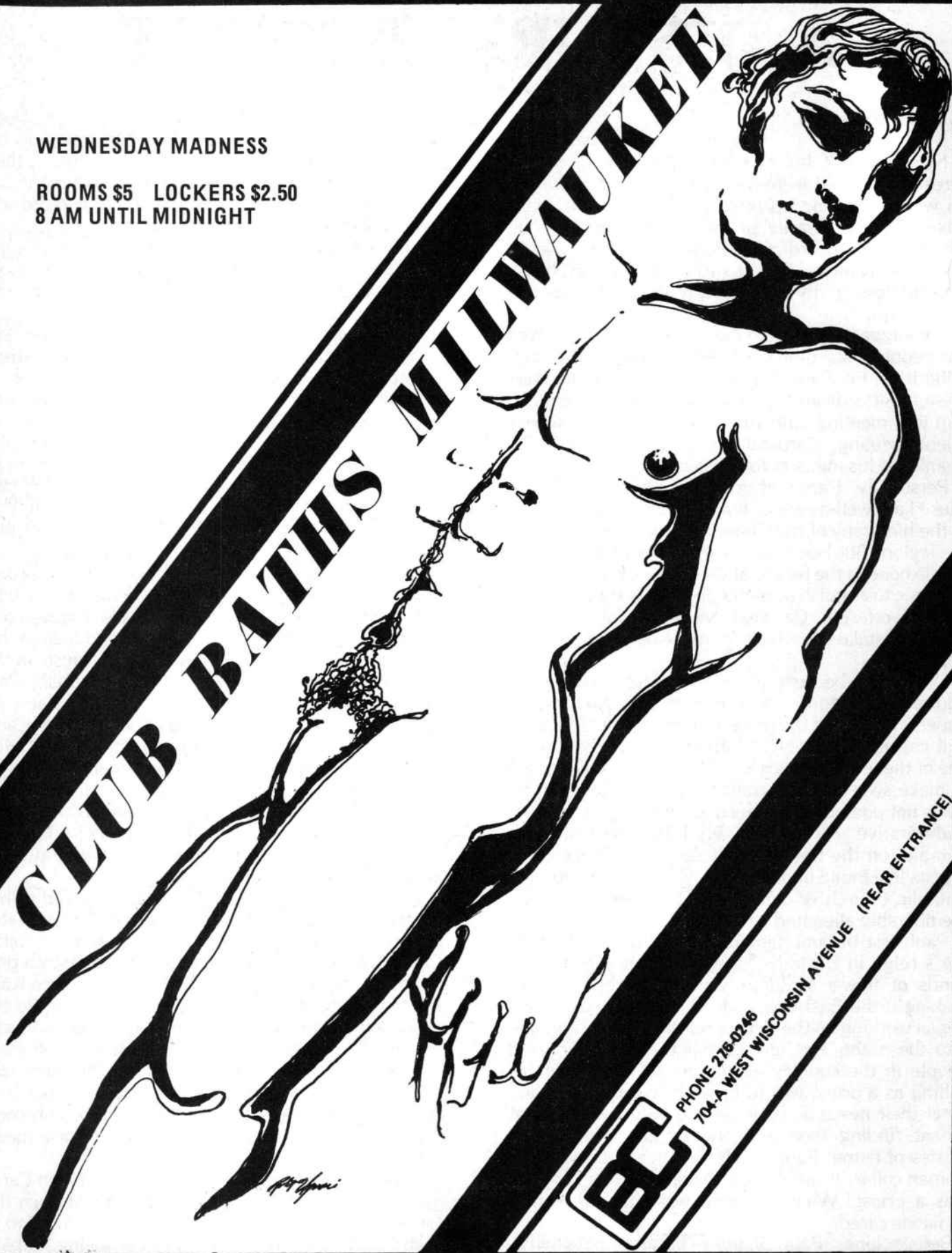
When the Bishop of Wichita said he would rather go to jail rather than hire a homosexual and later issued a statement to every parish which forbade Catholics to vote in favor of a referendum which protected the rights of gay people, Paul flew out to Kansas to be with the gay folks there. His presence enabled some Catholics to vote in conscience with gay people. The Bishop won his battle but nonetheless was angered by the presence of an "out-of-town" priest who dared to defy his authority as a teacher. Bishop Maloney called Cardinal Medeiros and complained. Paul Shanley was soon called in for a meeting.

This was not the first meeting Paul had with Cardinal Medeiros. There had been others. At each the Cardinal would accuse Paul of false teaching and at each Paul would explain that he was saying nothing

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which had not been taught by either the Vatican or theologians of the Church.

The latest meeting was over an educational cassette Paul did with Richard Lovelace, the conservative Presbyterian who led the battle against the ordination of gays in his Church. The Cardinal never heard the tape but had received three complaints. It was during this meeting that the Cardinal told Paul he could no longer work in ministry to gay people.

One of the most alarming aspects of this story is ours and Paul's lack of recourse. Bishops never apologise and rarely change their mind. They think it shows weakness or perhaps inability to understand guidance of the Spirit on the first try. There is a sort of court system in the Church called "Due Process," in which a Catholic can attempt to settle a difference with another Catholic but the final voice in the system is that of the Cardinal. Clearly, it is unwise to make the Cardinal the defendant.

I don't know what Paul Shanley's future is. Paul is working on that now. There is some question as to whether any parish will find him "acceptable." Paul hopes that something good will come from this experience. I do too. At the very least, I hope it will be seen as an opportunity by gay persons and their friends to make it very clear that no individual, regardless of rank or affiliation, will be allowed to make decisions affecting our lives without facing a deafening protest. Though the Catholic Church is not

a democratic institution, its leaders must be made aware that one way or another they are accountable for their actions.

I hope that people who are outraged by the action of the Cardinal will write him and tell him so. His address is 2121 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, MA 02135.

I also hope that people who are supportive of Paul Shanley will write and tell him so. Paul's address is 49 Milton Street, Milton, MA 02186.

Most importantly, I hope that no one presumes this is a Catholic issue. Paul Shanley never asked a person if he or she was Catholic or from Boston before he reached out.

There are times when my Church makes me wish that all I had to deal with was a silent rattlesnake in my mailbox.

Brian McNaught is a freelance writer who has been active in the gay rights movement since 1970, the year in which he received his B.A. in journalism from Marquette University. He has served on the editorial boards of **Hilltop** (Marquette University), **The Michigan Catholic** (detroit), **Esplanade** (Boston), **Metro Gay News** (Detroit), **The Witness** (Pennsylvania), and **Impact** (Syracuse university). He has lectured at over twenty colleges throughout the United States, and is the author of many articles, reviews, and editorials appearing in over thirty academic and gay-liberation publications. He is the founder of the Detroit Chapter of Dignity and of Catholics for Gay Rights.



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THE OREGON REPORT



FORMER OREGON GOVERNOR BOB STRAUB

by Robert Limonier

The Oregon Task Force on Sexual Preference was appointed by Governor Robert Straub in 1976. After a two-year period of deliberation and hearings, the Task Force has released its final report. The massive document offers more than 150 pages of testimony, documentation, and reflection, and terminates with a set of 21 recommendations, each of which was passed by unanimous vote of the 12-member Task Force. Comprehensive in its approach to the problems of alternative lifestyles from a social and political perspective, the report, though a political document, is written in a highly readable style.

In the general area of employment, housing, and public accommodations, OTF specifically recommends statutes which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and marital status. It also suggests the establishment of a committee or task force to conduct further study of discriminatory policies and practices in the areas of credit and housing, with a view to subsequent legislation.

There are extensive recommendations for government employment and services. First, personnel divisions should not only adopt policies of non-discrimination, but these should be publicized together with clear notice that applicants for all jobs are not expected to identify their sexual orientation. Training managers for various divisions of government services

should consult resource persons, including gay women and men, in order to analyze whether particular training should be undertaken, or new programs initiated, in order to enable personnel to better serve gay persons. OTF insists that gays should be used as panelists and speakers in such training programs. Government service workers are also to be provided with lists of community resources, resource persons, and bibliographies related to sexual orientation. In addition to the adoption of explicit and public nondiscrimination clauses by all state licensing boards (for professions and occupations), the state is asked to delete the "Relationship of beneficiary" clause from all state-administered insurance policies. Finally, it is recommended that the Task Force on Sexual Preference should be continued, but in reconstituted form so as to include representatives from key state agencies. In this manner, OTF believes that legislation and regulative actions can be monitored for their effects, new problem areas identified, and new legislation proposals can be studied and formulated to best suit community needs.

Three recommendations dealing with families and children approach the multitude of problems at educational, social, and judiciary levels. State institutions of higher learning which train social workers, psychologists, and counselors should require curriculum training for dealing with gay parents and children. OTF insists that the underlying assumption of this training be such that a "homosexual parent and his or her children, along with the other adult in the home should be viewed as a viable family unit." Government is also asked to establish and fund statewide organizations for parents of gay children, and to provide these with community resource materials. Finally, an educational workshop should be conducted for all Circuit Court judges (who deal with domestic relations in Oregon) to provide these with information concerning problems of gay parents and children.

In the area of health and medical treatment, OTF's recommendations are both simple and sweeping. The Oregon Educational and Public Broadcasting System is asked to institute a series of programs on human sexuality and gender identity, to make these available for college credit, and to prepare a similar series for use in all public colleges and universities for students in any of the health professions. Medical societies are also asked to collaborate with gay organizations in the production of reference lists of physicians who are both comfortable with, and informed about the needs of, gay patients. Finally, as a means of dealing with the many problems incurred by gays whose lovers are seriously hospitalized or in

terminal care units, OTF recommends that specific legal arrangements be instituted which would permit a person to designate a non-relative to act in place of next-of-kin for medico-legal purposes.

The recommendations on education are more general in tone, while preserving the general spirit of the report. Schools are asked to adopt nondiscriminatory policies, and to require training (both factual information and sensitivity) for counselors to deal with gay students. Sexual education, which is already required at the seventh grade level in Oregon, should include the subject of homosexuality. The materials used should be carefully screened, and should be both non-biased and scientific in orientation. OTF also indicated that the "teaching technique of role-playing should be used with great caution in the presentation of material concerning homosexuality."

In dealing with the problems of aging, OTF recommends that special training be provided to all counselors and social workers in the particular problems of the aging homosexual. "All government and private facilities and programs for the aging should review their policies and practices to assure that benefits available to heterosexual couples are also available to homosexual couples." With respect to the problem of private insurance policies, OTF recommends that if the Attorney General concludes that insurance companies have the discretion to deny the insured right to name a non-related beneficiary legislation should be enacted to require the companies to offer this option.

The closing recommendations of OTF all deal with criminal law and police relations. The criminal offense of "Accosting for Deviate Purposes" (ORS 163.455) is to be repealed and replaced with a new statute defining the offense of "Accosting a Minor for Sexual Purposes." The Task Force sets the age of majority as eighteen, and insists that no statutory distinction be made between "sexual intercourse" and "deviate sexual intercourse."

The criminal offense of "Public Indecency" is to be amended also to make no distinction between gay

and nongay intercourse in public. "Public Indecency" (ORS 163.465) is also to include the act of exposing genitals, but only "with the intent of arousing sexual desire in oneself or another under circumstances in which a person knows the conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm." This places the burden of proof of intent squarely upon the police and prosecution, but possibly too much so, since it is difficult to see in what a conclusive proof of such intent and knowledge would consist.

Regarding the criminal offense of "Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree" (ORS 163.415), OTF recommends its amendment to read: "(1) A person commits the crime of sexual abuse in the second degree if he subjects another person to sexual contact; and (a) the other person does not consent to the sexual contact **and the actor knows or under the circumstances should have known that the contact is offensive to the other person**; or (b) the other person is incapable of consent by reason of being mentally defective, mentally incapacitated or physically helpless; or (c) the other person is under the age of 14; or (d) the other person is between the ages of 14 and 17 and the defendant is more than four years older than the other person. (2) Sexual abuse in the second degree is a Class A Misdemeanor."

Finally, OTF recommends that if "the legislature chooses to restrict public nudity even where there is no intent to arouse sexual desire, public nudity should only be a criminal offense where the individual knows he is likely to be observed by others who would be affronted or alarmed and is observed by others who are affronted or alarmed." The obvious intent of this and the previous recommendation is to draw some flexible line demarcating the province of individual liberty from that of the socially intolerable. Much of the advantage of both proposals is that they restrict police decision and increase the domains of legislative and judicial discretion. Ideally, though certainly not always in practice, such proposals should provide greater balance of uniformity of application and reasoned restriction.



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OTF's report was sent to the Governor in December. Like so many federal and state reports, it ran the usual risk of gathering dust on some bureaucrat's shelf. Fortunately, Governor Straub has been both a longstanding and vocal supporter of civil rights for all persons. In releasing the report to the public in February, the Governor also provided a cover letter assuring his own support and recommending its wide dissemination.

I congratulate the Task Force on Sexual Preference on the presentation of its Final Report. The report is extraordinarily comprehensive and thoughtful. It is clearly the product of scholarship, compassion and concern.

The Task Force has made an important contribution to the people of Oregon by systematically identifying and breaking down the myths and false fears of our society. This effort should have a far-reaching effect in reducing the barriers of unthinking prejudice that have been raised against the homosexual citizen.

It has long been my belief that our civil rights should extend equally to all persons. A civilized society worthy of itself cannot unthinkingly deny rights and opportunities to its members on the basis of sexual orientation or marital status. Had I continued in office as Governor, it was my intention to enter an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or marital status in hiring for or discharging from state employment and in the availability of state services and opportunities.

This is a sensitive and responsible study worthy of the most careful consideration. I commend close attention to this report by all interested and concerned parties.

Robert W. Straub
Governor

December 12, 1978

The Oregon Report is the first government report

of its kind in the nation. In addition to chapters dealing with the recommendations which are summarized above, there are also sections directed at the most common areas of public concern: "A Matter of Morality?", "A Threat to Marriage and the Family?", "Is Sex Just For Reproduction?", and "The Concern About Child Molesting." Like the materials which preface and support the recommendations, these sections are both enlightened and readable. Accordingly, the report forms a virtual compendium of legislative and social reform. For the legislator seeking reasoned enlightenment in areas dealing with alternative lifestyles (and one hopes that the number of such legislators is growing), the report constitutes an encyclopaedic reference—no less so for the gay organizations involved in support programs for legislative reform and community action.

Copies of this report are available at \$5.00 each (postpaid) from the Task Force on Sexual Preference, 607 Corbett Building, Portland, OR 97204. Organizations which may have use for multiple copies of the report may also write to OTF for bulk rates. The readable style of the report would also make it a useful vehicle for discussion groups and rap sessions dealing with any of the many areas which it covers.

Legislative reform is a slow and tedious process. It consists not only of lobbying and organizational efforts, but of well-researched proposals backed by fact-finding and careful detailing. For many a gay organization with even the most extensive lobbying potentialities, legislative research and formulation is often a serious problem. The OTF report promises to fill at least part of this gap by providing a useful point of departure for legislative proposals in other states. Its success in Oregon, like its potentially positive effects elsewhere, will depend not just upon its existence or accessibility, but upon its dissemination. The gay community nationwide owes to both Governor Straub and the Task Force a great deal. This debt can best be repaid by making sure that the report does not vanish, never to be heard from again, to the dusty archives of Legislative libraries.

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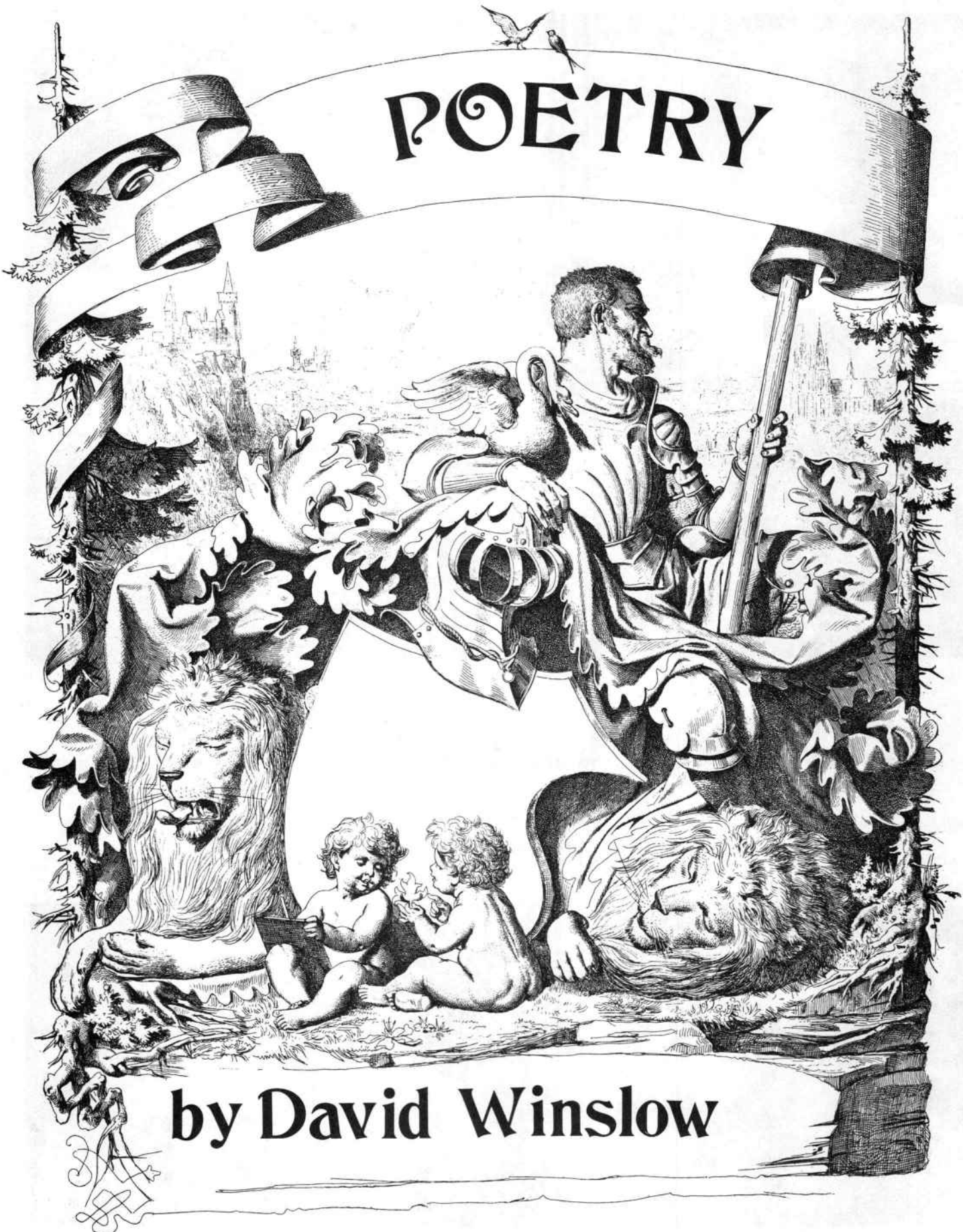


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*GPU NEWS photos taken at
The Ball Game, February 17, 1979
by Mark Behar.*



POETRY



by David Winslow

NOT NEEDING PERMISSION

I hate you.
How sometimes you disgust me.

He looks too masculine
To have had that happen to him.

Others are going to the toilet
But here

Here in the quiet back outdoor area
Of the Cinch Saloon

It is secure. Our places are held.
Smoke rushes in from the doorway

Upward and out, disappearing into the
Clean city air. The droopy-leaved

Grass plant is my friend. But you
You embarrass me because he attracts me.

Why do you not stay home.
Would I be so alone?

I am far too masculine to have that
Happen to me.

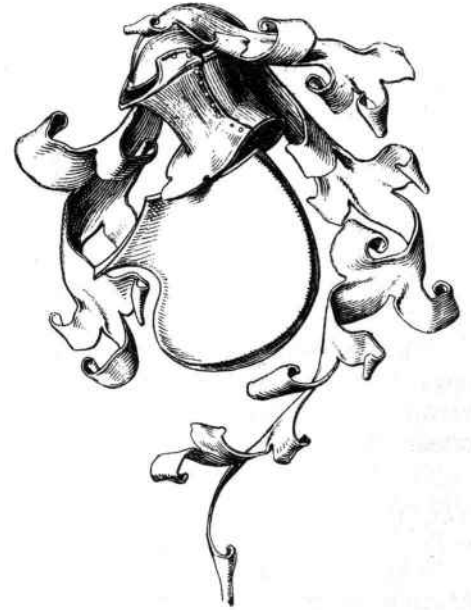
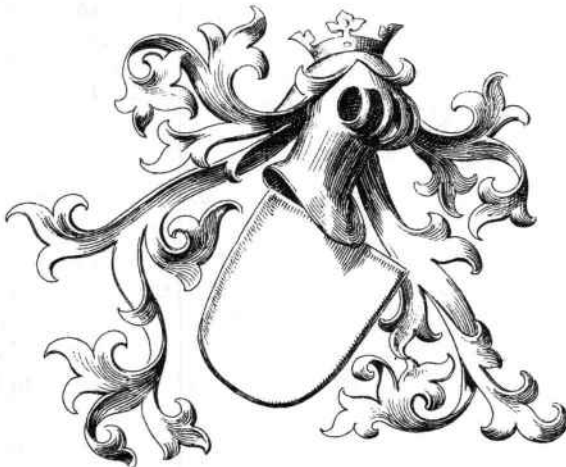
I want to take this droopy-leaved
Plant home. I know

Its sorrow, its transplantation
To this backyard bar

Of Manifest Destiny. I will not
Pay for friends. I will rob

And plunder.
I will ask without asking

If you are with me.
Sometimes.



HEROIC NIGHTNESS

Works have a life of their own
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Suggesting its use of us
Ours of it.

This intersection implies
A rich void of life
Restless on reconings
Spritual herenesses
Nowly other.

Oh man in a red shirt
Combat me not more.
I have given in too long
To remain yours
In this light.

It is your music
That surrounds,
Deep only in a symbolic
Wideness.

THAT YOU LIVE

There are certain ebbs
And flows of life
That bring an incredible sadness,
A mellow disillusioning
That but a quiet moment

Sinks to an inner strength,
A granite centeredness
Hitherto unknown (or
Unrealized, for to know
And to be are not yet one).

My darling, in your various
Relationships of fixivity
That secure your existence
I am unnecessarily jealous,
For you are only thereby allowed
To be.

And who you are fills the
drum, hum of my life
With a pervasive satisfaction
That only in its most sinking moments
Fills my life with the most royal blue.

GAY TAILS

BY PAUL O'M. WELLES

FIRST FABLE

Linda is a lesbian mouse, and her lover, Minnie, says she is very good in bed. Several years ago Linda scraped up some cash, and she and Minnie opened a cheese store.

"This will be a gay cheese store," Linda said, and she immediately pissed off a lot of mice by putting a sign in the window which said "Gays Only."

In spite of that the store did very well. Linda and Minnie made a lot of money, and they went into gourmet cheeses, not even bothering to carry Swiss and American anymore. That brought in all the snooty gay mice who paid even more money, and Linda and Minnie made even more money, just like Bloomindaes.

Soon Linda changed the sign to read "Lesbians Only." She wouldn't let male mice in the store, not even female mice with their male babies. The money slacked off, but they got by, and Linda told Minnie how important her principles were to her.

open only to activist lesbians. There weren't too many of these who could afford gourmet cheese, and the store fell on real hard times.

Interpreting the hard times as due to feminist reprisal, Linda put a sign in the window excluding all but "Really Revolutionary Lesbians Wearing Dirty White Coveralls."

Even Minnie, who fancied flamboyant tee-shirts and jeans, couldn't get in. She left Linda and went back to buying cheese at the A & P.

Broke, discouraged, and finally thrown out by her landlord, Linda sold matches on street corners in the snow and cursed mice who didn't smoke.

Near starvation, she finally met a straight mouse who married her and dragged her off to Hoboken to make babies for a laboratory.

MORAL: Better to sell cheap cheese to anybody than to sell out to a rat.

SECOND FABLE

Peter is a gay dog, and ever since he was a puppy all the other dogs have told him how cute he is. As an adolescent, he came out, and he soon found himself the center of attraction in all the best gay discos.

He was stunning, combining the sleekness of a Doberman with the grace of an Irish Setter, the cunning of a terrier with the charm of a Dachshund. He was the dog's bark.

Peter had a successful fling at discreet prostitution, though, of course, he did not call it that. But a rose by any other name got him a bed in a Park Avenue apartment and shares at The Pines and even one whoop-de-do cruise in the Caribbean.

Then Peter decided, as the invitations began to peter out, that he needed a lover, and he searched all the bars and finally found this really hunky Great Dane who tearfully vowed eternal love.

This worked fine for a couple of months. Danny the Dane came to love Peter deeply and devotedly, and they were seen together, holding paws, everywhere. One night, returning to their flat from the Dance Your Tail Off Disco, they stopped in at Gainesburger Heaven.

It was there that Peter first spotted a nifty bus-



The sign was changed again to "Up-front, Out-of-the-Closet Lesbians," and her customers were not as plentiful as before. In fact, Linda and Minnie began eating the stock.

Her meager finances infuriated Linda who was used to the finer things, and she became an activist, and announced, with another sign, that the store was

puppy, and he began to cheat on Danny with this impoverished Pomeranian. Danny didn't mind until Peter came home with a bad case of mange, and he threw him out.

Peter and The Pom took a double at the Sloane House, but when the management of Gainesburger Heaven found out that The Pom had mange they fired him.

By this time age and mange had taken their toll, and Peter was no longer the cute young dog he had always been, and The Pom took off for greener pastures, leaving Peter to lick his wounds.

Peter turned morose and considered suicide.



One day Peter met this bulldog who was poor and uglier than sin. They had a lot in common (ugliness and poverty), and they made a new start and lived out their lives inconspicuously, but happily, on Staten Island.

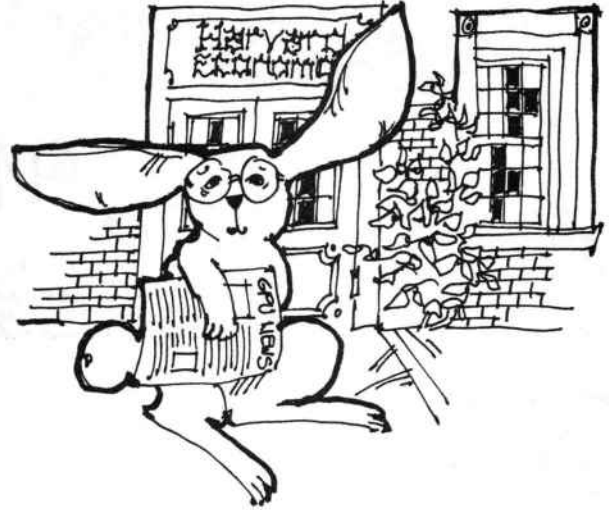
MORAL: A smart dog does not ignore old tricks.

THIRD FABLE

Sammy is a gay rabbit, and, Lord knows, there aren't many of those. But his mother had fed him a lot of chicken soup, and his father had always been out humping and thumping, and the inevitable happened.

Unfortunately, Sammy was not a cute bunny, and he hardly ever made out, particularly since there were so few other gay bunnies in his neighborhood. He got an inferiority complex and grew up in the warren, pretending, thumping a lot, that he was as straight as the next rabbit.

Sammy went to college and majored in economics (no rabbitries for him!). When he graduated at the top of his class his proud father bought him a seat on the Commodities Exchange and he made a fortune in carrot futures.



With all this money Sammy decided he could afford, finally, to come out. Sammy came out with a splash and started a gay publication for gay rabbits. By this time there were more gay rabbits, of course, and the publication was a success, making even more money for Sammy.

Sammy was an ugly rabbit, as he had been an ugly bunny, but now he had a lot of friends and admirers, and he never realized they were all—to a rabbit—mere sycophants and other money-grubbing rabbits. He slept with a lot of them and thought he had found true happiness.

Very soon, because Sammy had begun to think of himself as God, Sammy's publication began to piss off the gay rabbits, and lots of the rabbits working for him began to disassociate themselves from his publication. He made exorbitant claims for the publication's circulation, was rude to writers, and soaked his advertisers.

All the gay rabbits soon discovered there were other gay publications to read, and the advertisers discovered there were better publications to advertise in, and gradually Sammy found his publication had a lot of blank pages.

Now, nobody reads a paper with blank pages, and Sammy was losing his fur.

One day Sammy woke up to the fact that he was a nothing gay rabbit and decided to pack it in and go back to carrot futures. In Chicago, he met a humpy hare who dealt in cotton futures. The fell madly in love and made a mint. Sammy considered himself very lucky and stopped thinking of himself as God.

MORAL: If you're making it in the carrot patch, stay there.



OFF THE RECORD

Mary Watkins *Something Moving*

Something Moving by Mary Watkins. Various instrumentalists and soloists. Olivia Records BLF 919. Stereo LP. [Olivia Records, 2662 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612.]

Up to the present Olivia has issued eight albums covering a variety of materials which reflect the diversity of women's cultural backgrounds. These have included singer-songwriter albums, R & B band, a Latin rock group, and one spoken word album—many reviewed in earlier issues of GPU NEWS. Mary Watkins' **Something Moving** is Olivia's first jazz-fusion album, and probably the first all-women jazz-fusion album ever issued by anyone. "All-women" means just that: instrumentalists, soloists, composers, engineers, producers, graphic designers, and finally distributors.

Mary Watkins is a pianist, composer, arranger, performer, and songwriter whose many talents have enhanced the music of other artists as well as contributed to the creation of her own unique sound. In her own music, she draws upon a variety of American styles ranging through classical, blues, jazz, soul, funk, spiritual and popular. The result is a highly diversified album with rich harmonies, professional sound, and something to please every palate.

Following a rich musical child-



Photo: Kate Winter



Photo: Laraine

hood, Watkins entered Howard University, and was the first woman to receive a degree in composition from that school. After graduation she went on to play in a variety of situations and groups: accompanying modern dance ensembles, playing jazz piano in clubs, working with various combos, and (as she has done since childhood) accompanying choirs. For several years she served as musical director for a Black theater in Washington. In 1973 she returned to Colorado to work on composition, which remained mostly classical until she turned to contemporary forms in 1975. Some of

her major compositions were performed by local civic orchestras, and the Pueblo Civic Orchestra featured her **Potomac Park** as part of its bi-centennial observances.

In Los Angeles she came into contact with a number of women's groups. She did some of the accompaniments for Teresa Trull's first Olivia album, and also worked as co-producer, contributing songs and arrangements. Her piano and songwriting skills have also contributed to two other Olivia albums: **Lesbian Concentrate** and Meg Christian's **Face The Music**. With several concerts scheduled nationally this spring and summer.

her first feature Olivia album is a natural.

Something Moving offers seven numbers: "Yesterday's Children", "Back Rap", "Brick Hut", "A Chording to the People", "Leaving All the Shadows Behind",

"Witches' Revenge", and "I Hear Music." Of these some are pure instrumentals, others vocal with an equally rich instrumentation. Instrumental support includes grand piano, electric piano, electric and classical guitar, electric bass,

French horn, clarinet, trumpet, violins, viola, cello, conga, and a variety of percussion. The style and substance of Watkins' art defies easy pigeon-holing, so "fusion" is indeed the logical choice. As usual, Olivia has provided the texts for the vocals on the liner in both English and Spanish, together with background information in both languages as well.

The music is sufficiently diverse to have something for every taste. The longer compositions run to close to eight minutes on the average, and are capable of sustaining listener interest each step of the way. As with everything Olivia has produced to date, engineering and production have been skillfully and professionally finished. Our review disc was also distinctive by the absence of surface noise or blemishes throughout—more than just a rarity in these days of sloppy mass production. No doubt about it—Olivia has another winner in Mary Watkins.

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(Clockwise from left) Tui, Bonnie, Jennifer, Joy, June, Mary, Gwen, Suzie, Marnie, Negra



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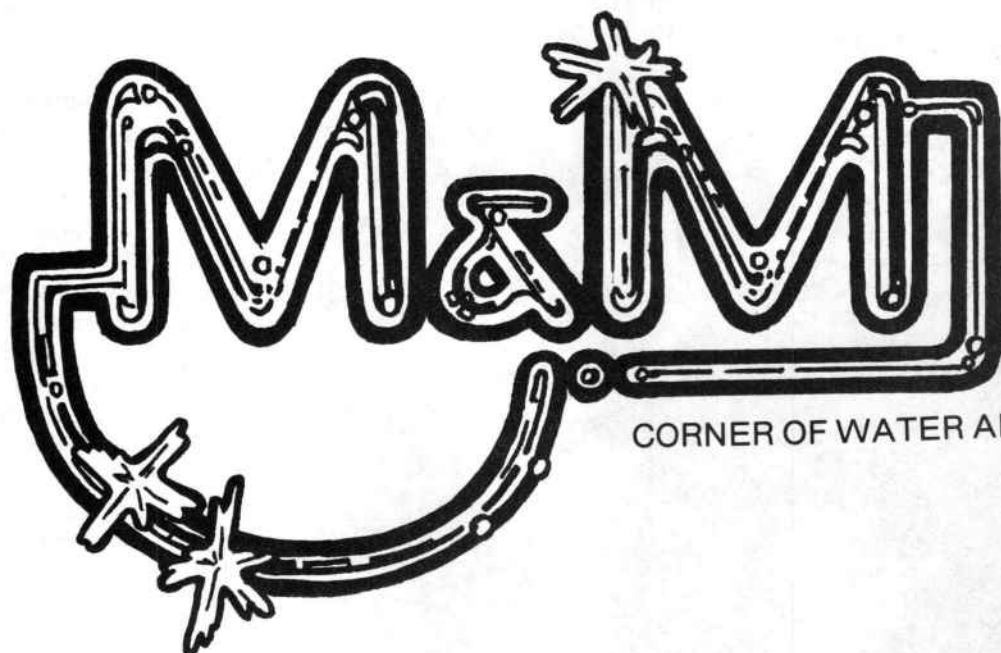
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HERE & THERE

Pullman, WA—An effort has begun here to ban a gay organization on the Washington State University campus. A petition drive has begun in an effort to hold a student referendum on a recent student activity funding of the Gay Awareness Committee on campus. The grant (\$111) came after two years of denial. A group of "born again" christians is seeking the needed 2,900 signatures for the student referendum.

Gay Community News

Minneapolis, MN—The Gay Survival Fund has lost its fight to gain status as a major political party. GSF brought suit against the State Secretary and the Commissioner of Revenue after being denied major party status in November of 1978. In denying recognition to GSF, the state Supreme Court ruled that the sole issue raised in the case is whether the GSF "presented" a candidate for election as required in the state statutes.

Gay Community News

Cheyenne, WY—The ERA has won a victory and suffered a loss. The Wyoming Senate, the first legislative body in the nation to grant women voting rights, has affirmed the state's ratification of ERA. Meanwhile, in Virginia, a Senate committee killed ERA for the seventh year in a row.

Associated Press

New York, NY—**Time** magazine has called for an end to all sodomy laws and questioned the need for laws to protect gays in a two-page editorial in its January 9 issue. The editorial, written by John Leo, credits the gay liberation movement with progress toward gaining tolerance, and notes that "there is no case for prosecuting or persecuting the gay community."

Time

Los Angeles, CA—Soon after 15,00 gay people frolicked at Disneyland in June of 1978, officials of the park said that they were pleased with the crowd and would not hesitate to do it again. Without explanation, there has been a sudden change in policy: "We have decided to discontinue this service to that community."

Bay Area Reporter

San Francisco, CA—Charges have been filed by gay activist Hank Wilson against a police sergeant at Central Station. Wilson contends in his complaint to Police Internal Affairs that Sgt. Edward Fowlie made an implied threat on his life on January 9.

Bay Area Reporter

East Anglia, UK—When East Anglia bikers held their snow-bound Twelfth-Night celebration at the black Horse, Fowlmere, there wasn't a bike in sight. Most guests came by heated car. "Butch we said, but crazy, no."

Gay News (London)

Boston, MA—The Resolutions Committee of the Massachusetts Teachers Association has adopted a new resolution on non-discrimination which includes sexual orientation. The resolution will be submitted to the annual meeting of delegates in May. The vote on it was 7 to 2 in favor.

Gay Community News

Harrisburg, PA—In January, Pennsylvania Commerce Secretary Norval Reece asked an aide for a "list of male and female employees in the department, broken down by sex," for an affirmative action study. Reece received a response from the aide which read: "We have no male or female employees broken down by sex, but we do have alcoholics."

Reuters

Washington, D.C.—Today's average college freshman is a political moderate who favors legalized abortion and gay rights, ending preferred admissions for minorities and moderate social change. Survey director Dr. Alexander W. Astin also noted that, because of grade inflation, "the A-student may not be what he used to be."

United Press International

Sydney, Australia—A gay caucus in one of Australia's smallest unions has successfully launched a campaign to end discrimination against gays in the workforce, the repercussions from which would eventually be felt in the workers' world forum, the International Labor Organization (ILO). The Australian Social Welfare Union, with the support of teachers in the teachers union, has convinced Australia's largest white-collar organization to declare its opposition to anti-gay discrimination and to draw up a rights program for gay unionists.

Campaign

NSW, Australia—A New South Wales Lesbian Mothers Group is currently gathering data on child custody and access cases involving lesbians. Information should be sent to: Lesbian Mothers Group, Box 6, Balmain, Australia 2041.

Press Release

Norfolk, VA—The U.S. Navy's longstanding tradition of calling its ships "she" is nearing its end. The ships are now to be called "it", seamen would be called "sailors" (masculine or feminine), and Naval Academy students are to be called "midshippeople." The Defense Department is circulating the recommendation to remove gender-designation terms from military language.

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Associated Press

Williamsburg, VA—The annual council of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, meeting in late January, approved a recommendation which prohibits the ordination of "avowed or practicing homosexuals" to the Anglican priesthood. The same group decided to ignore another recommendation which called for study of "pastoral needs of homosexuals."

Times-Dispatch (Richmond)

Chicago, IL—The world's oldest profession now has a trade school. **Human Behavior** magazine reports that an ex-madam operates a school for prostitution in Illinois which has been graduating about 20 students a year for the past six years.

Human Behavior

Mexico City, Mexico—The Fourth World Congress of Sociology will be held here on December 16-21, 1979. Scientific papers are invited, and both male and female homosexuality are among the official topics. Deadline for receipt of a titled 200-word summary, which must be accompanied by a paid registration form, is June 20. For information booklet and registration forms, write to: IV Congreso Mundial de Sexologie, apdo Postal 61-057, Mexico City, Republic of Mexico.

Press Release

Sydney, Australia—A legal precedent may have been set here with the recent arrest of two Sydney lesbians for "offensive behavior." Penny Watson, 19, and Srah Dunn, 36, were arrested in Cook's Park. According to the arresting officers, "The clothing of the women was not disarrayed, but the breast of one of them was partly visible."

Campaign

N.S.W., Australia—After months of grass roots organizing, a federation of New South Wales gay organizations has been formed. The federation has 18 member groups, and held its first meeting at the University of NSW, South Kensington. For further information, write to: Concerned Homosexual Uniting Group (CHUG), Box 261, NSW, Australia, 2011.

Campaign

Washington, DC—Plans for a huge march by gays in Washington, D.C. this July 4 are meeting fierce opposition from gays and gay organizations in the nation's capital. Gay leaders cite a lack of focus for the march, together with the fact that little planning has gone into it to date, as primary reasons for their opposition.

San Francisco Sentinel

Lansing, MI—The Michigan Supreme Court has reversed four lower court decisions and restored custody of a 12-year-old girl to her lesbian mother. "Two and a half years of hell are truly over," said an ecstatic Margaret Miller.

Gay Community News

New York, NY—Police here continue their investigation of a murder which took place on January 8 in the Anvil, a backroom gay bar. Persons with information about the incident should call Detective Luther Barnes at (212) 477-7444.

Gaysweek

Portland, OR—The Oregon Court of Appeals has ruled that the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners improperly revoked the license of Portland physician Marvin Stalde on grounds of alleged "homosexual advances."

Reuters

Los Angeles, CA—UCLA psychiatrist Robert Stoller, a pioneer in the field of the psychology of sexual excitement, claims that people choose their sexual partners out of an innate sense of hostility, not love or good vibrations. "Hostility," he noted, "overt and/or hidden, is what generates sexual excitement."

Los Angeles Times

Melbourne, Australia—A Melbourne gay collective has picked up the gauntlet thrown down by the recent National Homosexual Conference in Sydney, and is organizing the Fifth National Congress, which is to be held September 1-2, 1979.

Campaign

Uganda, Africa—President Idi Amin is furious at the Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops, which proposes "counseling of homosexuals." Homosexuality is neither accepted nor even talked about in Uganda, he said, adding: "To believe that it is anything but unnatural is to say that God had been foolish to create two sexes."

Gay News (London)

Scotland, UK—The new militancy of the Scottish Homosexual Rights Group is carrying its revitalized campaign into nongay pubs—with over 5,000 specially printed beer-mats. Each beermat carries the Lambda Symbol, gives the SHRG contact address, and proudly adds: "We're in the phonebook—under 'Homosexual.'"

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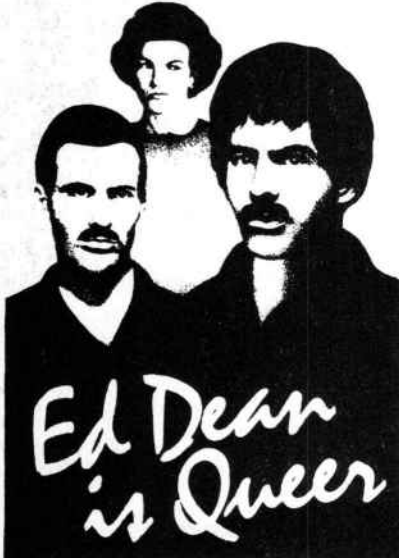
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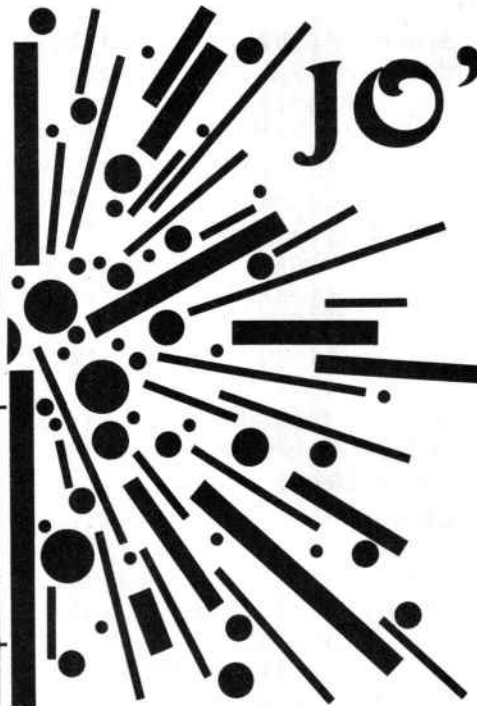
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Sunday Mirror

London, UK—To help raise funds, the Gay Switchboard has initiated Dial-A-Bid. To begin the new project artist Denis O'Sullivan donated a charcoal drawing for auction.

Gay News (London)

Tel Aviv, Israel—To assist in the battle against queer-bashers here, the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights has organized "gan" patrols of gay vigilantes. Though initial reaction among gays was sceptical, increasing numbers are reacting positively to the organized patrols, which have already had several successful confrontations with thugs.

SPPR Newsletter (Israel)

Edmonton, Ontario—Canadian University Press has voted to continue boycotting CBC radio advertising because of its discriminatory public service announcements policy. The station will accept no announcements from or about gay organizations.

Body Politic

Montreal, Quebec—What's red, white, and straight as an arrow? Answer: Santa Claus, according to the Association of Santa Clauses of Quebec (L'Association des peres Noel de Quebec). The organization ran an ad December 2 in a Montreal daily, and specified that potential Clauses must be "sober, honest, and have no homosexual tendencies." No hanky-panky with the reindeer either.

La Presse (Quebec)

Ottawa, Ontario—Canada needs tougher human rights laws, less conservative courts, less powerful governments, and a public which doesn't turn the other cheek. These were the conclusions of a conference on human rights held in December to mark the 30th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Body Politic

Tucson, AZ—Local Tucson attorney Beverly Ginn was hired by the Mohave County Superior Court to act as their first juvenile court referee. One week later Ms. Ginn was informed by Judge Langford that he had "changed his mind" because he had been informed that she was a "gay activist."

Arizona Gay News

Brussels, Belgium—Despite repeated attempts and requests for clarification by Belgian gays, the Brussels Tramway Company continues to refuse to accept advertising from the brussels Gay Centre counseling service.

Gay News (London)

Athens, Greece—In response to many complaints sent to his government by eec citizens, Dr. Spyros Doxiadis, the Greek Minister of Social Services, has given assurances that newly enacted Greek laws regulating prostitution will not be used by police to discriminate against gays.

Gay News (London)

Brighton, UK—Police here are investigating a right-wing group calling itself the "Anti Commie League" after an abortive effort to break up a film show. A gang of ten or twelve black-clad thugs ran from the Wagner Hall in Recency Street after they met spirited resistance from the first two gay men they encountered.

Gay News (London)

Santa Ana, CA—Arson has again struck the Metropolitan Community Church. On January 24 the historic wooden building whose cornerstone was laid in 1897 was totally destroyed. The Rev. Roger Harrison, pastor of the congregation of one hundred, said that there had been no threats received prior to the burning. The fire is the most recent in a rash of similar torchings which have struck that area.

San Francisco Sentinel

Rochester, NY—A recent vote by the City Council here has given overwhelming support to continuance of a federally funded program for gays. The nine-member Council voted 7-2 to provide an additional \$22,784 to the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley's Community Outreach Program. The project had been under attack by Reverend Fletcher Brothers, who (with the support of the lone Republican on the Council) plastered the city with \$24,000 worth of anti-gay billboard advertisements. Brothers' religious fervor was overcome by the positive remarks for the program made by other leaders of the Rochester religious community.

Gay Community News

Boston, MA—The first official meeting of Boston's new Gay Business Association was held on February 11.

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Get Off My Ship: Ensign Berg vs. the U.S. Navy by E. Lawrence Gibson. Illustrated by Vernon E. Berg III. Avon Books, New York, 1978, \$4.95.

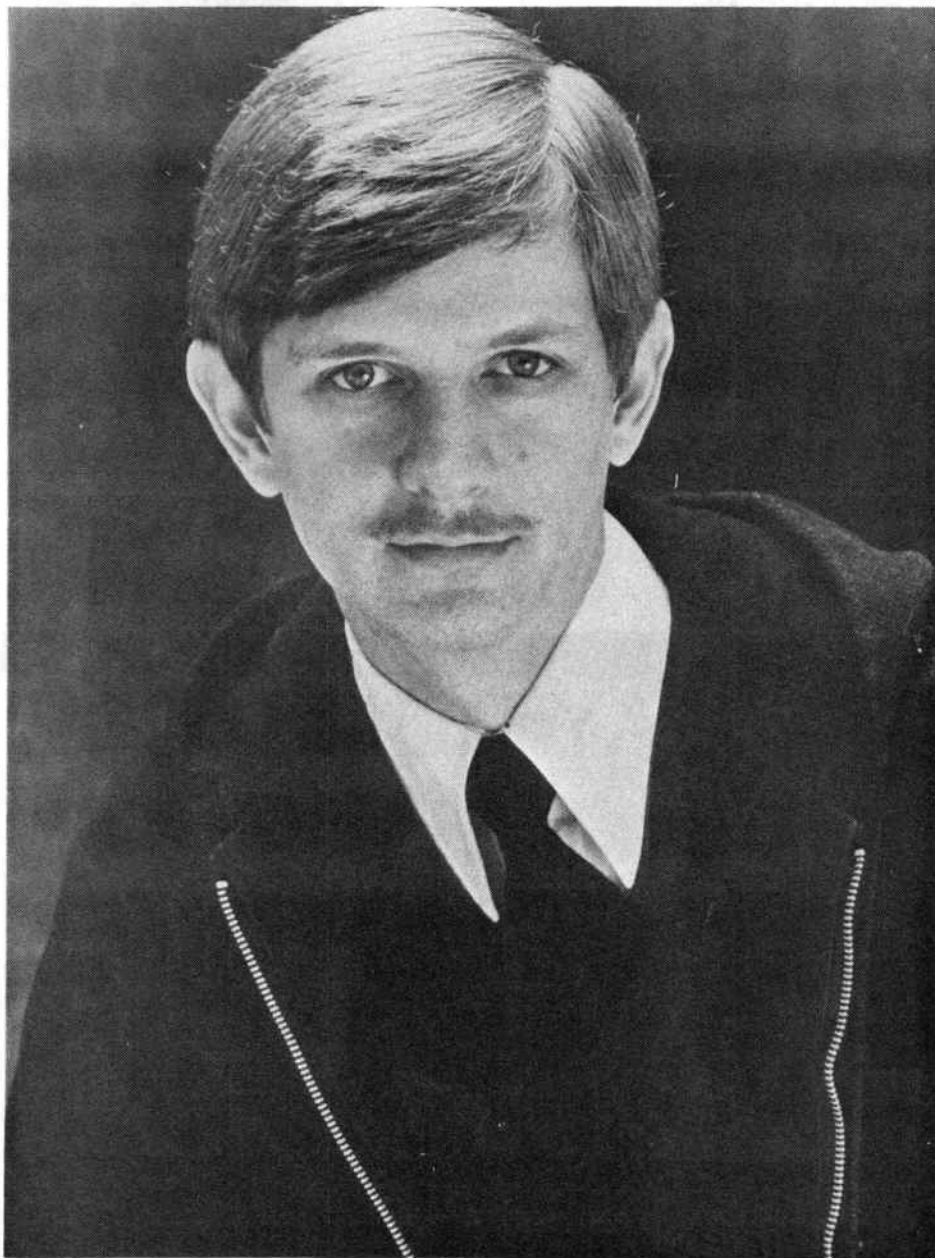
Reviewed by Jim Jones, M.A.

When a person reaches old age, he can rightfully be asked to defend his life and present evidence to show what he has achieved with the talents he was given. A person in his twenties should not have to present a tally sheet of his lifetime, but Ensign Vernon E. (Copy) Berg III was forced to do so.

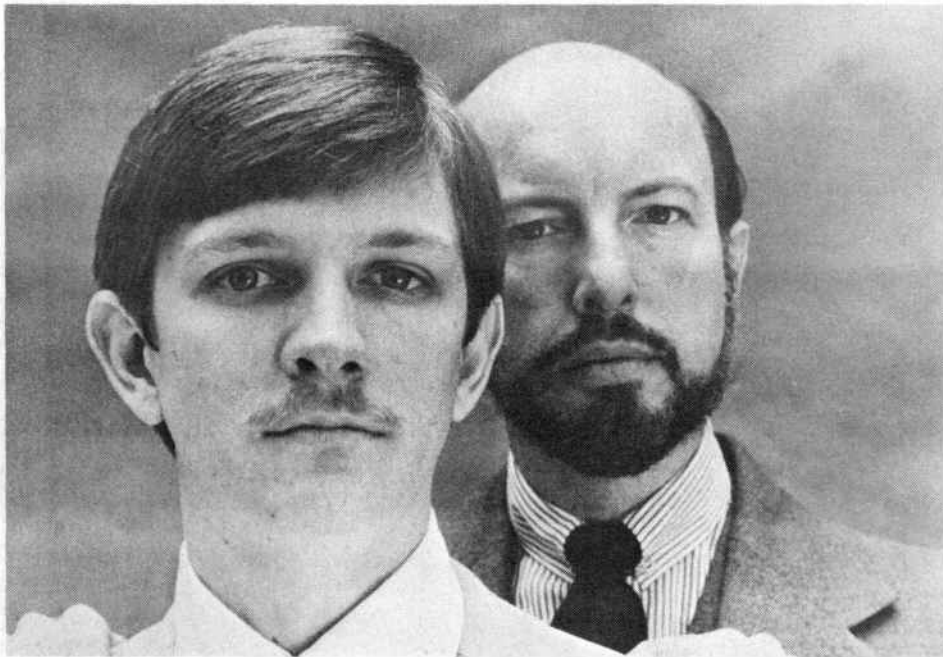
His friend and companion, E. Lawrence Gibson, has written an account of Berg's (and his own) ordeal with the U.S. Navy from July, 1975 through the discharge in 1976, and the appeals during the following years. It is frightening and, unfortunately, all too believable.

Ensign Berg was the Assistant Public Affairs Officer on the staff of Vice Admiral Frederick C. Turner aboard the **USS Little Rock**, the flagship of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. On July 22, 1975, Berg and Gibson, a civilian teacher aboard the same ship, were interrogated for four hours by agents of the Naval Investigative Service. Neither was told what, if any, rights he had. The agents delved into extremely personal matters, attempted to have them say other officers and enlisted men were gay, and, in general, browbeat them. After hours of questioning, they were told to sign statements an agent had typed up. If they hadn't, the statements would be submitted anyway. The Navy barred Gibson from his teaching duties and initiated processing for Berg's discharge.

Despite his avowed homosexuality, Berg was kept aboard ship for a special deployment to North Africa and retained his Top Secret clear-



Vernon E. Berg III



ance. He handled at this time more duties and more of a more sensitive nature than ever before. All this after being investigated for allegations of homosexuality.

One month later, Berg and Gibson returned to the United States to await the Navy's decision concerning Berg's discharge. After three months of inaction on the part of the Pentagon, Berg, with the assistance of the American Civil Liberties Union, requested a public hearing to fight for retention. Held in Norfolk, Virginia, in January of 1976, Berg's discharge proceedings assumed the scale and intensity of an intricate criminal trial. A board of five officers heard the case, and, having admitted at the outset their predisposition in retaining homosexuals within the

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Navy irregardless of individual merit in performance, they recommended against the testimony of all witnesses present for his retention, that Ensign Berg be discharged "under conditions less than honorable."

Copy's and Gibson's fight to make the Navy face the issue of gay sailors is brave, courageous, and intelligent, but both of them and the reader know it was ill-fated. The Navy set out to rid itself as soon as possible of a dangerous troublemaker and did so with full speed ahead.

Gibson's account of this period in his and Copy's life shows the human condition in a time of stress and the lack of humanity evinced by the Naval authorities. Justice lacks at every turn. The defense objections are "noted for the record" but not acted upon. Each of the officers on the panel has already decided on his verdict before the inquiry begins, and so has the Admiral to whom they report their findings and give a recommendation. The defense receives no help in gathering information or witnesses while the prosecution has every opportunity to garner all it needs for what must be called a "kangaroo court." The witnesses whom the prosecution calls respond almost to a man that Ensign Berg is an above average officer and human being and should be retained. The star witness for the prosecution testifies to an incident which Berg swears never occurred. After the witness changes his story two or three times, the reader believes Berg. The Board, however, does not.

What carries the reader through the story to an already known conclusion is the noble figure of Copy Berg who responds with intelligence and dignity to each setback, to each problem. He is forced to come out to his parents and, after an initial period of disbelief, anger, and fear, receives acceptance from both and an especially solid support from his father, a Navy chaplain. Because Chaplain Berg testi-

fied for his son and did not go along with Navy regulations, he was twice passed over for promotion and finally forced into an early retirement last year.

Copy Berg took his fight to the United States courts and is still trying to get an order for reinstatement. The Navy, sensing it might lose the case because of the numerous irregularities in the inquiry it had conducted, last year upgraded Berg's discharge from "other than honorable" to "honorable." Meanwhile, neither Berg nor Gibson has found a permanent job and the proceedings described in this book have indelibly marked both men.

The account of this farce of a trial portrays the little man against the all-powerful establishment. It is a familiar scenario but still maintains the ability to surprise and shock us with its abuses of power and the realization that no one, no matter how superlative of character and

performance, can withstand the onslaught, once provoked.

The book stands as a document to the omnipotence of the military, a power which it retains today. The Navy has not changed its attitude towards homosexuals, although, because of Berg, it did change the wording of the section referring to homosexual behavior of Naval personnel so that separation from the service is no longer mandatory, but "normal."

Berg felt he had to take a stand and defend not only himself but other homosexuals serving admirably in the military. His singular act effected one small change but at an enormous cost. What is frightening about this story is our realization that the military maintains almost unlimited power, to be exercised at its whim, over its personnel and that the military will not change unless forced to do so. How long will this be permitted to continue?

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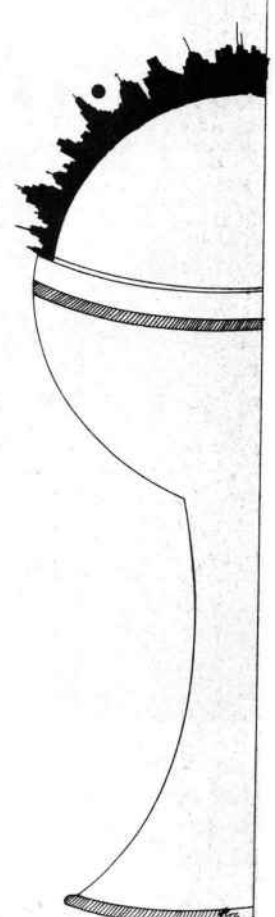
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Gay Plays. Edited with introduction by William Hoffman. Avon Books, New York, 1979, Paper, \$3.60.

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice, Ph. D.

William Hoffman is both an editor (three volumes of Hill and Wang's New American Plays series) and a playwright for stage television and radio. His plays (e.g., *Gilles de Rats*, *A Book of Etiquette*,

A Quick Nut Bread to Make Your Mouth Water) have been performed on stages throughout the United States. His theater research has earned him one grant from the Guggenheim Foundation and two from the National Endowment for the Humanities. A one-time teacher at the University of Massachusetts, he now lives in New York City, where he is at work on an opera libretto.

Hoffman initially characterizes the "gay play" as one whose central figure(s) is or are homosexuals. A gay play need not be written by a gay or for gays; and is different from "gay theater", or productions which acknowledge that there are gays on both sides of the footlights. The seven plays anthologized here are prefaced with a generous introduction in which the editor provides a brief historical account of the gay play, beginning with Marlowe's *Edward II* of 1591. We are told that, after this play, the next landmark gay play in English was Mae West's *The Drag*, and a brief account of contemporary theater follows. After this Hoffman provides some explanation of the reasons for his selection, and some prophetic remarks about the future of gay plays. More of the latter after a brief examination of his choices.

For those of us who need it, Robert Patrick's *T-Shirts* provides a crash course in what it's like to be a gay man in any large American city of the 70's. Though they are of different ages and outlooks, Patrick's three principal gay characters all face the same problems: finding love, balancing idealism against the spirit of the times, staying away from drugs. Gayness is not a problem here, only a given; but the problems lie in the new morality. *T-Shirts*, hilariously funny at points, is profound social criticism.

Boy Meets Boy is the only musical in the collection. Based upon the outlandish pre-supposition that

gayness was accepted and normal in the 1930's, the play offers a comedy fairyland in London and Paris, where no situation cannot be solved by true love.

Susan Miller's **Confessions of a Female Disorder** studies the rite of passage of Ronnie from childhood to adolescence. It is a beautiful exploration of a woman's need to grow. As part of her growth Ronnie becomes a lesbian.

Lanford Wilson's **The Madness of Lady Bright** is a one-act play set wholly in the mind of its title subject, who is a disintegrating middle-aged queen. Effeminate, promiscuous, haughty, affected, and lonely, Leslie is both a stereotype and a sure representation of one segment of the gay community. Wilson's skill as a playwright enables his principal character to transcend the stereotypical via the sheer force of his own individuality. Leslie ultimately impresses us as an aging person unable to come to terms with his own death.

Joe Orton, who took a dim view of human ideals, offers us a total presentation of his perspective in **Entertaining Mr. Sloane**. The characters of the play are utterly without redeeming social quality—motivated only by greed and lust, foxlike in their intelligence, and vastly ignorant. Ed lives in a macho world of "mates" and crude sado-masochism. The object of his affections, Sloane, is a bisexual male prostitute and murderer who uses for his own ends both Ed and Ed's lecherous sister, Kath. We raise our hands in horror: not a play in which to look for confirmation of love.

Jane Chambers' **A Late Show** is a realistic romantic drama about lesbians. Its characters are all intelligent, none suffers from self-hate or cynicism, and none feels that love is an illusion. As Hoffman notes, the play is doubly unique: it offers a positive and upbeat presentation, and it is about lesbians. The paucity of lesbian plays is a corollary of the paucity of women playwrights, or so at least we are

led to believe.

I suspect that Hoffman includes Frank Marcus' **The Killing of Sister George** for one (possibly both) of two reasons, the first being to enable him to have three lesbian plays in the collection. The second might be to have a play which depicts its lesbian characters in colors about as dismal as Joe Orton's gay males. In any event, if one doesn't have to be gay to write a gay play, then surely one doesn't have to be a woman to write a lesbian play,

following Hoffman's definitions.

Finally we have **Cornbury**, the first of a trilogy of comedies written by William Hoffman and Anthony Holland in reaction to the garbage which was being produced for theatrical acknowledgement of the Bicentennial celebrations. Hoffman described it as "an act of revanchist revisionist history, inspired by a portrait of His Lordship in drag, which hangs in the New York Historical Society." Again according to its collaborator, the play has a

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number of messages: gays have existed in America from its inception, they have been suppressed, civilized people have always been at war with Bible-thumping revolutionaries masked as conservatives, and Lady Cornbury was a kleptomaniac.

Let us suppose, again following the closing sections of the editor's introduction, that the forces of bigotry should be defeated, or at least held at bay, and that gay theater should continue to flourish. Hoffman anticipates (or hopes for?) six results. First, the appearance on a major stage in a major play of a gay super-hero(ine), played by either a gay or a nongay. [I can only think of the potentialities for a **Star-Wars** sequel.] Secondly, there should be more appearances of gays as major characters in plays whose central themes have nothing to do with homosexuality. Thirdly, Hoffman anticipates the further development of gay theaters for gay audiences—noting parenthetically that gays traditionally don't support their own theaters (or anything else for that matter). Fourthly, there will probably follow the welcome appearance of more and better lesbian portrayals. If all of this goes through, we should see (fifthly) the coming out of major male and female stars of movies, television, or stage—thus encouraging other performers to speak their minds.

Sixthly, and finally, Hoffman hopes for the stage exploration of gay history. The only gay figure who has been dealt with to any extent is Oscar Wilde. The public image of homosexuality lacks historical depth. To gays and nongays alike it often appears as if homosexuality were a political movement invented by radicals sometime in the sixties, rather than, as Hoffman notes, "a mode of behavior that is as old as humanity and as ordinary or extraordinary as heterosexuality."

Following the texts of the plays, the editor has graciously appended an extensive bibliography of works in and about the gay theater, to

which he has also added brief biographical sketches of the playwrights whose works he has here anthologized. The result is a volume of almost 500 pages; and, at less than four dollars, it is little short of a steal. The fact that Avon has opted for its appearance within its paperback "Bard" series provides tacit but welcome testimony to the growth of the gay market.

Of course those who are strongly into gay plays and gay theater may have individual quibbles about

the inclusion of this play, or exclusion of some other; but that is not to the point. The volume is a sampler, not a historical survey. That no volume of even three times its size could be more than a sampling constitutes eloquent testimony to the growth and promise of gay plays and gay theater. Avon's mass-marketing should, we can only hope, place this volume where it belongs: in virtually every serious bookstore everywhere. Buy, and enjoy.



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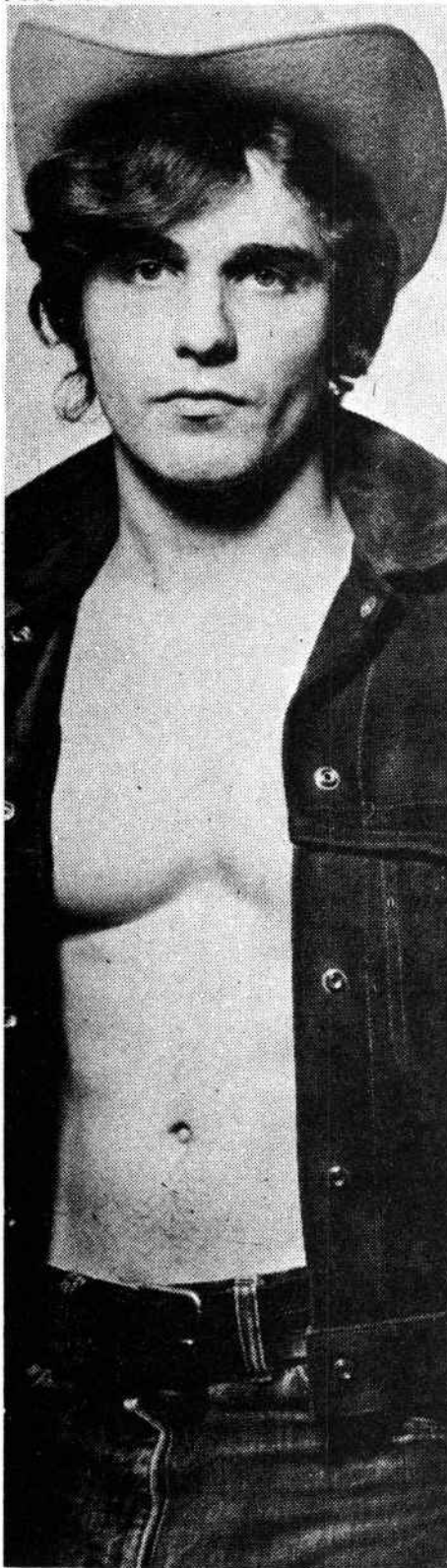
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CALENDAR

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March 2

Dignity (Chicago) Hosts Pastoral Ministers Gathering at the Sheraton O'Hare Hotel, thru March 4.

March 3

Dignity (Chicago) See March 2.
AGC (Milwaukee) Variety Show, 10 p.m., The Phoenix.

March 4

Dignity (Chicago) See March 2.
Jodee's (Racine) Pool Tournament, cash prizes, Starts 5 p.m.
Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
MCC (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
SIGHT (Kenosha) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Spiritualist Church, 6333 Sheridan Rd.
Village Church (Milwaukee) Service 5 p.m., Speaker Rev. Thad Rutter, "Love for Self", 1108 N. Jackson. See ad elsewhere.
Gays United of Quad Cities (Davenport) Meeting, 2 p.m., 3707 Eastern Ave., Nominations for officers.
Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

March 5

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Annual Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center.

March 7

Man's Country (Chicago) Movies.

March 8

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist group meeting, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

March 11

Lambda Lounge (Appleton) 5th Annual Mardi Gras Festival, 343 W. College Ave. Costume Prizes, Door drawings, Phone 733-9757 for information.
Village Church (Milwaukee) Service, 5 p.m., Speaker Liz Dryer, "Love for God", 1108 N. Jackson.
Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Mil-

waukee) 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
MCC (Milwaukee) Service, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
SIGHT (Racine) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Unitarian Church, 625 W. College Ave.
Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

March 12

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center, Speaker: Eldon E. Murray, "Erotic Poetry of Walt Whitman."
Integrity (Indianapolis) Eucharist, All Saints Chapel, Discussion by Belle Choate, "The Law and Gay-Lesbian Persons", for info write: Box 68290, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

March 14

Man's Country (Chicago) Movies.

March 15

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist group, Pot-luck dinner, 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition. Phone 332-1678 for info.
Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie 9 p.m.

March 17

ECOM (Milwaukee) St. Patrick's Show, 9:30 p.m., The Ball Game (Donation).
Knight Out (Chicago) Free Green shot glass to everyone buying a shot.

March 18

Jodee's (Racine) St. Pat's Party, Corn Beef & Cabbage.
The Ball Game (Milwaukee) 5th Anniversary—ALL DAY AFFAIR.
Village Church (Milwaukee) Service, 5 p.m., Speaker Rev. Jerome Nilssen, "Love for One Another: Different Lifestyles", 1108 N. Jackson. See ad elsewhere.
Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
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Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

March 19

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee)
Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.

March 21

Man's Country (Chicago) Movies.

March 22

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie 9 p.m.
Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist
group meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
Women's Coalition.

March 25

Village Church (Milwaukee) Jazz
Liturgy, 5 p.m., 1108 N. Jackson.
Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) 6 p.m.
The Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Mil-
waukee) 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
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Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite 5
& 10 p.m.

March 26

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee)
Meeting, 8 p.m. Farwell Center.

March 28

Siena Center (Chicago) Panel on
"The Homosexual Person", fea-
turing representatives of Dignity/
Milwaukee. For info write: Box 597
Milwaukee, WI 53201 or phone:
(414) 482-1015.
Man's Country (Chicago) Movies.

March 29

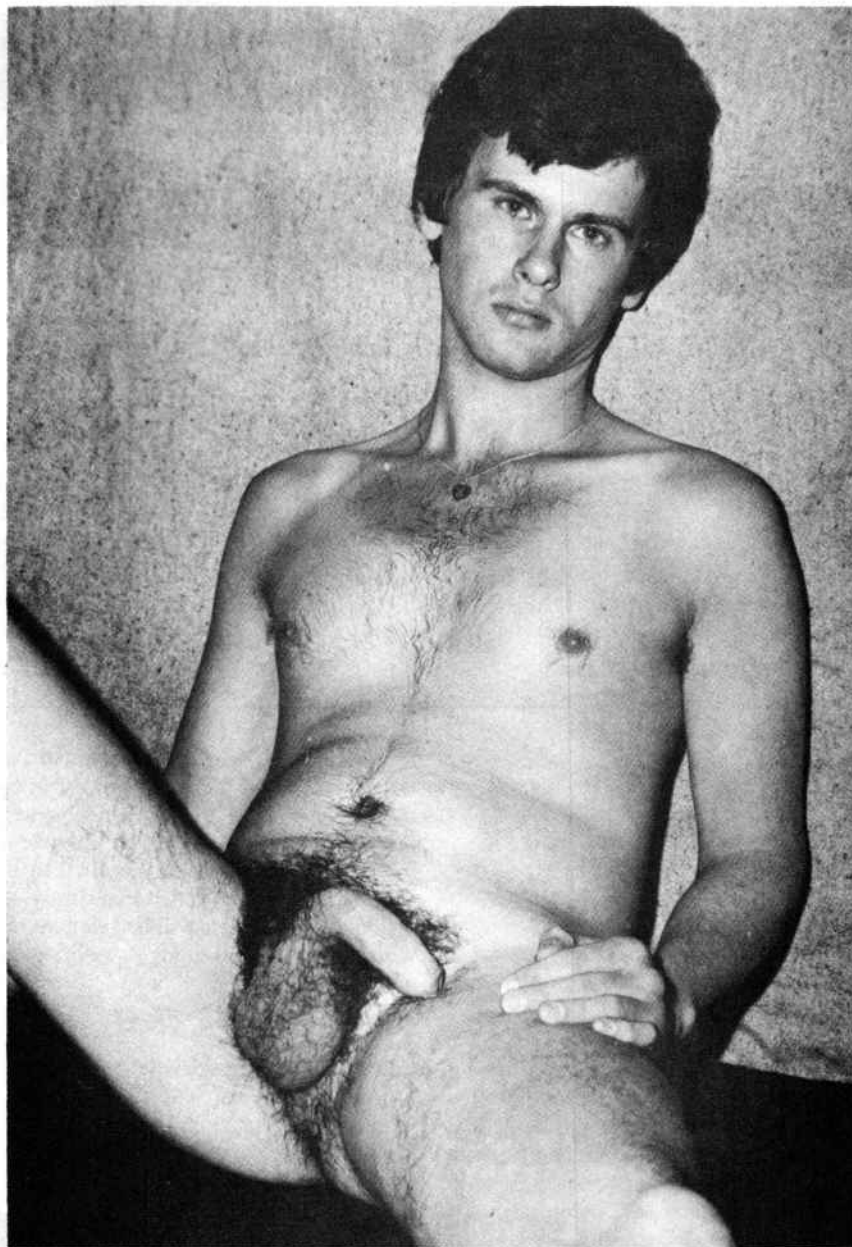
Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie 9 p.m.
Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist
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men's coalition.

March 31

Knight Out Source Bookshop
(Chicago) Used Book Sale for ben-
efit of Howard Brown Memorial
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April 1

Knight Out Source Bookshop
(Chicago) See March 31 listing.
Gays United of Quad Cities (Dav-
enport) Election of officers. 2 p.m.,
3707 Eastern Ave.
Village Church (Milwaukee) Ser-
vice, Speaker Sr. Rita Martin,



"Love for One Another: Social In-
justice", 5 p.m., 1108 N. Jackson.
Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) 6 p.m.
The Farwell Center.
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3 p.m., Spiritualist Church, 6333
Sheridan Rd.
Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite 5
& 10 p.m.

April 2

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee)

Business meeting, 8 p.m., The Far-
well Center.

April 4

Man's Country (Chicago) Movies.

April 5

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie 9 p.m.
Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist
group meeting, 7:30 p.m., Wo-
men's Coalition.

April 7

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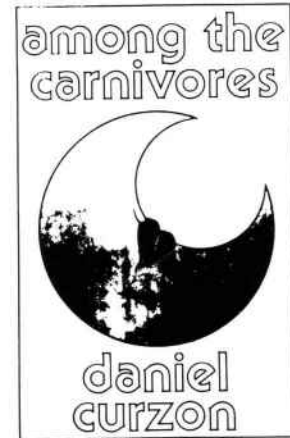
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