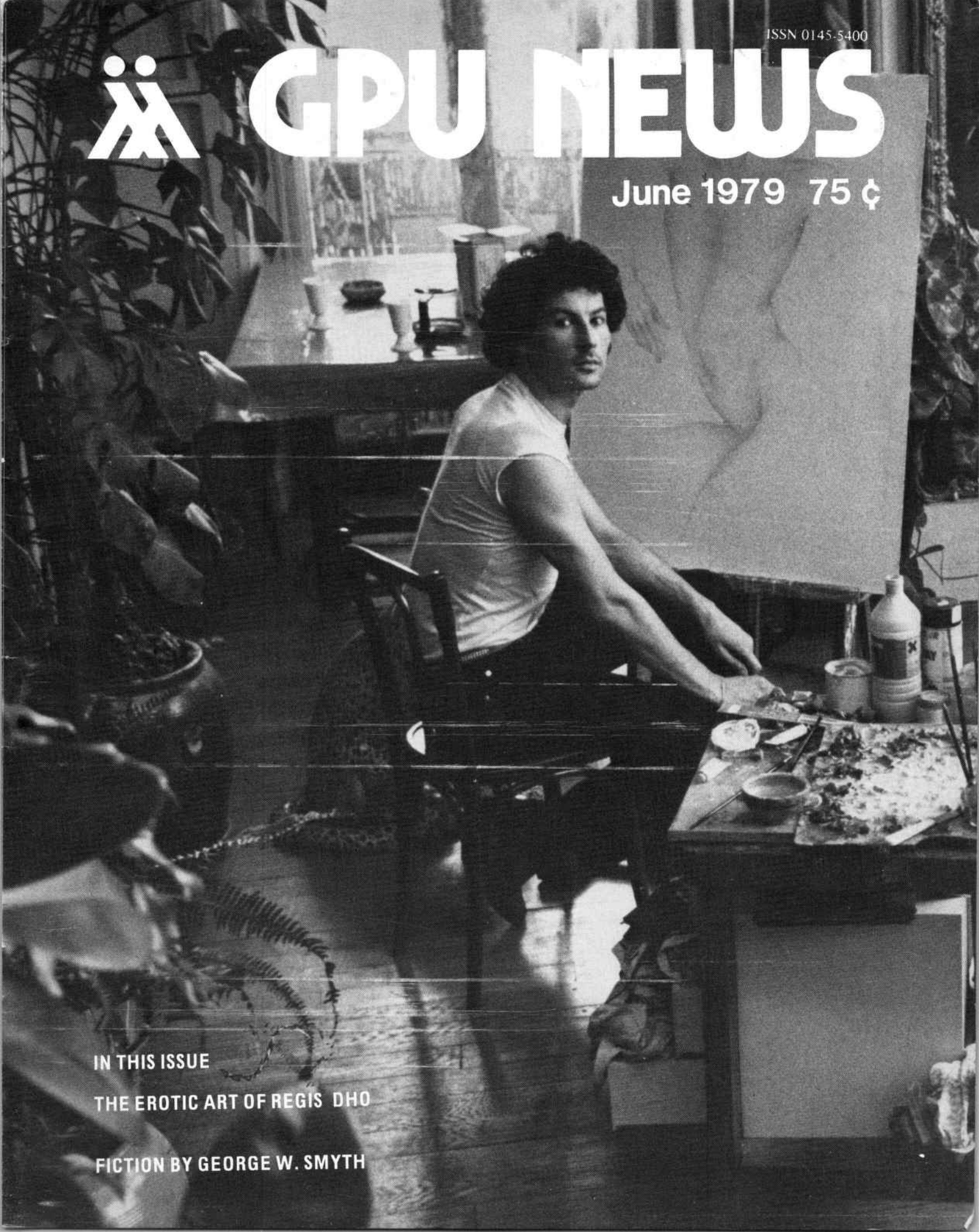


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**Bars come
and bars go.**

And there are many
reasons for that.
But there's just
one reason
why we're still around
and growing.
We keep thinking
about you,
and we put everything
we've got into making
our place
special enough to be

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BAR RAIDS IN CHICAGO

by David W. Linger

Chicago, IL—At 11:40 p.m. on May 19, about twenty vice squad and uniformed officers from Chicago's 18th District, conducted the third raid in a week at popular gay night spots. This raid, at the New Flight on North Clark Street, followed a raid at Carol's Speakeasy at Wells and North by less than 24 hours. Seven arrests, with varying charges, were made at the New Flight, both inside and outside of the bar. Included were two bartenders. As the bar was being evacuated one officer yelled, "Be sure to take your purses."

The first raid, also at Carol's, began at 3:30 a.m. on May 12. Reports indicate that at least four persons were arrested, mostly outside of the bar. Vice squad officers used membership cards to gain entry to the club and patrons were not permitted to enter or leave after the police had taken charge. Police remained until well after closing time, checking licenses, calling for a building inspection, and a fire inspection.

The second raid, in the early morning hours of May 19 at Carol's had more serious consequences. Eleven men were arrested; three of whom were injured by police, two seriously.

According to witnesses, at about 1:15 a.m., the police entered and announced that nobody could leave the premises. Many persons failed to hear the announcement over the din of the music. Later, an unidentified officer ordered the evacuation of the club. Confusion resulted as six to eight hundred patrons were herded outside. There was shouting and the arrests began. Included was a photographer who was knocked down and beaten while attempting to photograph the scene. A friend who tried to help him was pushed so roughly into a squad car that ligaments in his arm were torn. After his arrest he was

finally taken to Henrotin Hospital where he was treated and released. A third victim, also beaten and arrested, was not taken to the hospital for over a half hour. He remains (as GPU NEWS goes to press) in intensive care for concussion. He is a professional man and wishes not to be identified at this time.

This reporter, together with Joe B. Murray, liaison to the gay community of State Representative Jesse White, visited the 18th District station. After insulting treatment from desk Sergeant Bortco, we were allowed to speak with the watch commander, Captain Rooney. Rooney claimed not to know who ordered the raids, how many were arrested, or even how

UUGC MEETINGS

East Lansing, MI—The 1979 General Assembly meeting of the Unitarian Church will be held on June 26-30 on the campus of Michigan State University here. This year's meetings will focus on two themes: "A Time to Grow," and the 25th anniversary of the Brown Vs. Board of Education of Topeka decision.

The Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus (UUGC) will participate in the G.A. meeting by conducting educational workshops, running a display booth, attending business meetings, and preparing motions dealing with items of special interest to gays. The annual meeting of UUGC will be held on June 29, at which election of officers will also be held.

Persons who wish more information on UUGC, or who wish to attend the Michigan meetings, should contact either Hal Lawson (Box 7113, Flint, MI 48507: (313) 640-1272) or David Fanning (258 Edgewood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94117: (415) 731-6437).

many officers were involved. He attributed police violence and reported brutality to "frayed nerves" and claimed that the raids at Carol's were simply a "routine response to neighbor's complaints." When asked, "Do you think—", he interrupted with, "I don't think! Don't ask me what I think! Officer Dailey of the tactical squad also refused information, saying, "If you want an interview, pay me. Famous people get paid."

Meetings of gay leaders and interested persons have been scheduled and GPU NEWS will endeavor to report on these in the next issue.

All of the arestees that I contacted told me that they were not informed of their rights, and did not have charges explained.

LEVY APPOINTED

New York, NY—Barbara Levy has been appointed to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York in the Civil Rights Unit. Ms. Levy has been the Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund since February of 1978, and was previously associated with the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"As a feminist and civil libertarian, I am looking forward to the challenges posed by my new position," Ms. Levy commented. "It will give me the opportunity to explore, through litigation and the development of legislation, expanded avenues for achieving a just and equitable society."

The Lambda Fund seeks to eliminate discrimination against all gay persons through education and litigation. A search committee has been formed to select a new Executive Director. Resumes may be submitted to: Lambda Fund, 22 East 40th Street, New York, NY 10016.

BELL SPEAKS AT U.W.M.

by Alan Hess

Milwaukee, WI—Dr. Alan P. Bell, co-author of **Homosexualities**, spoke at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee on April 19. He conducted workshops the following day. His visit was sponsored by the U.W.M. Gay Students Association, The Campus United Ministries, and The Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

Dr. Bell said that he was impressed with the attitudes on the Milwaukee campus compared to those of the University of Nebraska where a court injunction was sought to stop him from speaking or the University of Vincennes, (Indiana) where the host minister made a disclaimer of university agreement every time he (Bell) got up to speak. However, he has been impressed with the openness with which some average Americans have been able to accept his basic message: **HOMOSEXUALITY** is not homosexuality. Bell said that there are many ways people behave homosexually and "we should stop thinking of homosexuality as a singularity and begin to realize that it is really **homosexualities**, the title of my book."

Bell, currently head of the Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University, told of how, during the late sixties, he attempted a pilot study in Chicago, but found so much corruption that he could not work there. He said that he wanted to study more cities, but he could not get enough money for that. He chose San Francisco because he knew it would take a long time to process the interview data and San Francisco was where other cities would be in a few years when the book would be completed.

Antioch College in Ohio is now attempting to replicate the findings of the book. The new study will likely be conducted in Akron and Youngstown, Ohio and Philadelphia.

Bell is at work on his next book

on how individuals choose or develop their preferences for sexual partners and activities.

He noted that he had been subjected to intense criticism because of his researches. "If you have **anything** favorable to say about gays, the rest of the world assumes that you have an ax to grind."

"TINY" SLAIN

Milwaukee, WI—One man has been arrested and charged with first degree murder and armed robbery in the slaying of James W. ("Tiny") Kallas, popular and well-known bouncer at the Factory Disco. Gerald E. Beougher, 25, was charged and is in custody and police have issued warrants for the arrest of Robert Fuchs, 19, who is missing.



James Kallas

Both men were seen leaving the Factory on April 28 with the victim whose body was found, stuffed in a sewer, on May 1. Kallas was known to carry large sums of money and wore expensive jewelry. When the body was discovered, the jewelry was missing and there was only 35 cents in his pockets.

Fuchs allegedly sold the jewelry—appraised at \$10,000—to his uncle. It has since been recovered. Circuit Judge Christ T. Seraphim has set bail at \$45,000 for Beougher.

SENATE DEFEATS GRASSO

Hartford, CT—By a vote of 19 to 17, the Connecticut Senate has passed a bill banning discrimination against gay persons, and expanded the Sexual Status Bill to include a ban on housing and job discrimination against unmarried couples. The bill, which was opposed by Governor Ella Grasso, now goes to the House of Representatives for action.



Ella Grasso

The Senate also refused to confirm Grasso's nomination of Eva Hudak for the Senate Board of Education by a 24-12 vote after two and a half hours of heated discussion. The 62-year-old Hudak is one of the state's most outspoken critics of sex education in the schools, the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion, and gay rights; and a strong campaign against her was mounted by major educational organizations and civil rights groups in the state.

Hudak has been characterized as "divisive" and "obstructionist" by many of her opponents. Senator Richard Sneller, former chairman of the Educational Committee, noted that Hudak, who dropped out of school at age 14 and has only recently passed a high-school equivalency test, was a "decent person" but highly unqualified.

GAY NEWS PREPARES APPEAL

London, UK—Attorneys for London's **Gay News** have lodged a formal complaint against the Government with the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg, following the House of Lords decision (February 21) to uphold the paper's conviction for blasphemy.

In its submission to the Commission, **GN** states that the old common law offence of blasphemy discriminates on the grounds of religion, since it singles out only the Anglican faith; and that it is therefore contrary to Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights.



Lord Diplock

In June of 1976 **GN** published a poem by Professor James Kirkup called "The Love That Dares to Speak Its Name." Four months later Ms. Mary Whitehouse resurrected the offence of blasphemy for the first time in 50 years, and brought suit. An Old Bailey jury, by a 10-2 verdict, found **GN** and its editor, Denis Lemon guilty in July of 1977. The following spring the Court of Appeal turned down the **GN** appeal, and the case went forward to the House of Lords.

Though the House of Lords upheld the verdict, its two most respected members—Lord Diplock, the senior presiding judge, and Lord Edmund-Davies—entered dis-

senting judgements. The Church of England has also maintained complete silence on the legitimacy of the blasphemy laws. Not so silent is Ms. Whitehouse, who claims that the split decision "vindicates my decision to go ahead."

The European Commission has asked the UK Government to reply in writing to the **GN** complaint. The Commission must then decide whether the case is "admissible"; and, if the decision is affirmative, further written submissions must be provided. **GN** attorneys believe that their case is a strong one.

Commenting on the case, Denis Lemon noted: "It is ironic that the decision may in fact end up having quite the reverse effect to that imagined by Ms. Whitehouse. If **GN** had been acquitted, it is likely that there would have been no great pressure from inside or outside Government to change the law."

LAMPIAO RECEIVES SUPPORT

Sao Paulo, Brazil—Judicial action against Brazil's leading gay monthly newspaper, **Lampiao**, has been met by a surprising show of solidarity on behalf of the publication by the journalist's union, the Brazilian Press Association, and many cultural and artistic groups. Lawyers have been provided to the publication free of charge by the union and the Press Association. In addition, a strong statement of support, denouncing police attacks against **Lampiao** as "one more attack on freedom of expression," has been issued by a coalition of groups calling itself the Permanent Commission for the Defense of Freedom of Expression.

Lampiao is a community-based paper with a circulation of about 15,000. So far, despite the government's actions against it, it has continued to publish. The specific



Editor Denis Lemon

legal action against the paper ("Offending morality and propriety") falls under the Press Laws passed especially by the military dictatorship which took power in 1964.

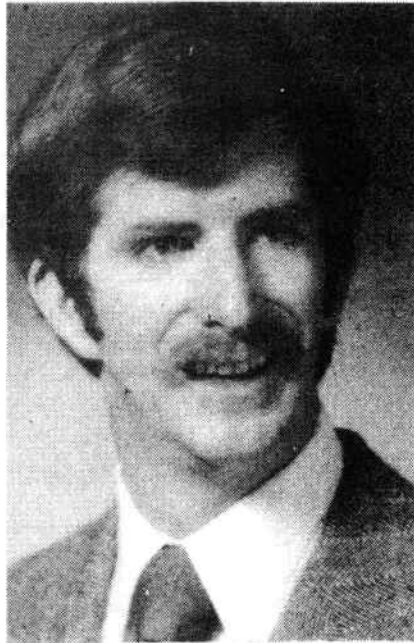
Several other Brazilian publications and journalists are also under investigation for offenses against the vaguely written statute. Joao Silverio Trevisan, one of **Lampiao**'s editors, points out that it is not the topic of homosexuality which is "offensive", but rather the fact that Brazilian gays are for the first time assuming a positive attitude toward their sexuality, and are introducing the concept of "liberation" to South America's most populous nation. It is possible that political tones of "liberation" may be causing more consternation to the dictatorship than any element of gay sexuality.

NEW SF MURDER HUNT

San Francisco, CA—The discovery of two nude male bodies in two counties of northern California has caused a full-scale investigation by authorities in Napa, Tehama, and San Francisco counties.

Like last year's "clone murders", both of the recent victims were last seen in the gay bars of the city, and their bodies discovered in rural areas. Tom Gloster and Richard Niemeier were last seen in the South of Market bar area. Gloster was a native of San Francisco, and Niemeier was visiting the city from Burbank. In February, the body of Gloster was found, clad only in a t-shirt, on a remote country road outside of Red Bluff in Tehama County. He had been shot five times in the head and once in the back, in what investigators termed an "execution style" murder.

A week later Niemeier's body, also naked, was discovered in a remote location west of the city of Napa. He had been shot twice in



Tom Gloster

the face, once in the back of the head, and once in the back.

Subsequent ballistics reports published by the police indicate that the same gun was used to slay both victims. Both victims had also

been wearing leather, and been bound hand and foot by their murderer(s). San Francisco Police Chief Charles Gain has announced his personal interest in the case, and given direct orders that every resource of the SFPD is to be available for the continuing investigation.

Rewards totaling \$7,500 have been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer(s). Friends of Tom Gloster have offered \$5,000. The San Francisco Tavern Guild, an association of almost 100 gay bars and restaurants in the city, has offered \$2,500. Persons with any information are being urged to phone Sgt. John Robertson of the Napa County Sheriff's Department at (707) 253-4542; Lt. Bill Cashdollar of the Tehama County Sheriff's Department at (916) 527-1551; Homicide Inspector Eddie Erdalatz of SFPD at (415) 553-1145; or the **San Francisco Sentinel** at (415) 864-2178.

EVANGELIST CANCELLED

Dallas, TX—Evangelist preacher James Robison, whose television program has been cancelled by WFAA-TV because of his comments about homosexuality, has retained an attorney and vowed to fight hard to return to the airwaves. Significantly, the attorney retained by the preacher is Richard Haynes, who recently gained notoriety in his defense of Ft. Worth millionaire T. Cullen Davis in a widely publicized "murder-for-hire" trial.

David Lane, WFAA Station Manager, noted that WFAA does not shrink from dealing with controversial subjects: "We don't mind the controversy, but when you don't have a chance to develop [the issue], you run up against the Fairness Doctrine." Haynes is seeking a hearing before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), where he hopes to question

the applicability of the Fairness Doctrine to religious programs across the board, thereby redefining the doctrine completely.

According to a report in the **New York Times**, Robison's program has been cancelled and reinstated in the past "because of scathing remarks about homosexuals." The attack which caused the Dallas cancellation was delivered in a program aired in February, when Robison assaulted the Agave Church of Ft. Worth, which has a gay congregation. The Dallas Gay Political Caucus protested under the provisions of the Fairness Doctrine, an action which resulted in their being given 15 minutes of air time for response. After consulting with its attorneys, the management of WFAA determined that Robison's remarks had gone beyond religion and into the area of political proselytizing; and that this would

force the station to continue to give regular air time to groups slandered by the preacher.

Robison's chances for a successful challenge of the Fairness Doctrine appear slim.

DUTCH FLY CHEAPLY

The Hague, Netherlands—Lesbian and gay male couples in Holland are now able to travel at reduced rates on public transport. The Transport Ministry has announced that a new annual ticket can be bought by married, unmarried and gay couples. Several international airlines have also announced forthcoming changes in their reduced-rate fares for spouses which will permit gay and unmarried heterosexual couples to fly at the lower rates.

CLUB OWNERS MEET WITH POLICE

San Francisco, CA—The police investigation of baths and bookstores in the Bay Area which were alleged to be not-so-private sex clubs was instigated by the Rev. Ray Broshears, according to Vice Captain George Eimil. Broshears is the self-appointed gay clergyman who heads a splinter group of gays in the city.

A letter sent (and signed) by Broshears to the SFPD last year complained of "glory holes" and sex clubs in the Bay Area. Captain Eimil was forced by the complaint to assign several under-cover vice

instructed the officers that they were merely to observe the sexual activity at the so-called private clubs and bookstores, and make no arrests.

Following the investigations Captain Eimil and Police Chief Gain called a meeting with the owners of the businesses under investigation and with other gay businessmen in the area. At the meeting, where Eimil read Broshears' letter, he remarked: "Broshears started all this. It's the same old bullshit from him. He writes letters and all that. Now he is complaining about what happened, but he is the gay who started it."

Police Chief Gain stressed that there were no official objections to sexual activity in clubs, provided that they were truly **private** in membership. He urged the businessmen to join him in determining "what the requirements should be for a bona fide private membership organization," continuing: "We should come to that determination,

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

New Orleans, LA—The Gay Business Association of Louisiana, Inc. has held its first meeting. According to **Impact**, the city's gay newspaper, the meeting marks the first attempt on the gay community's part to organize in order to gain social and economic clout. GBAL has adopted its articles of incorporation and by-laws, and is presently engaged in an effort to increase membership well above the present 50 businesses which are charter members.

Pat O'Brien, an attorney at law, has volunteered his services to GBAL without charge, and has also offered to assist in project development for the new organization. O'Brien noted that "the gay community, especially at this time, can ill afford not to join forces and organize."

and then the nine places can go ahead and adhere to whatever those procedures are. That should end it. That is what I would hope for. Then the issue would be behind us."

The vice officer also volunteered, "Broshears called up here" about Jack Campbell, a gay activist who was allegedly operating a prostitution ring in the city. Eimil added, "We arrest Campbell. Locked him up. Broshears certainly is a shit disturber." Broshears' major quarrel with Campbell seems to have been that he (Campbell) was advertising in every gay paper in the city **except** the one published by Broshears' group.

JOB CASE REFUSED

Washington, DC—The U.S. Supreme Court has again refused to hear a case involving the firing of a former personnel director at the Marion Heights, Inc., nursing home in Milwaukee because of his gayness. By refusing to hear the appeal, the court upheld by default a ruling issued earlier by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago.

The lower court ruled that Patrick Batt had failed to show that private institutions, even though they receive government funds and are subject to government regulations, had significant connections with the government to permit suits to be filed under a Reconstruction-era civil rights law.

Using a section of an 1871 Ku Klux Klan Act, Batt's attorneys had claimed that the section permits civil actions for damages against persons who strip others of statutory or constitutional rights "under the color of any law."

In 1977, the Supreme Court also refused to hear the appeal of James Gaylord, a Tacoma teacher who was also dismissed because of his gayness.

GAY TEACHERS

Oxford, UK—Dr. F.E. Kenyon, a psychiatrist at Oxford Hospital, has published a study which concludes that gays are generally the safest and the best teachers for children. In a pamphlet published last month by the British Medical Association, Kenyon says that "a young boy has no more chance of being physically molested by a homosexual teacher than the developing and often extremely attractive girl by a heterosexual teacher." Kenyon suggests that the chances are actually less.

The psychiatrist says that very few adult gays are sexually attracted to the very young, and notes that even those who are so attracted can be expected generally to exercise more restraint than their heterosexual counterparts. Kenyon attributes this to the fact that gays must learn much self-control in order to survive in a homophobic society. He substantiates his findings with a massive accumulation of data on felony heterosexual child-sexuality arrests (93% in some studies, 97% in others).

In regard to teaching abilities, Kenyon argues that gays will often display greater emotional sensitivity, and that they "may well have a special affinity with the young."

HARASSMENT IN ENGLAND

Birmingham, UK—One member of Gay Sweatshop was left bleeding and unconscious on a street here, while others suffered cuts and bruises following a late night attack on the gay theater company. The cast had given a performance of their latest production, **Dear Love of Comrades**, at Birmingham Repertory Theatre, and had driven to Hagley Road for a drink at the gay Gorsvenor House Hotel. Having parked their car, the members were walking the few yards to the hotel when nine men lept out of two cars crying "Kill the bastards." They attacked the gay men with shovel, tongs, and various metal implements.

The attack lasted less than a minute, and by luck a local Parks Police van in the area appeared. The two policemen ran to the road to stop the thugs from driving away, but the driver of one of the cars simply drove straight at the police as they jumped out of the way. Ray Bachelor was taken to the hospital by police, where his wounds were stitched.

While Birmingham police were carrying out investigations of the attack, London police were staging a raid on **Zipper's Bookstore**, where they seized files containing addresses and personal details of



The cast of Gay Sweatshop, with their director, Nancy Diuguid, before leaving for their tour. Ray Bachelor is seated, left. Photograph: Bob Workman, Gay News

subscribers to the gay magazine, **Zipper**. Scotland Yard claimed that one thousand magazines were taken away also; and according to Alex McKenna, who manages the store and publication, the police "took practically everything that wasn't nailed to the floor. . . even my own copy of **Christopher Street** from my desk drawer."

McKenna has appealed to subscribers to contact him so that all orders could be honored. "We're not going to let this stop us," he

noted. "We're going ahead with the next issue of **Zipper**."

According to police, the evidence seized is to be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions for "possible action" under Britain's Obscene Publications Act.

Attorneys for **Zipper** claim that police exceeded authority, a claim denied by Scotland Yard officials, who said their actions were covered by a warrant which empowered them to seize any documents related to the business.

PROM DATE REFUSED

Cumberland, RI (AP)—A Cumberland High School male student who wanted to take a boy to his junior prom in May was told by school officials that he would have to obtain a court order to prevent their barring the couple from attending together. The Cumberland School Department reaffirmed this decision to deny a public hearing to Paul Gilbert on his request because the boy's father opposed the plan. School Superintendant Robert G. Condon said: "This has nothing to do with the homosexual situation. All we were doing is abiding by the request of the parents with respect

to a minor child."

Gilbert, who is an out-of-the-closet gay, wanted to attend the May prom with Edward Miskevich, 22, a senior at Boston University. After attending classes for the first time after his request, Gilbert said that he was "very nervous." According to Gilbert, students "were yelling and screaming, practically the whole student body. Every class I went to people stopped to look at me. They even asked for my autograph. It was kind of sick."

Gilbert turned for assistance to the National Gay Task Force and

the American Civil Liberties Union, both of which promised him assistance in appealing the decision to the courts. Charles Noice, a Rhode Island representative of NGTF who was contacted by Gilbert, said: "He has an awful lot of guts. He's absolutely standing by his decision to fight this."

Michael Dollinger of the ACLU said that his organization has offered volunteer lawyers to the 17-year-old student. Dollinger noted that Gilbert and Miskevich will "probably not wind up at the dance" because of the delays incurred by any legal action.

PRISONER WINS DAMAGES

Petersburg, VA—The U.S. Bureau of Prisons has paid \$20,000 in an of-court settlement to a prisoner who was assaulted, harassed, and raped while incarcerated at the Petersburg Federal Penitentiary. The American Civil Liberties Union Prison Project, which announced the settlement, considers it a major victory which could have precedent-setting implications for prisoners throughout the country at both federal and state institutions.

Ed Koren, staff attorney for the Prison Project, noted that "The case was brought in order to show that there is a pervasive problem in the Federal System—violence and sexual pressure. There is a rampant mythology that the Federal System is above all that—that it is into rehabilitation, that it is a good system, efficient, and gets people jobs." Koren added that most cases which have come up have involved state and county jails, and that there were only two other cases involving Federal prisons in

MCC CHURCH

San Francisco, CA—Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, which has rented its worship facilities for nine years, has purchased a church building for \$210,000 in the heart of the city's gay community. Current plans for the building may also meet some of the needs of a long-sought gay community center. The MCC Board of Directors will offer free space to social, political, and religious groups; but MCC will also encourage groups and individuals to provide donations toward the building's purchase.

Sunday, June 3, has been set for the first worship service at 150 Eureka Street (three blocks west of Castro), between 18th and 19th Streets.

Donations to the building purchase fund may be mailed to: MCC Eureka Fund, 1076 Guerrero St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

which prisoners had obtained settlements to date. One award to a prisoner for injuries was \$500, while the other was for \$40,000. Members of the Prison Project believe that, as a result of winning this most recent case, more cases will be brought forward at federal and local levels.

A related suit is now pending which has to do with assault by prison guards at the Lewisburg Penitentiary. According to the ACLU, several busloads of new prisoners were brought to the prison, and upon arrival were attacked and beaten by riot-equipped guards. "The connection between these two cases," Koren explained, "is

BRAIN SURGERY

West Germany—Approximately 80 persons per year undergo voluntary brain surgery as a means of curing "abnormal sexual behavior," according to the *Stuttgarter Nachrichten*. Many of these are serving prison sentences as sex offenders, and have applied to justice authorities within the Federal Republic of Germany for the operations.

According to Fred Zander of the Bonn Health Ministry, who was responding to a Bundestag question proposed by MPs of all three parties, the medical profession remains unsure whether the stereotactical brain surgery leads to personality changes. A Health Ministry commission has also delved into the question of whether such operations are able to alter sexual aberrations; and, in its closing report, it arrives at no definite conclusions. A new commission will begin to examine individual cases in July.

Statistics indicate that more than 9,000 such operations were carried out by West Germany's six neurosurgical clinics between 1950 and 1972. Of these, only 7.5% were carried out for sexual aberrations.

that Federal authorities have proven they do not provide protection for their prisoners."

Koren added: "Hopefully this decision will help with the issue of protection of prisoners. But we haven't seen any major effects yet or signs of change in Bureau of Prisons. The only change so far is that the Federal Bureau of Prisons at Petersburg has hired a staff person to...among other things, look at people's files before housing assignments are made."

WHITE HOUSE INVITATION

Washington, DC (The Blade)—Representatives of racial minorities within the gay community have been successful in arranging a meeting at the White House in order to air their concerns. Jane Wales, Coordinator of the White House's Public Liaison Committee, invited third world gays to meet with her on June 5 at the White House.

The meeting arose as the result of a letter to Wales from the National Coalition of Black Gays (NCBG), whose coordinators wrote to her in January requesting that she provide them with "an opportunity to discuss our concerns, organizations, goals, philosophy, and projects with you." The June meeting was arranged by Wales in response to this letter.

According to NCBG representatives, events prompting their request date back to December, when the White House called a conference on human rights, but failed to include any representatives of the gay community. NCBG hopes that the meeting will sensitize the White House to issues concerning third world gays. The group sent by NCBG will include Latin, Asian, Native and Afro-American representatives.

GAY LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Two libraries in the midwest have made strong commitments to establishing collections of gay resources. The Social Action Collection of the Wisconsin State Historical Society is presently specializing in archival materials, while the special collections department of Northwestern University Library is concentrating on the periodical literature of the gay movement. Northwestern University Library also presently has one of the largest collections of gay literature and books dealing with the gay movement in the country.

Boston's **Gay Community News** interviewed representatives of both libraries, which are presently seeking additional funding to extend their collections. R. Russel Maylone, curator of the Northwestern University collection, noted that they presently had complete series of virtually every periodical or journal published by or for gays or lesbians which is not simply devoted to entertainment. He noted that printed materials constituted Northwestern's main interest, because of the adequacy of the Wisconsin State Historical Society collection. "Bluntly put," he added, "I don't think there's a better historical society operation in America. They have the will, the perception and perspicacity, the money, and the personnel to do a great many things on top of their already formidable lists of achievements."

Sarah Cooper, explaining the work of the Social Action Collection, welcomed specific inquiries from individuals or groups wishing to donate materials. While the Society, by law, does not purchase manuscript collections nor subsidize individual donors, it does provide shipping costs for materials donated. There is presently a large backlog of materials, but the Society has made several applications for grants and special funding to speed up the processing

procedures.

"The Society's manuscripts processing staff is responsible for weeding, sorting, organizing, and writing a descriptive register to each collection we receive. We do have a backlog of unprocessed collections. . . However, the Society allows researchers to use unprocessed collections, and a preliminary inventory of them is drawn up to assist those researchers until the formal processing is undertaken."

"An individual or organization may restrict access to a collection donated to the Society. The

DEATH TOLL

Iran—An American gay group, **Nobic**, estimates that at least a dozen male gays have already been executed in Iran by firing squad, and that the secret religious trials continue. Propaganda posters denouncing the Shah have also appeared showing the deposed leader as a transvestite, wearing painted lipstick and a blonde wig.

The Ayatollah Khomeini and his puppet government have also moved against women's rights on virtually every front, according to several feminist organizations which are presently attempting to gain information. There has been a total black-out on all women's issues in Iran, and all women newscasters and reporters have now been replaced by men.

Iranian officials claim that feminists like Kate Millett, who was expelled from Iran earlier, are guilty of attempting to force western imperialism upon the Islamic nations. The basic "non-imperialist" principle for the new Islamic Republic is to be that of the **Koran** (4:34): "Men have authority over women because Allah has made the one superior to the others. . . Good women are obedient."

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GAY COUPLE PREVAILS

Edmons, WA—In a unanimous decision, the Washington State Supreme Court has denied a custody motion brought by James Schuster and Jerry Isaacson, the former husbands of Sandy Schuster and Madeleine Isaacson, a lesbian couple. As a result of the decision, six children, ages 9 through 15, will remain with their mothers, who are sharing a household in a quiet Edmonds area.

Except for the usual court ordered visitations granted by the court to the husbands, the six children have lived with their mothers since they were divorced and moved together in 1971. The high court decision culminates a custody battle which has been waged through two King County courts and the Washington Supreme Court.

The lawsuits began in King County Superior Court, when Judge James Noe ruled that the former husbands could not provide a home for the children, but that the women must live apart to retain custody. The former husbands remarried, and the two mothers took apartments across the street from one another. The men then brought suit charging that their ex-wives were not living up to the spir-



Sandy Schuster and Madeleine Isaacson can keep custody of their children, after a court motion brought by their ex-husbands failed

it of the court order, and that they were using the children and their lifestyle to gain publicity for themselves. Judge Norman Ackley ruled that the women should keep custody, and also reversed Noe's decision that they must live apart.

The two men then appealed to the Washington Supreme Court, which handed down a split decision in October of 1978. Because only four of the nine justices voted that the women should not live together, Ackley's decision was

allowed to stand. A second appeal by the men to the Washington Supreme Court brought the unanimous decision denying them custody.

"This is it as far as the state court's jurisdiction is concerned," said Reginald Shriver, deputy clerk of the State Supreme Court. Although they have no further appeal avenues here, the men could appeal the state's opinion in the U.S. Supreme Court, by asking this court for a writ to plead their case.

JEWISH MEETING

New York, NY—Representatives and members of about twenty gay synagogues and gay Jewish organizations from around the world have announced plans to attend the Fourth International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews, to be held in Israel on July 19-22. The conference will take place at the guest house of Kibbutz Ma'aleh HaHamisha, a communal farm in the Judean Hills outside of Jerusalem.

A registration fee of \$90 includes accommodations, meals, and the full program of workshops, guest speakers, social and athletic activities, and excursions to Tel Aviv

and Jerusalem. An optional eight-day guided tour of Jerusalem will follow the conference. Workshops will focus on three principal themes: homosexuality in Israel, law and liberation, and modern perspectives in Judaism. The host groups report that they have received full cooperation from governmental agencies of tourism, transport, and tourism in Israel.

Registration must be made through Conference Committee Cong Beth Simchat Torah, Box 1270, GPO, New York, NY 10001, which is representing the host group, Society for the Protection of Personal Rights in Tel Aviv.

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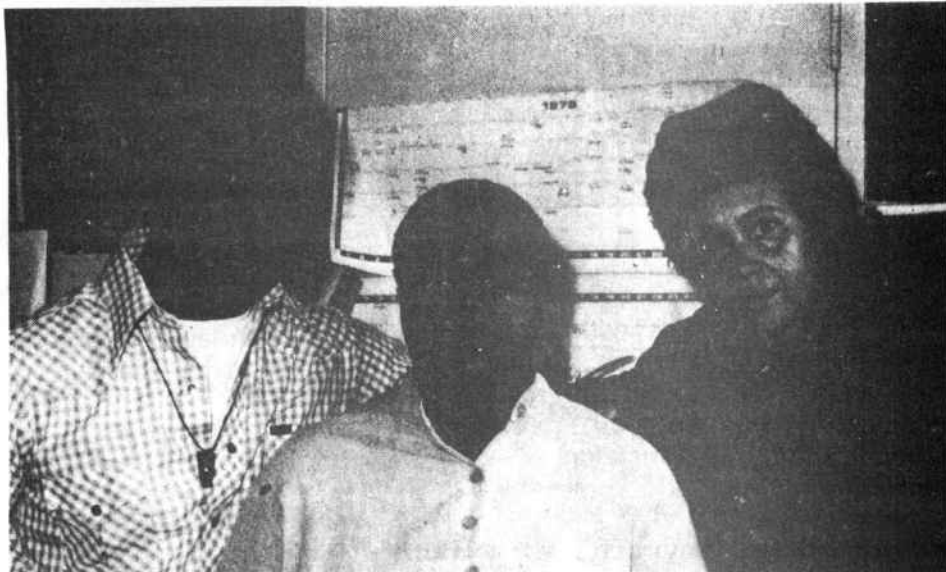
West Germany—For a period of one year (July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980), women in the Federal Republic of Germany may legally change their names from their husband's surname to their own pre-marriage name. According to the **Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung**, the name change will be permitted no matter how long the women have been married, and all children under the age of 14 will automatically receive the new name. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren over the age of 14 may choose to take the new name if they so desire.

THIRD WORLD CAUCUS

New York, NY—At the recommendation of the nominating committee, the board of directors of the National Gay Task Force has voted to adopt an election process which will guarantee a minimum of 20% representation of Third World persons on the board. The new policy took effect immediately, and the 20% figure will be reached by the board in June.

Among the plans which the board has initiated in order to bring Third World concerns to the attention of its members and to greater media visibility are a number of special sessions devoted to Third World programs.

The board also passed a resolution authorizing NGTF to co-sponsor a Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference on October 12-15 with the National Coalition of Black Gays. The conference will be held at Harambee House in Wash-



THIRD WORLD CAUCUS. A. Billy S. Jones of Columbia, Md.; Sean Reynolds of Chicago; and Pat Norman of San Francisco. (Carolyn Handy was not present.)

ington, D.C. Participation in the conference is not limited to Third World persons, and all gay persons are invited to participate. Further

information may be obtained from the National Coalition of Black Gays (NCBG), Box 548, Columbia, MD 21045; (301)596-5865.

IRS PROBES BRIGGS

Fullerton, CA—Internal Revenue Service investigators have launched a full-scale investigation of the complicated finances of anti-gay State Senator John Briggs. Briggs himself inadvertently brought attention to the problems in February when he vainly attempted to evade two federal agents. The IRS, under its policy of discreetly informing taxpayers that they may face criminal charges, sought to avoid embarrassing the senator in front of his office staff. It was Briggs' loud reaction which brought statewide publicity.

IRS officials are investigating possible irregularities in unusual transactions in three areas: insurance negotiations, juggled accounts among political committees, and real-estate transferrals.

Most of the alleged insurance problems have to do with possible conflicts of interest which arose when Briggs served in the State Assembly. During that period, he solicited insurance from banks, and

favours from ranchers while he chaired the Agricultural Committee. In 1978 Briggs unsuccessfully sought the Republican gubernatorial nomination, and authored two statewide voter initiatives to restore the death penalty and to bar employment in state schools of anyone "advocating homosexuality."

Nearly \$900,000 was spent on the gubernatorial campaign, and over \$1½ million on the two voter initiatives. No one knows for sure because Briggs had nine separately titled campaign funds which were constantly exchanging loans. Documents filed with the Secretary of State show that, on the strength of his real estate holdings, Briggs acquired \$400,000 in bank loans last year. The political campaigns are in debt to Briggs' personal accounts for \$200,000.

To bolster his sagging political future, Briggs has allied with his Proposition 6 companion, Rev. Raymond Batema, pastor of the

Central Baptist Church of Pomona. They have formed a 20,000-name mailing list for still another campaign organization called "Citizens for Decency and Morality," whose goal is to oppose anti-discrimination moves and to propose new anti-gay legislation locally. Political observers in the state believe that Briggs' tactic is a big gamble. He lost on Proposition 6 by a 54-46% margin even in his home base of Orange County. As a result of Briggs' bizarre political moves and liaisons, Democrats now give themselves a good chance of ousting him; and several Democratic candidates have already announced themselves for his seat in the 1980 primary.

Briggs is even faced with a number of challengers from his own Republican Party, fearful of losing the Republican seat if Briggs' finances carry into the election itself. Former U.S. Attorney William Dougherty is already asking at public gatherings, "Where did you get the money, John?"

UK ELECTION JACKPOT

London, UK—The Liberal Party is set to become the first major political party in Britain ever to make a direct appeal to gay votes. Senior members of the party have approved publication of a special manifesto entitled **The Rights of Homosexual Men and Women**. The publication will be featured in the Liberal publicity during the upcoming parliamentary elections.

The manifesto deals with five central problems, and offers far-reaching proposals on each. In the area of law reform, it proposes total elimination of the distinction between heterosexual and homosexual offences in Scotland and Northern Ireland [in conformity with present British laws]. The principle of "Tax Equality" proposes that there be no distinction between married heterosexual couples and gay couples. The civil liberties proposal would legislate the right for individuals to examine personal records held on them by both private and public bodies. Fourthly, a single Anti-Discrimination Board to deal with all complaints of unfair discrimination on grounds of race, gender, or sexual orientation is proposed. Finally, lesbian mothers will be accorded full rights in recommendations for one-parent families.

The Liberal Party first adopted an official gay rights policy in 1975. Despite the rough times which the party had when Jeremy Thorpe resigned as its leader, it stuck to its position on gay rights; and it now appears ready to enter the general election with even firmer commitments.

The party's criminal law reform pledge stay intact. The party officially backs the draft Sexual Offences Bill proposed earlier by the Campaign for Homosexual Equality. This draft, presently under parliamentary consideration, eliminates a special definition of "in private" which makes sex in the presence of a third party public, lowers the age of consent, and allows mer-

chant sailors and members of the armed forces to establish gay relationships.

Fleet Street political observers are now tending to give the Liberal Party fair odds of retaining their present seats, possibly of making modest gains, in the general election. Significant Liberal presence in the next Parliament will, according to these observers, have considerable impact upon laws coming out of Westminster after the general election.

HONGISTO HEARINGS

Albany, NY—The New York Senate Committee on Crime and Corrections opened hearings on Governor Carey's nomination of Richard Hongisto for State Corrections Commissioner by attacking Hongisto's pro-gay stands while he was sheriff of San Francisco.

Senator Ralph Marino also questioned Hongisto on his refusal to enforce a court order to evict the elderly from a San Francisco hotel in 1977, while Republican members of the committee questioned both his support of gay rights and his allegations that Anita Bryant was making untrue and unsupported allegations about gays and the "nature of life in San Francisco."

The opening session of questioning lasted over five hours. By the end of the morning session, one Democratic committee member, Senator Franz Leichter, charged that the Republican members were attempting a "political hatchet job" on Hongisto, who has in fact been serving as Commissioner without Senate confirmation since last July.

In the afternoon session, the senators finally decided to look into the nominee's attitude to correctional institutions. Hongisto claimed that some prisoners convicted of minor offenses could be treated better at residential "therapeutic communities" instead of jails, and at lower

cost. Prisons, he claimed "are to incapacitate people, deter people from crime, to rehabilitate if possible and hopefully to integrate them back into society."

Republican Senators also objected to the trips which Hongisto made to Cuba in 1971 and to the Soviet Union in 1977. The Soviet trip had been part of an exchange of officials.



Richard Hongisto

VETO

Hartford, CT—This city has been added to the list of cities which have ordinances banning discrimination against gays. By a vote of 6 to 2, the City Council overrode the veto exercised by Mayor George Athanson. The measure prohibits discrimination in the areas of "race, color, by reason of being an ex-offender, age, national origin, physical or mental handicap, religion, sex, or sexual orientation."

The override was expected, since the City Council had originally approved the measure by a vote of 6 to 1. A group of clergy, led by the Rev. Ron Milley of the West Hartford Bible School, has already organized a move for repeal. "We have two courses open to us," commented Milley. "One is to make a test court case out of this. The other is to wait until the next election year."

EDITORIAL

As detailed elsewhere in this issue, private gay club owners in San Francisco have just completed a series of meetings with the SF Police Chief, meetings which ended in the establishment of ground rules for being a private club. The police department had initiated the meetings as a means whereby the line could be drawn between private sex acts and public obscenity. No arrests were involved, no massive expenditures of police manpower and tax dollars, and no equally time-consuming court test cases were initiated by either side as a means of seeing how far the law could be stretched in either direction. To a Milwaukeean—who has seen his own city's police engaged in every type of harassment, tax squandering, and simple incompetence—the San Francisco meetings stand out as a paradigm of rationality in a world of madness. If Milwaukee's madness were the exception, we could write off the beer capital as a simple freak; but, sad to say, it is we who are the rule rather than the exception.

The San Francisco story also evidences the effectiveness of a growing phenomenon in major cities: the appearance of gay business associations. Elsewhere in the news section we note the establishment of such an organization in New Orleans, and in earlier issues we've also covered the founding of Milwaukee's own organization. The Milwaukee organization, already a corporation, has already had several meetings, established legal counsel and general operating guidelines, and is well on the way to setting up other pilot projects. GPU NEWS is proud to have been able to join as a charter member, and will serve the new organization in every way possible. We often forget that gay businesses and businesspeople are a real and important part of our gay commun-

ity. We need them as much as they need us, and we should continue to make ourselves aware of their concerns and problems. In the gay business world as in the gay community generally, there is strength to be had in unity and communication.

This issue also contains a special feature on the work of Regis Dho, a feature on which two of our staff have spent several months in planning. The original photos of the artist at work were taken by our correspondent, Georges Debot, in Paris. Thanks are also owed to the David Alexander studio in New York for assistance and use of the catalogue, and to Paul O'M. Welles of Lambda Books for his continual advice and assistance. The feature is a true communal effort, and we hope that it pleases.

Paul O'M. Welles' series, "Reading/Writing," is back this issue as well. In a forthcoming issue we'll be presenting an essay by Welles on the prospects for, and future of, gay literature: a topic which we believe will be close to the interests of all readers. Last, but not least, Paul tells us that another installment of his "Fairy Tails" will be along soon also.

The feature review/overview of Masters and Johnson's work on homosexuality underlines GPU NEWS' commitment to keep our readers attuned to scientific work which interfaces with gay lifestyles and liberation. A special feature review of K.J. Dover's monumental scholarly study,—Greek Homosexuality—, is also on the drawing board, and will be published later this year.

Gay theater is an area which has not been dealt with justly by GPU NEWS — not for want of effort, but for want of reviewers. We now have a correspondent in the Minneapolis area, where [we are happy to report] gay theater is alive and well, and we hope to right our past

wrongs in upcoming issues. If all goes according to plan, gay theater on the East and West coasts will also be treated in future issues.

The above mentioned projects represent only a sampler of things in store. We are always grateful for your many suggestions and letters. And please do remember, if we do not respond at once to your letters, that we are always under the constraint of limited staff and over-taxed resources. Our silence does not indicate lack of appreciation, but only lack of time. Enjoy GPU NEWS.

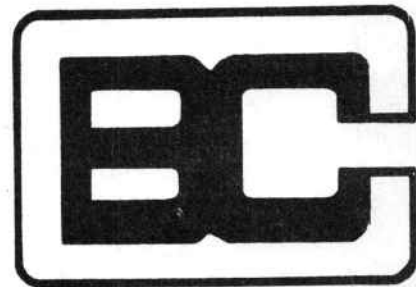
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Dear Editor:

Your May report for the march on Washington contained several errors:

1) No decision was made by the Philadelphia planning conference that a secondary focus would be to support the ERA or to boycott non-ERA states.

2) You omitted one of the chief points of "bitter dispute" over the date of the march: whether an October 1979 date allowed enough organizing time.

3) The Philadelphia conference was not "the first time that a national political network has been established to discuss issues within the movement". None of the earlier networks was permanent, but neither this year's march nor the proposed network seems likely to fulfill the expectations of their planners, or to be permanent.

Sincerely,
William B. Kelley
Chicago, IL

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my renewal for another year of your fine publication. You used to publish at least one nude with the Calendar, but apparently have stopped. The nudes are missed.

Sincerely,
T.R.P.
Lakewood, Vermont

[Editor's note: by popular demand, the nudes are back beginning with this issue.]

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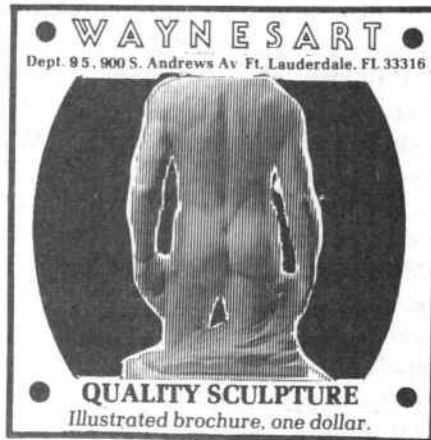
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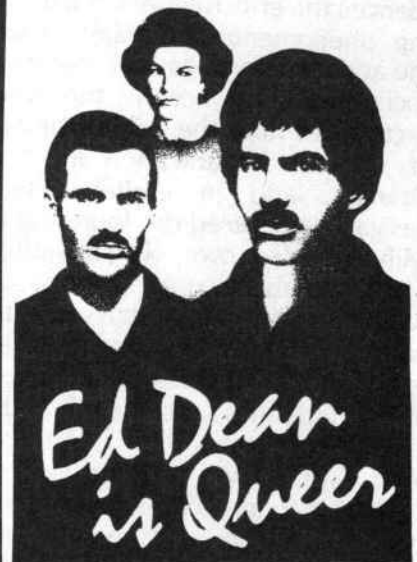
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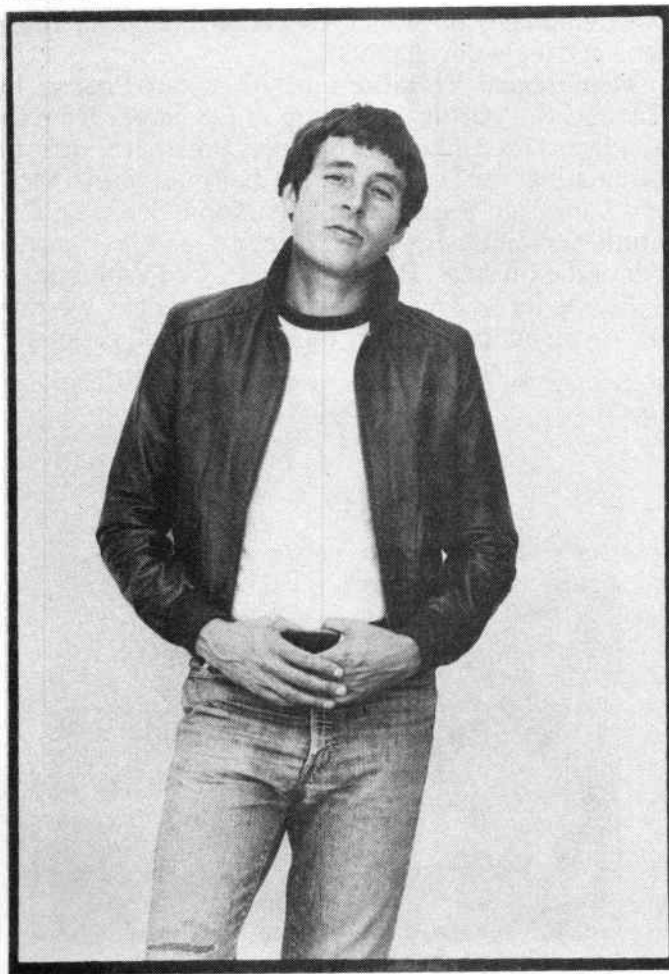
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READING WRITING

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It would sound absurd to a gay person starving for books in the 30's and 40's, but right now there are too many gay books on the market. 'Tis a sad situation (rather than one which at first blush would seem to deserve applause) for a number of reasons (e.g., glut begets famine). Also, there is now the temptation for reviewers/editors/publishers to consider themselves chic, tony know-it-alls who will decide for you what books will be published, promoted, and reviewed. And this they may do on the basis of friendship, egocentrism, trendyness, or other factors than quality.

This is particularly important now in view of the fact that among the major publishing houses not all, by a long shot, are on the gay bandwagon to stay. If, as I fear, famine will soon be begat by glut, two or three publishers may be expected to lay claim to the gay lode. This means that two or three people will determine, without having to consider quality, what you will be permitted to buy and read.

Dear Reader, this is the time for you to become critical and to exercise your critical faculties. You must choose what you want to buy and read. Beware of hype. Beware the fat cats. Beware of the trend-setters. Take the time to check it all out. Cast, I urge you, a jaundiced eye upon the titles touted too loudly. And then buy only the best, the books you think you will like.

It is unlikely that any of the books described here will receive the promotion they deserve.

Celestial Arts has come out with **Positively Gay**, a collection of "New Approaches" to such topics as Achieving Success as a Gay Couple, Religions (3) and Gays, Telling the Family, etc. What makes this book unique and well worth \$4.95 is that it is written by gays who are experts in their fields, under the editorial hands of Betty Berzon, national president of the Gay Academic Union, and gay activist Robert Leighton. It recommends that gays consult gays rather than the prevailing heterosexual culture.

Equally positive and equally gay is **Two Plays by Doric Wilson**, published by Seahorse Press at \$5.95. These two comedies (which read very well, indeed), "A Perfect Relationship" and "The West Street Gang," make us laugh easily, for, gay as pink peanut butter, they are full of characters-we-all-know (euphemism for us) caught in the very commission of our worst sin: noncommitment. Read the book, laugh 'til you ache, and then think about it. You will have done yourself no small favor.

Speaking of laughter, Avon paperbacks are reprinting Paul Monette's (**The Gold Diggers**) **Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll**, a book I thought much funnier than the one currently being so heavily promoted (which strikes me as being a bit tedious).

And speaking of reprints, Ashley Books is bringing back Dan Curzon's classic novel, **Something You Do In The Dark**. This is a new, revised edition, and

even if you read the original you really ought to buy and read this one. It holds up now as well as when Christopher Isherwood first praised it eight years ago.

A pair of Lesbian reprints is on hand from Naiad Press, **The Latecomer**, by Sarah Aldridge, and Renee Vivien's **A Woman Appeared To Me**, translated by Jeannette Foster. Tee Corrinne has designed and executed fantastic new covers for both, and this time **A Woman** is handsomely typeset, correcting an insult to the text in the original edition. Both sell for \$5.00 (each).

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN

MANUEL M. PUIG

The Argentine writer, Manuel Puig (The "g" is silent.) has a new novel entitled **Kiss of the Spider Woman**, translated from the Spanish by Thomas Colchie (A.A. Knopf, \$8.95). Set largely in a prison cell, it has essentially but two characters, one a political prisoner, Valentin, the other Molina, a movie-mad homosexual. The homosexual is being used by authorities to spy on the revolutionary. When these two polar opposites attract, watch out. What you have is one hell of a good novel, which, if only be-

cause it speaks well of human dignity, places itself a high cut above most of the recent, well-advertised gay trash.

Not specifically gay, but a book the above-mentioned Molina would cream over is **Heroes of Eros**, by Michael Malone, coming from Dutton in May at \$8.95. Subtitled, "Male Sexuality in the Movies," it explores verbally and visually (160 sexy photos) the erotic appeal of every Hollywood star you ever had a crush on.

Coming from Naiad in September are two new books, Renee Vivien's **At The Sweet Hour of Hand-in-Hand**, translated by Sandra Belgrade. (R.V. fans are in for a regal treat.) Lesbian Sci-fi fans have an equally royal treat in store when they read Donna Young's fantasy, **Retreat As It Was**. Men, I fear, have a stunning shock in store, for the fantasy is not all that fantastic and the fiction not all that incredible. Each will be \$5.00.

Vern Bullough, who wrote the prohibitively expensive **Sexual Variance in Society and History** in 1976, will have his latest book, **Homosexuality Past and Present**, published originally in both hardback and paperback by New American Library in October. Bullough is no Johnny-come-lately scholar, and his book will make new waves. The new volume is an historic overview from Greece to Gay Liberation, with emphasis on psychological, sociological, religious and legal developments.

Homosexual Traditions in American Poetry, by Thomas K. Martin, is coming in December from (of all places) the University of Texas Press. It should be fascinating, for Dr. Martin is Chairman of the Modern Language Association Discussion Group on Gay Studies in Language and Literature, and he is a winner of the Pushcart Prize for an essay on Whitman.

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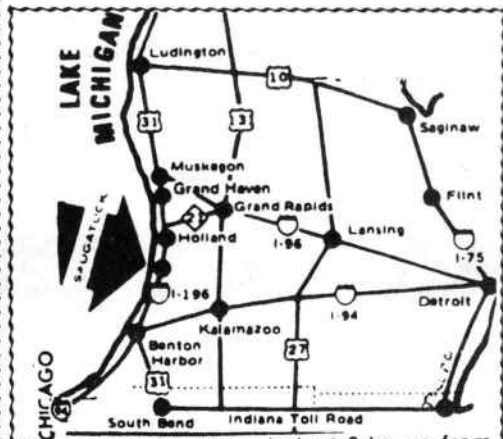
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MASTERS & JOHNSON ON HOMOSEXUALITY - AN OVERVIEW

LEE C. RICE, PH.D.

The appearance of William Masters' and Virginia Johnson's **Homosexuality in Perspective** [Little Brown, & Co., Boston, April 1979. \$17.50] can be viewed from a wide variety of perspectives. From one point of view the book marks the culmination of the work begun with the establishment of the Masters & Johnson Institute, formerly the Reproductive Biology Research Foundation, in 1964. Two major landmarks along the way were the books **Human Sexual Response** (1966) and **Human Sexual Inadequacy** (1970). From yet another perspective the book can be viewed not as a culmination, but rather as a stage-setter for future research and additional clinical experimentation. It is in this latter sense that its authors, true to the progressive and ever-questioning rhythm of the scientific method, present their work.

The book has also made a gigantic splash in the popular press. **Time** devoted a major article, and even its cover (April 23, 1979) to it, and **Newsweek** provided a more cautiously researched article. Local newspapers also carried relatively generous articles, and UPI issued a comparative summary of work by Masters and Johnson and the Kinsey Institute by Patricia McCormack.

Few of the articles have consigned much effort to the actual structure of the book, about which something should here be said. It is divided into two roughly equal sections. The first, dealing with pre-clinical research, dates from 1957 through 1970. The pre-clinical research was begun several years be-

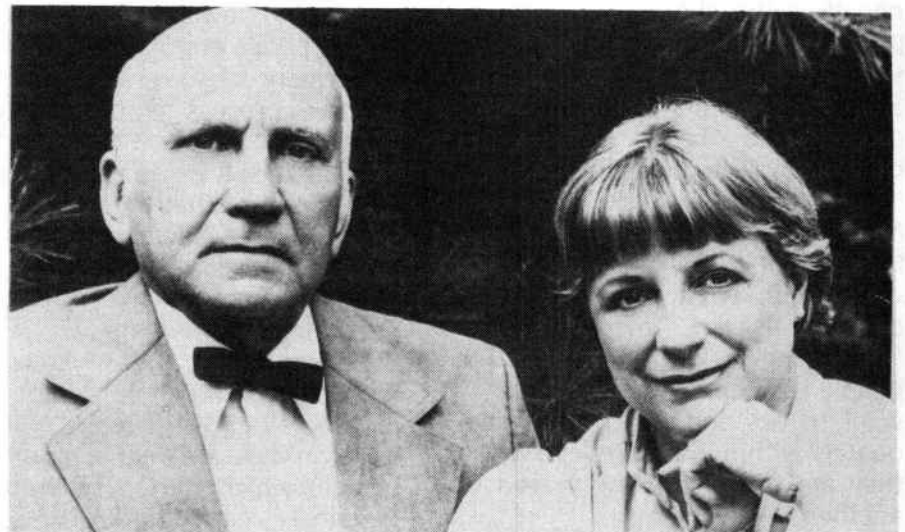
fore the Institute was founded, during the period when the authors were working at Washington University in St. Louis. The homosexual study group, after eliminations, consisted of 94 men and 82 women; and, of these, 42 and 38 respectively were committed couples. Subjects came from all parts of the country, were mostly college graduates under fifty (majority in their 30s and 40s); and, because attempts to recruit black and other minorities into the project were not successful, they were white. The heterosexual control group, drawn from the research conducted from 1957 through 1965, consisted of 114 persons evenly divided by sex. Where committed partners were not available, assigned partners were used, a procedure which duplicated that of the earlier research on heterosexual response.

Detailed physiological investigations were carried out on masturbation, rectal intercourse, oral-genital stimulation, and postorgasmic

behavior patterns. Following their presentation of methodological procedures and statistical data, Masters and Johnson conclude that "when men or women respond to the sexually stimulative techniques of masturbation, partner manipulation, and fellatio/cunnilingus in the laboratory, the gender of the study subjects, their sexual preference, or whether they are members of committed or assigned couples makes not the slightest bit of difference in their overall sexual functional facility as measured by orgasmic attainment." Put more succinctly, a person studying the various graphs and tables of sexual response could not in principle determine whether the activity in question was homosexual or heterosexual.

Though the sample of ambisexuals was small, the conclusion here is that "there simply was no difference observed in the physiologic response patterns of ambisexual men or women, whether they were

Scott F. Johnson



responding to homosexually or heterosexually oriented stimuli." In short, just as homosexual/heterosexual patterns are indistinguishable between subjects, they are also indistinguishable within the same subject.

The second part of the book, dealing with clinical studies, dates from 1968 through 1977, and represents the expansion of techniques developed in **Human Sexual Inadequacy** to the new homosexual research population. There were 57 male patients and 27 female patients, broken down (again following the earlier research into heterosexuality) into three categories of dysfunctionality: primary (never able to attain or maintain full erection), secondary (once able to attain erection, but losing erectile security), and situational (without history of full erectile response). For the lesbians the criterion or anorgasmic response replaces erectile response.

Masters and Johnson are insistent that the goals which therapy is to have must be prescribed by the patient, **never** by the therapist. Gays who sincerely wished to function better homosexually determined this as their goal in the interviews, as well as gays who wished to revert or convert to heterosexuality. The authors insist that reversion or conversion from heterosexuality to homosexuality (one instance cited in their case studies) is equally within the bounds of therapeutic possibility. During their interview on the "Phil Donahue Show," and in an earlier interview aired on the "Today Show," they quickly corrected the interviewers who mentioned "cure." Though Masters and Johnson claim high successes in therapeutic reversion/conversion, what they are doing clinically is not "medicine" but "technology"—they offer to people the chance to be what they want to be, and to function adequately within the lifestyle to which they are drawn for one reason or another.

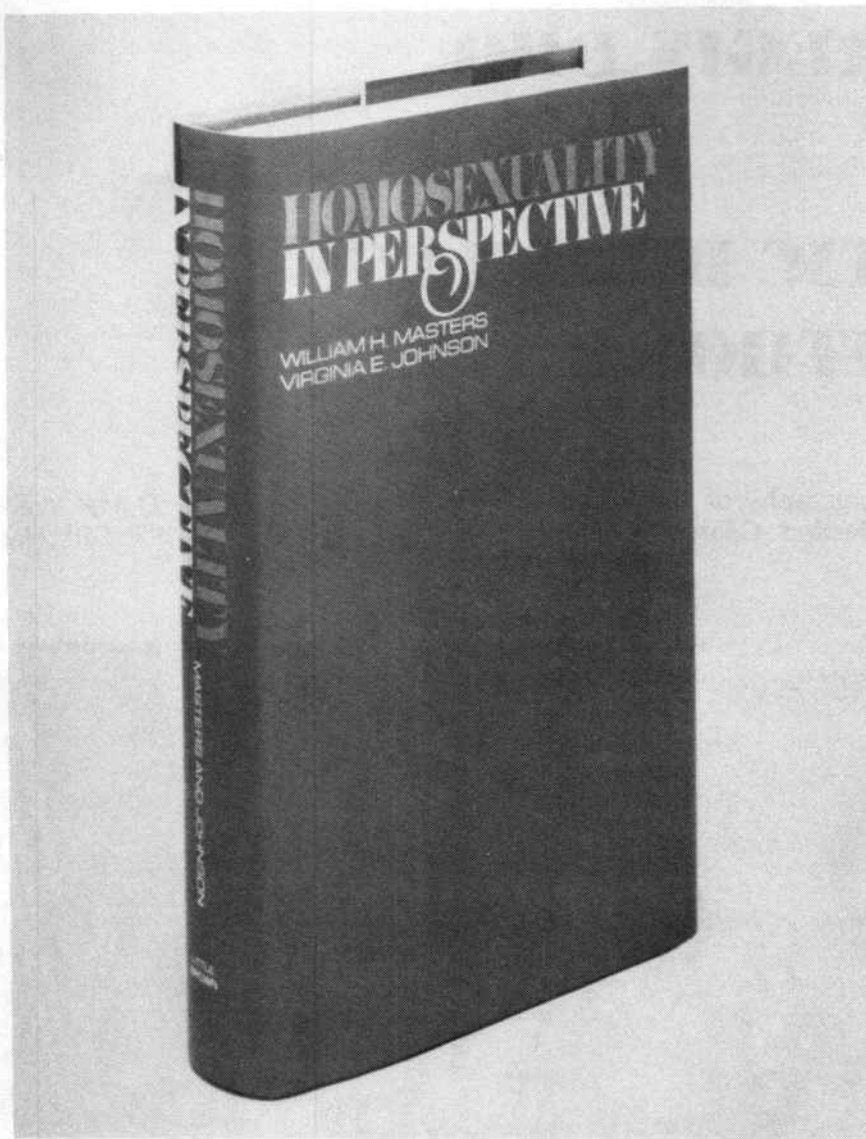
The only harsh words which the authors have to offer in the entire volume are directed, not to homosexuals, but to the health care profession itself. The authors state (and document in several case histories) that self-styled therapists and physicians often either refuse to deal with gays or (what is worse) enter into a therapeutic relationship with a set of prejudices and unexamined goals. They describe these attitudes on the part of the health care profession as "unscientific," while one can certainly conjure up more dramatic condemnations, it should be noted that, from Masters' and Johnson's perspective, that is simply the worst indictment imaginable.

To say that therapy-goals are not prescribed from above is not to claim that values never emerge from clinical interaction itself. About the proverbial one-night-stand the authors make the following generalization: "Many homosexual men do live through a pleasant lifetime of a seemingly unending stream of casual sexual partners and continue to function well sexually. For many others, however, satiation occurs; and with it comes the compelling psychosexual need to force interest, to make erections happen, to evidence objectively an intensity of sexual involvement that simply is not there subjectively. Since men simply cannot force erections, these are times when the erectile process is slowed, anxiety creeps in, full penile engorgement falters, performance fears swell, and the erectile process is progressively impaired." I quote this important passage in full because it is important to realize that the MJ therapy is not a "do-your-own-thing" oriented version of the pop subjectivity school which so infects the psychological marketplace. Erectile competence, orgasmic competence, sexual function are not subjective values which can be taken or left. They are real human values, to which the MJ therapy is genuinely committed. It is, in

short, a scientific (as opposed to a "pop") therapy; and, as with all things in science, the promise of success always includes the risk of failure. This is not a put-down. The promise of sure-fire success is neither a scientific nor therapeutic: it is a simple lie.

When it comes time, near the end of their study, to generalize about the future of homosexuality (as a lifestyle) and about the consequences of their research, Masters and Johnson display the expected scientific caution in avoiding simplistic answers and overgeneralizations. They remark that, "today, many decades after cultural dictum originally introduced the concept that important functional differences do exist between the two sexual preferences, the overwhelming pressure of public opprobrium still blindly reinforces this false assumption." They go on to note that the Institute "has no point of contention with the relatively well-defined position of theology on the subject of homosexuality." If this comes as a surprise to the reader, it should be noted that, while the cultural assumption that functional differences exist is meaningful but false, the theological assumptions about homosexuality are not false but meaningless. There is no point against which one could contend, because they simply say nothing.

This does not mean that there is no hope, but it does mean that hope must always be tempered with caution. The hope first: "Of course there will continue to be adjustment problems for homosexuals as cultural concepts alter. Homosexual men and women must gather the social courage to move quietly away from the bulwarked position of "preference denial" to which they have been driven by cultural condemnation. Then the caution: "At the same time, however, they must not make the mistake of overreacting to the newly developing opportunities for social acceptance. Psychosocial prejudice does not alter overnight."



It would of course be nice to think that a solid piece of scientific research could lay to rest the en-crust-ed myths of yesterday's dark-ness. When Galileo wanted to lay to rest once and for all the myth of the earth-centered universe, he produced a telescope, in order that the facts of the situation might be simply seen to all the world. The religious and culturally entrenched protagonists of his day handled the situation as they have always han-dled it—by refusing to peer into the instrument. We are now two hundred years away from the crea-tion of the first telescope, but anti-science lives on. So don't think for a moment that the psychiatrists (a la Bieber) or the theologians or the fundamentalists are going to

rush out, buy their copy of MJ, and repent their sins. Humanity is still a primitive lot; and, the truth of the matter notwithstanding, gays are going to remain on the short end of the stick for a long time to come. This is not pessimism, but rather simple realism; and it is to their credit that Masters and Johnson

insist on underlining it here.

On a more scientific note, real optimism is in order, and it is upon this note that the authors choose to conclude their work: "A start has been made. Far more sophisticated basic research in the neurophysiol-ogy of human sexual function is next in order. . . These techniques must also be combined with im-proved applicant screening and more effective follow-up pro-cedures. In response to such inves-tigative efforts, there will be pro-gressive lowering of the overall failure rates for the treatment of both homosexually and heterosexu-ally oriented sexual inadequacy."

I have hit highlights only in this overview, as needs must be, since the book itself provides as concise a summary of its own findings as could be presented without falsifi-cation. Those readers of a more poetic proclivity, who prefer simple generalizations and capsulized slogans, will find this book painful going; as it was not intended to be set to music. For those of us who prefer to see things as they are, rather than as we'd like them to be, the new MJ study is surely requir-ed reading. It offers a wealth of case studies, careful generaliza-tions, suggestions for further work, and a solid bibliography. It is also readable, more so than the first two MJ works; and by this I mean that there is little excuse for not having read it. **Homosexuality in Perspec-tive** should be required reading for all health professionals, and indeed for all persons concerned with the process and problems of human sexuality.

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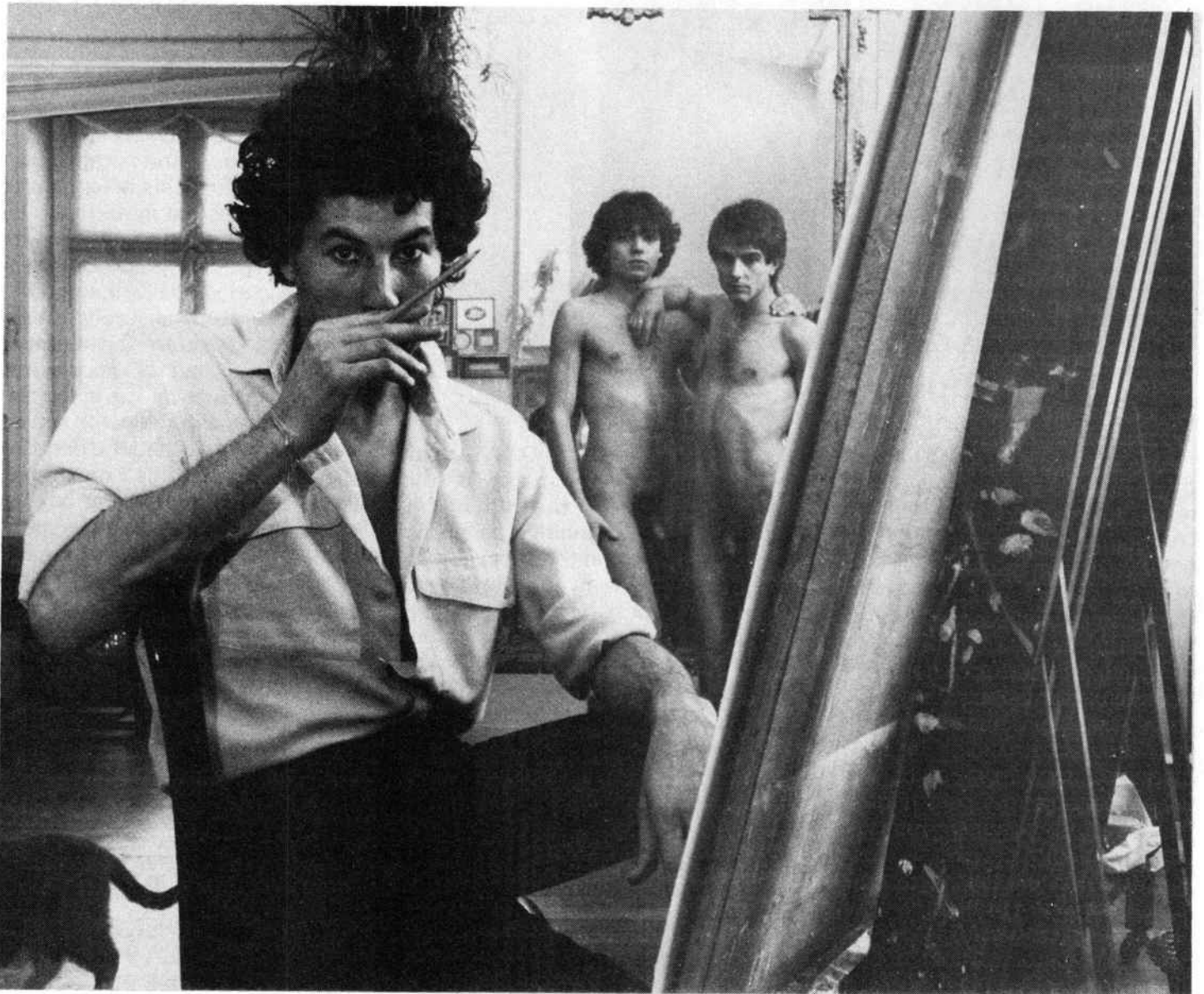
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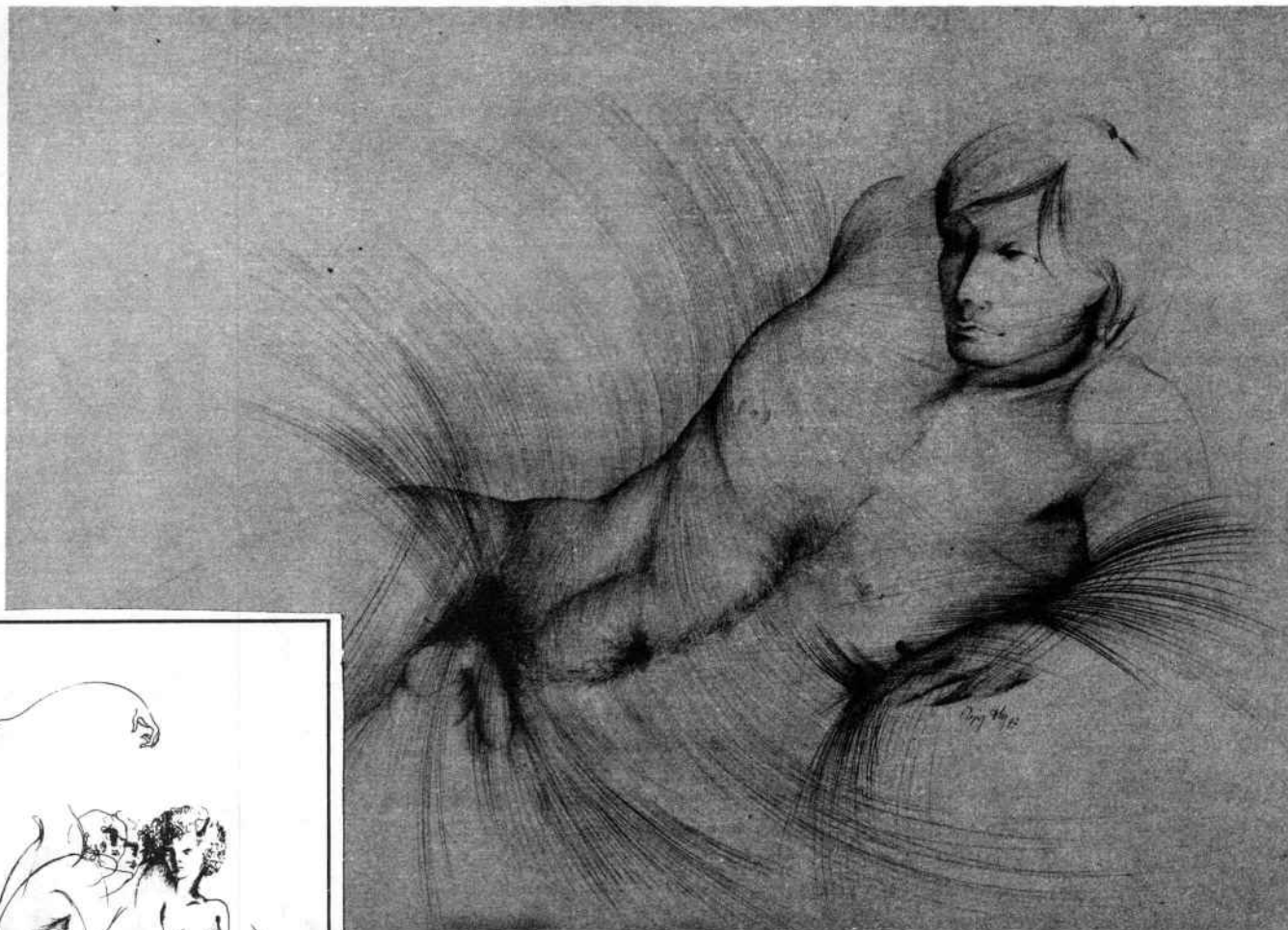
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the aggressive penis, equalled by the dark vacuum of the open mouth. The instant of orgasm is reflected in an eye. The arc of movement is the arc of ejaculating sperm. And the shadows are soft, like after-sex feelings expressed only in a shared cigarette's smoke.

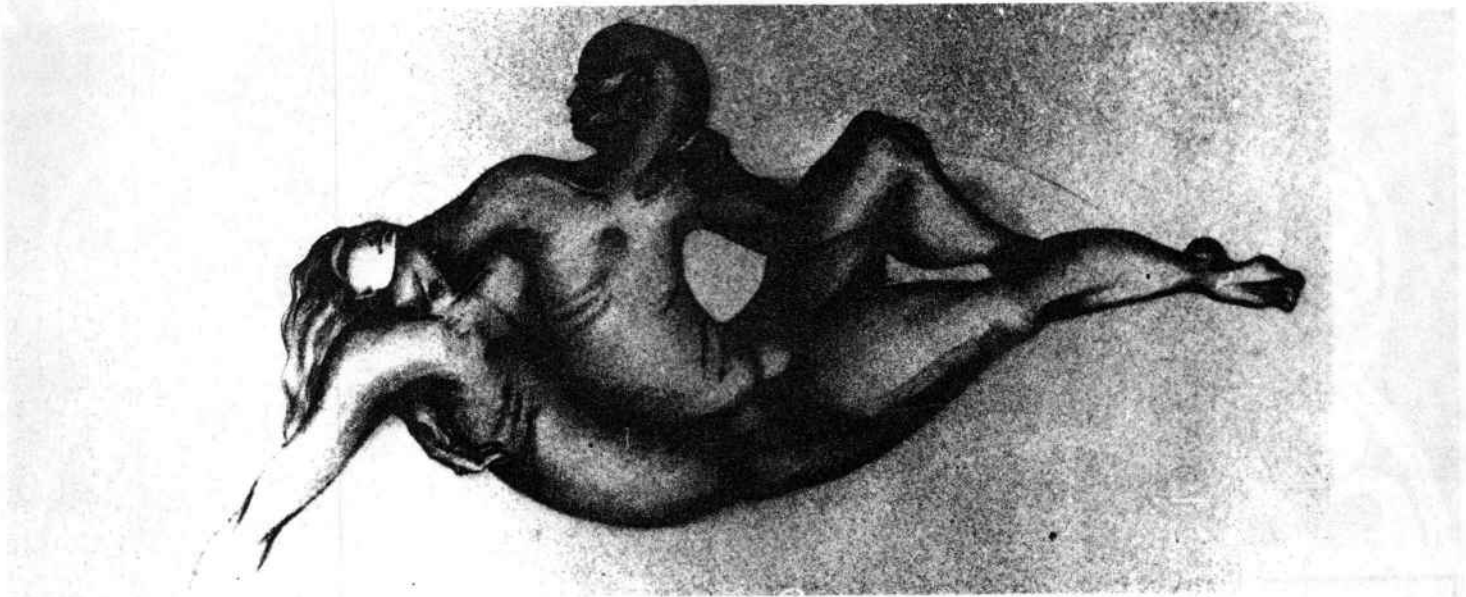
Yet, as in many dreams, there is the stuff of shock, laughable in its sheer idiocy, causing one's brain to halt momentarily, to grasp the out-

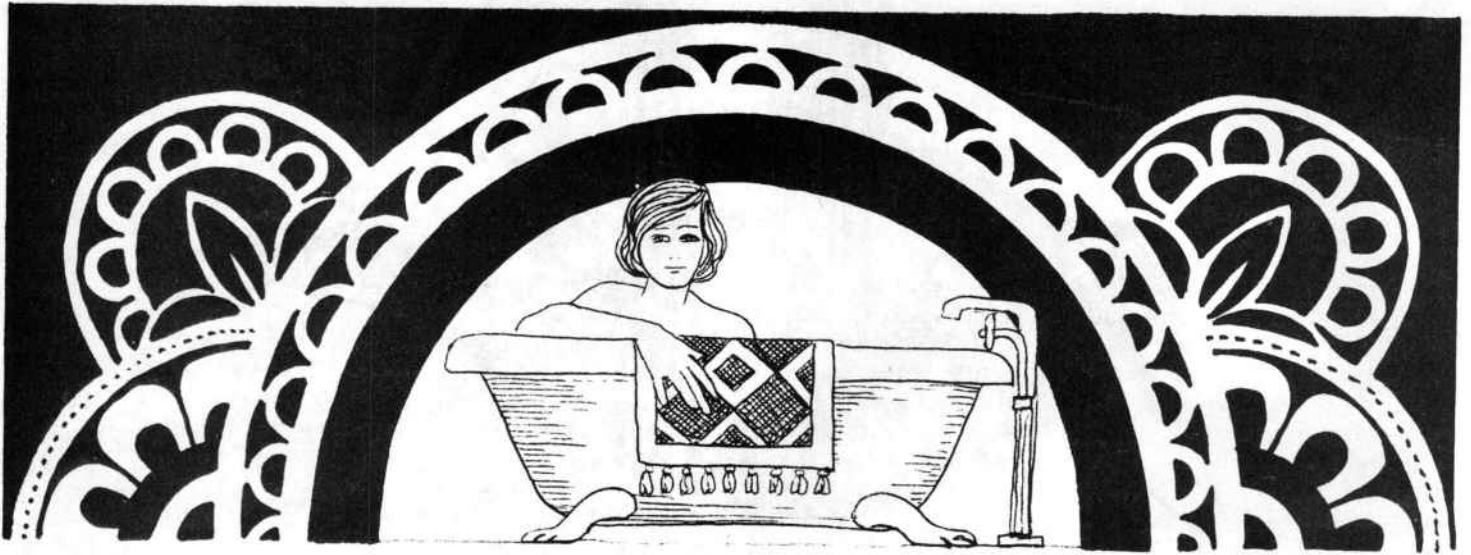
rageous motion of a fellating head, to study the delicate poignancy of an impossibly piss-elegant hand, to see the very shape of gay concupiscence, and to smile, in friendly recognition, and move on.

The catalogue was published on the occasion of the first gallery exhibition in America of Dho's works at David Alexander's, from October through December 1978. The catalogue is available for \$8.00

postpaid from either David Alexander, 2067 Broadway, Suite 27, New York, NY 10023 or Lambda Books, Inc., Box 248, Belvidere, NJ 07823. A price list for the original drawings which are illustrated in the catalogue is also available from Alexander.

The beauty of this small book is that the dream may be recaptured, again and again, and that it is never once exactly as it was before.





ON THE BARRIER ISLAND

FICTION:

By George W. Smyth

He went to the offshore island, the barrier island that protected the mainland, to recover from sloppy surgery, to rest and keep himself from the round of activities he knew he would attempt to cover if he didn't leave the city. He went to the barrier island to escape a too-social wife. He went to the island, strangely, on a kind of recommendation from the doctor who had performed an emergency appendectomy on him. The doctor had been on the barrier island the previous winter with his family and said it was no place for kids.

Walking on the beach now, just out from the hotel, he recalled the doctor's words. No place for a family. the island had sounded like just the place for him when he heard the doctor's remark. He had wanted seclusion and quiet and a change, and he felt now he would get that. He had finally gotten a good night's sleep in the hotel after weeks of tossing and turning at home in bed, fighting the pressures of his days. He looked up to the sky. The morning was clear and cool and only slightly damp. The ocean breeze and the salt air and spray refreshed him, and he licked salt from his lips. The weather refreshed him, gave him an appetite, and he thought he would walk a mile and then have breakfast in the dining room he had only briefly glanced at when he had checked in at midnight. He rejoiced in the climate, so agreeable to him now, and tasted the salt on his lips again and felt a kind of amnesty, a general pardon for all mean and

corrupt things done to him, and it was a pleasant sensation, a sensuous feeling, and he breathed in more of the air.

He walked further along the beach and noticed several more resort high-rise hotels several hundred yards down the shore. I will look around those places later today, he thought. I have plenty of time. I'm giving myself that. I'll explore the island, he thought. I'll have to find out why it's not a place for kids. He smiled, then walked a little more, turned around and went back to his hotel.

In the dining room the waitress took his order, said nothing, and in a few minutes his breakfast came. With gusto, he ate eggs, bacon, toast, and sat with a fresh cup of coffee and looked out to the hotel's garden. Something seemed wrong with the garden, he thought, staring out at hanging vines, purple flowers, a small swimming pool with lounge chairs around it. Something, he thought, what is it? The place was well-groomed enough. Two gardeners were at work trimming hedges. An elderly couple appeared and walked arm-in-arm to the pool, stood on the edge and looked into it. Then he looked closer to the far side of the pool and saw a boy about thirteen sitting on the grass. The boy had on a bathing suit and was staring up at one of the rooms. It looked like he was crying.

He finished his second cup of coffee and walked out to the garden. He had a book with him and

walked to the pool and looked in and then sat in a lounge chair; then he stood up and repositioned the chair so he could watch the boy, who was not crying now but still staring up at a room. He sat down again and opened his book and started to read, but he kept glancing up at the boy so often that he could not concentrate on anything else. What, he wondered, is the boy staring up there for? He followed his gaze and saw nothing unusual, just the bank of rooms facing the pool and gardens. Rooms on the other side of the hotel, including his own, had an ocean view. Maybe, he thought, the boy is wondering what the beach and ocean look like from twelve stories high. But what is the boy doing here at all? He remembered the doctor's words again and now wondered for the second time this morning why the island was no place for children. What had the doctor meant? Was that just his own opinion, given without thought, or had his own children met some bad fate out here? Yes, he decided, the doctor's own children had gotten into some kind of mischief out here. He now remembered the doctor had two teen-aged boys and they were a constant source of trouble. One of the boys had been jailed for drunken driving. He thought now: I really should not have gone to him for surgery which nearly cost me my life, the emergency aspect of it notwithstanding. The poor man must be in turmoil over his sons.

The boy finally stood up, stretched, and walked to the pool. From his chair he watched him look at the water, then put his foot in the pool, stirring the water, then back off. He was only a few feet away. The boy turned to him.

"It's cold," he said. "My name is Roger. What's yours?"

"I'm. . . call me Sam, Roger."

"You're old enough to be my father, Mister—?"

"Just Sam. I'm old enough to be your father, I suppose. How old are you?"

"Fourteen. Almost fifteen."

"I'm just. . . barely old enough to be your father," Sam said, smiling. "I'm thirty." He laughed. "Almost thirty-one."

"My grandfather's seventy," Roger said. "I think he is. I'm not sure." The boy looked frightened now.

"And your father?"

"He's dead. Do you have kids?"

"No kids. Where is your grandfather?"

"Up in that room," Roger said, pointing.

"The room you were staring at?"

"How did you know?"

"I saw you. I was watching you. I'm sorry."

"Well, that's O.K."

"Why were you staring at the room so long?"

"I think Grandpa's dead," Roger said. "I don't know what to do."

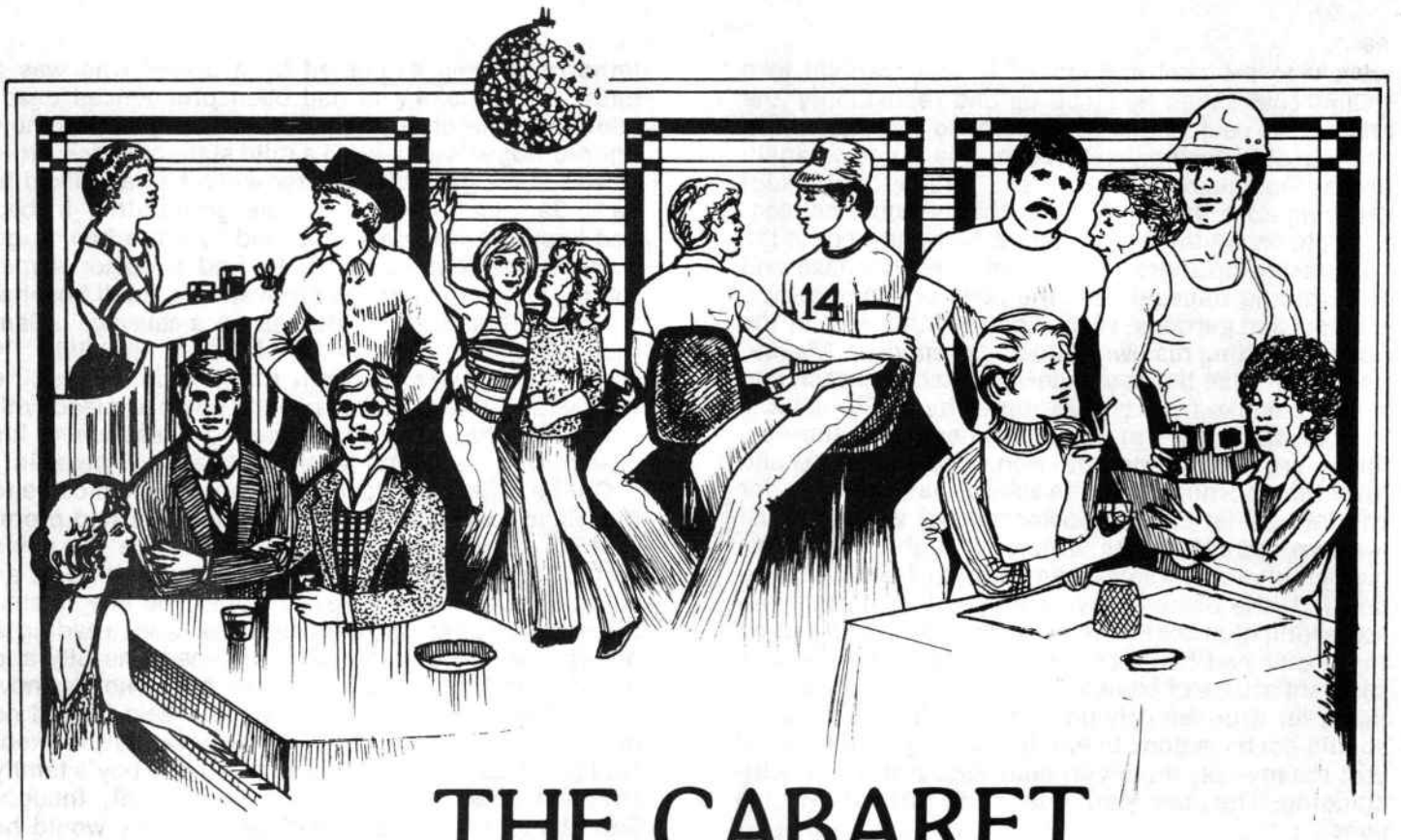
That afternoon he put on sports clothes and walked down the shore to the first of the other hotels he had seen in the morning. He knew it was too early but he felt he needed a drink and he wanted to get away for a while from his own hotel. Things had been hectic and confusing and disturbing since the boy's grand-

father had been examined by a doctor who was a guest in the hotel and had been pronounced dead. Sam had gone up to the room with Roger. Sam now figured Roger had been in a mild state of shock while he was in the garden and later when he had talked to Sam. Sam took one look at the grandfather in bed and knew he was dead and had told the boy to go down to the lobby and try to find a doctor somewhere. The body had been moved to a small hospital on the mainland ten miles over on a causeway. Sam had driven the boy to the hospital although he wasn't sure it was the right thing to do. He felt he was getting too involved, but the boy had plead with him and he had insisted he wanted to see where his grandfather was being taken, and Sam had given in.

On the drive over Roger told Sam they had come to the island a week before. The grandfather had promised him a vacation, a change, ever since the boy's mother and father and sister had been killed in an automobile accident a year before. The boy related the details of the accident as if he were reading a newspaper account of it. Sam listened uneasily and found himself growing fond of the boy, who was now more of an orphan than ever. He had said he had no other relatives that he knew of. Sam was a little skeptical but thought he would check into the boy's family situation later. Roger was probably right, though, Sam thought. He really is all alone. Why would he lie? "I don't know what I'm going to do," the boy had said, looking out the window of the car to the sand flats on the mainland.

After an hour at the hospital, with Sam helping to make arrangements to ship the body home, Sam had driven the boy back to the hotel. "I don't want to go home," Roger had said, and Sam looked at him. "I mean," Roger said, "if I had a home. I'm not going to any more funerals ever again." Sam had taken the boy up to his room and had tried to talk to him, get some more information out of him, but the boy was now close-mouthed and said little, staring out to the ocean and down to the beach. Finally, he had said, "I want to live here. Here in the hotel. I don't want to leave here. I'm tired of moving around." Sam called the hotel manager while the boy was in the bathroom. He asked him what he thought he should do with the boy. Sam had, by accident, become the boy's protector and he wasn't sure how to handle the situation he felt had been thrust upon him. The manager told him the room occupied by Roger and his grandfather was paid up for another week and he should do whatever he thought was right for the boy. The manager seemed relieved when Sam said, "All right, I will. I'll take care of things somehow." He had committed himself beyond all backing out.

Sam took the boy back to his own room after buying him a sandwich for lunch and had left the boy sitting by the window, staring down at the garden and pool. He promised Roger he would see him later. "I like your room better," the boy had said. "Don't go. I don't know what to do." Sam told him to try to rest, take a nap, go down and sit on the grass, go out to the beach. He told him they would have dinner together. Roger brightened and said he would go to the



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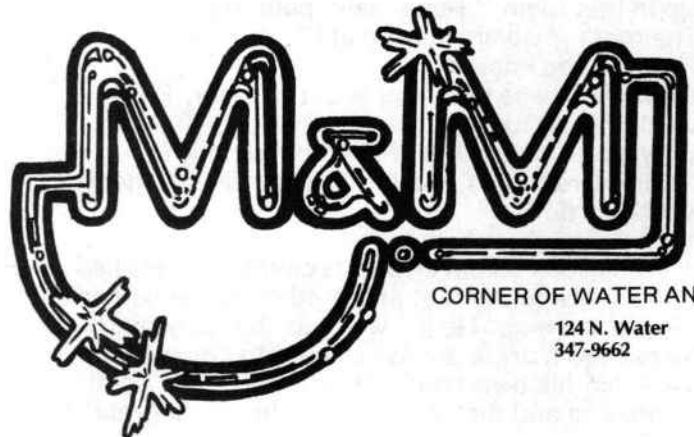
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beach. "Be careful out there," Sam had said. "That water looks rough. It's no place. . .for kids." Roger laughed and said a kid was not what he was anymore.

Now, Sam left the beach and walked into the hotel down from his own and found the bar. He felt guilty about leaving Roger alone at such a time for him, but he had to think about what further to do. Everything had changed all of a sudden and Sam did not think he was prepared to take care of a fourteen-year-old boy, especially one. . .like Roger. He had come to the barrier island to rest and already he felt exhausted by the events of the day. He wondered what to do. He hoped he was not close to some breaking point. Roger seemed abnormal, and Sam knew he had to think about. . .what to do with him. He had thought the boy to be in a temporary state of shock, but now he wasn't too sure that his grandfather's death had greatly upset him. But he wasn't at all certain about . . .the boy's state of mind. He remembered now, but did not want to, that the boy had looked at him in what he considered to be a mildly erotic way when he had come out of the bathroom after the manager had been contacted. Had he been listening to him in the bathroom? He had come out of the bathroom and smiled at Sam and was walking toward him when Sam noticed he had not zipped up his slacks and an erection was showing though the white shorts he had on underneath the slacks. Sam had mentioned something about the zipper and the white shorts to the boy, who had then said, "Well, I thought you might

want to see what I've got down there, it's pretty big and sticks out good. I'll bet it's as big as yours. A lot of men like to see me down here. I see them looking at me, at my— a lot of men kind of like me." The boy had frowned a bit, then smiled again and had said. "Don't you like me? Don't you want to—? *Don't* you like me?"

Sam ordered a martini and when he thought about what Roger had said and what he had answered, he grew uneasy and drank the martini in three swallows and noticed his hand was shaking slightly. He ordered another martini. He wondered now who was abnormal, he or the boy. Or both of them? When Roger had said what he had about men liking him, he felt a stirring in his groin, the beginning of his own erection, but had only said, "Well, Roger, I like you, too, but not like that." Now he wondered if he had been telling the truth. He thought: I really have to examine myself, my motives, think about what I should or should not do with Roger, for him, not for him, exactly how I should behave around him. He knew he was stuck with the boy, at least for some time, and he didn't know what to do, or if he should do anything. He looked into the clear liquid of his cold drink and then he admitted unerringly to himself: Yes, I like Roger and I like him like that. But he also knew he liked the boy because he felt deep sympathy for him and he wondered if that were a more honest, a truer emotion than. . .the other. He felt torn and thought about leaving the island immediately but then he felt that would be a kind of



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shallow defeat, no victory at all, a small death, a problem he was not facing. He thought about changing hotels on the island, but he knew the boy would find him soon enough, or he. . . would find the boy. There was no salvation, no protection or strength, in running away from what confronted him. Somehow he had to face what had come his way on the barrier island. He thought about the boy, his fine features, his curly and sandy-colored hair, lithe and smooth body, the glimpse of his erect but hidden penis, and he felt the stirring in his groin again, himself growing stiff, and he shifted position on the bar stool and tears came to his eyes. Well, he thought, we do what we must, we do what we. . . cannot help, we do what we think. . . may be wrong, we think what may be. . . right, or wrong, but we act, we move, we do, we live, we sin, we win, we. . . are what we are, and I am no different. . . from other men, certain times and situations for other men, under certain. . . conditions which exist or are made to exist or are. . . just there, for the taking, for the. . . leaving. The boy, he thought, needs help. He needs protection. I need help. I need to find out something, perhaps I need to try to protect myself from something, within or without me, but there. That something is certainly and exactly me, he thought, right or wrong it is me but I must remember that I have to live with myself for a long time yet, I must remember that whatever I do will have consequences for me, and they may be bad or they may not be.

He wondered if he were strong enough to resist

the temptation that now swept over him, the conflict that began to engulf him more and more. Suddenly he thought: No man is an island, but I must be an island. . . around the boy. There is no one else. I must circle him with. . . affection and kindness and understanding. I must provide protection and support. . . and love, at least temporarily, at least until the boy can be placed in a home. Or, he thought, and winced, until he goes out on his own on the streets.

Back in his hotel he walked through the lobby and saw Roger sitting and reading a magazine. He walked up to him and said, "Hello, Roger, are you ready for dinner? Did you have a nap, a swim?"

"Yes," Roger said, standing up. "Yes, sir."

"Please. Drop the 'sir'."

"O.K. Sam." The boy grinned.

"That's better. You'd best change from your bathing suit into—"

"I'm going to. I was just waiting for you to come back from that bar."

"You—?"

"Yeah, I followed you. I saw you in there. You kind of drink a lot."

"Maybe."

"Maybe you shouldn't."

"Maybe," Sam said.

"Did you see me outside the door to that bar?"

"No. I didn't."

"Are you mad at me for following you? Watching you?"

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Los Angeles, CA—The third anniversary celebration of Parents and Friends of Gays received a surprise appearance by Mayor Tom Bradley. Bradley expressed his appreciation to members for their "tremendous support. . .to help enlighten the people of our community and our state."

San Francisco Sentinel

San Francisco, CA—The Gay Athiest League of America (GALA) celebrated its first anniversary with the appearance of **Gala Review #10** (April, 1979), which contains the organization's constitution together with a variety of articles on religious oppression of gays. Back issues, including the anniversary issue, are available for \$1 each postpaid from GALA, Box 14142, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Gala Review

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

Los Angeles, CA—The Municipal Elections Commission of L.A. (MECLA) held a political fund-raising banquet which raised about \$45,000. The banquet was hosted by actor Burt Lancaster, who also gave strong support to the "No on 6 Campaign." MECLA is also a gay-rights group. When asked by a reporter whether he was gay, Lancaster replied, "Nobody ever asked if I was black when I appeared for the NAACP."

Bay Area Reporter

San Juan, Puerto Rico—The Puerto Rican Socialist Party has passed a resolution calling for recognition of gay rights in public, cultural, and political life.

New York Times

Washington, DC—**Quest**, the feminist quarterly, is looking for a fundraiser who can work on a commission basis. **Quest** is an independent feminist journal publishing theory and political analysis. Contributions are tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. For more information, or to apply, write to: Alexa Freeman, P.O. Box 8843, Washington, DC 20003; or phone (202) 293-1347.

Press Release

Bangkok, Thailand—56 girls, ages 8 to 15, were freed by police from a factory in which they were confined to work 17 hours a day wrapping toffies for \$50-90 a year. The raid came after the deaths of two children at the factory. Twenty of the girls remain "unclaimed" by relatives.

Big Mama Rag

Detroit, MI—The Women's Justice Center has filed a class action suit against the Detroit Police Department on behalf of three rape victims who were compelled to take polygraph tests by police after being raped.

Big Mama Rag

Los Angeles, CA—One World Travel Club is pleased to announce a 22-day tour of Spain, Portugal, and Morocco escorted by Dorr Legg. Departure will be on either September 7 or 10, with a special gala going-away dinner in New York hosted by One of New York. For further details, write: One Travel Club, 2256 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90006.

Press Release

Los Angeles, CA—Superior Court Judge Bonnie Martin has sentenced Lionel Williams to 51 years in jail for the 1976 murder of actor Sal Mineo.

Bay Area Reporter

New York, NY—The New York chapter of the Gay Academic Union (GAU) has announced the publication of the first issue of **Gay Books Bulletin**, which will concentrate primarily on critical reviews of books. Subscription rates are \$10 per year (institutional, \$15). For more information, write: GAU-NY, Box 480, Lenox Hill Station, New York, NY 10021.

Press Release

Washington, DC—Pentagon officials claim that the abortion restrictions passed by Congress last year are causing hardships in the military, and could undermine its effectiveness if an increasing number of servicewomen are compelled to have babies.

Associated Press

Sacramento, CA—A Sacramento gay researcher is searching for the remaining survivors of the Nazi holocaust against gay people. Captured Nazi documents now in microfilm form in the General Services Administration document mass executions of gays. Jake Church, a free-lance writer, would like to contact survivors and collect histories anonymously. Gay people who survived the camps should write him at 4908 13th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820 or call him at (916) 457-3412.

Press Release

London, UK—Haringey Council is now offering joint mortgages to "two or more non-related applicants, regardless of sex." Dr. Jane Chapman, the Labour councillor who brought the new lending policy forward despite opposition from Conservatives and some council officials, said: "Gay people do have a housing problem and I would like to think that Haringey is a progressive borough that will cater for them."

Gay News (London)

"I guess we're sort of even," Sam said. "No, I'm not mad at you. You better go change. I'll wait here for you in the lobby. Go on up to your grand— Go on up to your room and change. Take your time. Take a shower."

"I'm in your room now," Roger said. "The manager said it was O.K. Seeing as how you helped Grandpa and all. I like your room better. You can see the ocean from there."

"The manager put you in my room?"

Roger looked sheepish. "Well, I was going to ask him anyway. I wanted to change to your room."

"But your room is paid a week in advance."

"I got the money back."

"I see," Sam said, and couldn't help smiling.

"I don't want to stay in Grandpa's room any longer. Isn't it O.K. if I stay with you a little while?"

All right. It's all right. Yes." Sam took a deep breath and said, "Come on, let's go up to the room. I'll change, too, and clean up, as long as we're up there."

"I'm not very hungry for dinner. Can't we just watch TV in the room? Or are you going back to that bar?"

Sam looked at the boy a long time and finally said, "What? What did you say?"

"TV," the boy said. "There's a program I want to watch. And I'm not hungry."

"No," Sam said. "I'm not either. Come on."

In the room Roger took off his bathing suit and opened the suitcase he had already brought in. "I don't know what to wear," he said, turning to face Sam. "Grandpa always—"

"Wear anything, Roger. And don't take a shower now. Put something on, please."

"You don't like me naked?"

"I—" Sam went over and sat on the bed, put his head in his hands, then looked up to the boy, now walking over to him. He needs protection, he thought, he needs it badly. But why did I have to meet him? Why do I have to go through this test? Why did this have to happen to me now, just when my resistance. . . is low? The boy now stood directly in front of Sam. Then he touched Sam on the head and said, "I like you."

"It's not normal, Roger. Look, you've had recent very tragic experiences and you're probably not yourself. You're at a very formative and influential age. You're— It's. . . just not normal."

"I don't care. I don't know what's normal."

"I don't know what to say," Sam said. "I don't know what to do."

"Do what you want to. I do."

"But you're. . ." Sam began. "You're. . . young."

"Don't you want to touch me here?" the boy said, and not waiting for a response, he reached for Sam's hand and placed it on his penis. "That feels good," the boy said. "I like to feel good. Don't you? Down there. It's getting real hard."

"Yes."

"Go ahead. Don't be afraid. I won't tell. I don't have anyone to tell. To tell anything. Are you afraid?"

"Yes."

"Why don't you take off your clothes?"

"No."

"Well, O.K. But it's better that way."

"TV," Sam said. "You want to watch TV."

"No, not really, not yet," the boy said. "I want to watch you."

"Watch me. . . what?"

"Do what you're doing. Playing with my—"

"Don't," Sam said. "Don't say it. Don't say anything. I don't know what I'm doing. I don't know what to do."

"Yeah, you do. Just do it."

"Don't say anything just now."

"O.K., but take off your clothes, too."

Sam lay back on the bed and closed his eyes and tried not to think of anything, there on the bed, there in his room, there with the boy, there with himself, there on the barrier island. But he felt another body on the bed against him now and he felt a hand on his leg and he felt his belt buckle being undone, and then he touched the boy again, this time on his face, and the face was wet. He touched the boy gently below the eyes, and then he touched his own face and later he tasted their tears, their salty and mutual absolution.



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New York, NY—More men than ever are wearing fur coats. In 1978 sales of fur coats to men amounted to \$73 million, or 10% of the current market. Three years ago, it was only about 1% of the market.

Wall Street Journal

New York, NY—For losing weight, sex is more effective than saccharin. A recent computer study in Italy reports that love-making burns between 125 and 300 calories per session. . .if you make love twice weekly, you'll burn up 32,000 calories annually, accounting for a weight loss of 9.13 pounds. If you like to make love but don't want to lose weight, eating an extra 13.77 pounds of milk chocolate will offset about 100 rounds of love-making during the same period. Heavy kissing only burns between 5 and 12 calories.

Environmental Nutrition

Washington, D.C.—Several City Council candidates, including incumbents, have come out in favor of repealing this city's sodomy law. Political observers report that prospects for repeal of the law later this year look quite good.

Gay Community News

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

Wichita, KS—Some judges are becoming weary of the war on porn. The main judicial gripe, according to the Chief Judge of the Kansas Court of Appeals, is that the more obscenity charges come to court, the more time the judges must spend reading the allegedly dirty books.

Student Lawyer Magazine

Marseilles, France—A roundtable discussion was held here between members of the gay community and representatives of other community organizations. According to one of the gay representatives, "there are two bars, a few baths, and very few outdoor cruising places for the 40,000 homosexuals of Marseilles. We live virtually secret lives. . ."

Le Matin

Olympia, WA—The Washington state gay rights bill, together with hundreds of other pieces of legislation, died in committee this year. The rights bill, much like Seattle's own ordinance, would have prohibited discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing and employment.

Seattle Gay News

San Diego, CA—Dignity, the national gay Catholic organization, will hold its tenth anniversary convention here on September 1-3, 1979. Information and registration forms are available from Dignity's national office at 3719 Sixth Ave., Suite F, San Diego, CA 92103; or by phoning (714) 295-4424.

Press Release

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 its 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)

Cambridge, MA—Harvard Divinity School has announced that it will provide official recognition to the Lesbian and Gay Caucus. The group will become an official caucus within the student association, along with a black students group and a women's caucus.

Gaysweek

Raleigh, NC—A 24-year-old South Carolina woman has been awarded \$150,000 in damages from the Greyhound Bus Company for a 1976 sexual assault in Greyhound's bus terminal here.

Gaysweek

Burlington, VT—Flo Kennedy, Karla Jay, and Allen Young were the keynote speakers at a regional gay student conference for students and student organizations in New England and New York. The conference, hosted by the Gay Student Union of the University of Vermont, was held April 27-29.

Gay Community News

Miami, FL—The Dade County Coalition for Human Rights, the Center for Dialogue, and the Institute on Sexism of Florida International University held a joint conference on "Developing a Positive Gay Identity" on April 22.

Gay Community News

Cambridge, MA—Black Lesbians: An Annotated Bibliography, compiled by J. Roberts, will bring together about 200 references to books and other publications dealing with, or written by, black lesbians. \$1,500 is needed to publish the first edition of 2,000 copies. Contributions or requests for further information should be sent to: Brundidge Hill Research Publications, c/o J.R. Roberts, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Press Release

REVIEW

Special Teachers/Special Boys by Pete Fisher and Marc Rubin. St. Martin's Press, New York, 1979, 341 pp., \$4.95.

Reviewed by Jim Jones, M.A.

From the earliest days of American history, teachers have been ascribed an aura of magic, often filled with honor, even reverence, because of their unique calling in life. They volunteered for the job of educating the nation's and each individual family's young into adulthood and citizenry. The position had few financial rewards; its profits were reaped in the souls and spirits of those newly educated.

Certainly that is a romantic picture, at best, but it is an historical belief from which writers have long woven tales of educators, even into the present. **Goodbye Mr. Chips, Up the Down Staircase, To Sir, with Love** represent some popular modern versions. Such books present the successful teacher as a person with powers not granted to others; indeed, that is why they have chosen that profession: because they are uniquely gifted. Sometimes their talents border on the mystical but even presentations of "super-teachers" remain slightly unbelievable because good teachers **are** different from anybody else; they possess some striking quality which other folk lack. That is what makes them special.



PETER FISHER

This quality and the aura surrounding teachers even today make gay teachers a group often singled out for attack by those who fear homosexuality. They feel children can be led astray from a basic heterosexuality by a gay teacher. We need not go into the fallacies of the argument here but it remains an oft-used, still quite potent argument against the passage of gay rights. A large number of people still believe in a not quite definable power of teachers to mold their subjects into whatever shape they choose.

Pete Fisher and Marc Rubin in **Special Teachers/Special Boys** have drawn on this tradition of teachers as uniquely gifted persons

and taken it into a new vein with their portrayal of a gay teacher whose gayness (as gay teachers have always known) is his greatest asset.

The Lennox School (a fictional one) is in New York and stands as the way station between jail or society for its student population of male teenage criminals. The staff runs the school with authority, skill, and love, keeping their charges moving from class to class, to small group therapy and large group discussion meetings. Each teacher is assigned a number of students to counsel; these are his or her "Special Boys;" he or she is their "Special Teacher."

Jim "Rocky" O'Brien is new to the school this year and for some time refuses to fit in. His process of integration into the group, largely based on simply on acting somewhat maturely and being honest, is woven in with his realization of his gayness, of growing up and being honest with himself. He falls in love with another student, Pete, who at first wants nothing to do with him but then admits his own feelings, too.

The school is beset by many other problems and their day-to-day solving is worked out by Rick, an ex-juvenile delinquent like the boys. He possesses the same power your high school principal had: when he appeared you shut up and stared at the floor, hoping he wouldn't see you, and the misdeed

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Victoria, Australia-The latest book-banning controversy centers around **Young, Gay, and Proud**. The Board of Education adopted its use as "an antidote to the number of sex education guidelines that assume that everyone is or should be heterosexual". Fundamentalist groups complain that the book will encourage young persons to "become gay".

ZNS

London, UK-The British Government has ordered an end to the use of controversial virginity tests on immigrant women arriving from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. The rationale for the tests was that, if the women were virgins, they were more likely to be "truly engaged" to a man in England. Britain's Home Secretary ordered the program cancelled following a public outcry.

ZNS

NYC, NY-Judith Bennett, a sex therapist, contends that choice of a car may be indicative of certain types of sexual fantasies. She categorizes these as the "Charles Bronson," "John Wayne," and "Jane Fonda" fantasy groups. She did not indicate what kind of car she drove.

NY Times

Hamburg, West Germany-Men throughout Germany are taking up a new hobby: knitting. One math student at Hamburg University says that the mathematical challenge of knitting a sweater with different diagonal patterns first attracted him.

ZNS

Tucson, AZ-A male teacher here has been told that he may not wear a gold earring in his left ear to school because it violates proper dress policy for teachers. Perhaps basic black with pearls?

ZNS

London, UK-The Gay Pride Week Committee here is still glowing over its latest coup - winning a very hard-to-get music license for Hyde Park. The music concert will be held on June 30, the day of the Gay Pride Week Carnival.

Gay News(London)

Houston, TX-Men, in Texas at least are apparently choosing secretarial positions more than women. Male secretaries interviewed here indicate that they choose the clerical profession because it enables them to leave their job at the office and allows more time for creative pursuits before and after work.

Christian Science Monitor

Heidelberg, West Germany- A German medical journal reports that political extremists of the right and left are generally incapable of achieving orgasm. Middle-of-the-road and apolitical students generally have more satisfying sex lives, whereas the extremists are more inhibited, and more frequently effected by sadistic and masochistic fantasies.

Sexualmedizin

Copenhagen, Denmark-"The Sex Life of Jesus", a film which drew international protest when first announced, may not get off the ground. Film producer Jens Joergen Thorsen has filed suit against the Danish Ministry of Culture and the State Film Institute, which delayed funding of the film.

ZNS

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

Cambridge, MA-When it comes to posing for nude magazines, women are apparently discriminated against. Both **Playboy** and **Playgirl** were on campus at Harvard photographing nude students. **Playboy** offered \$100 for a clothed shot and \$400 for a nude shot. but the males who posed for **Playgirl** said that they received much more substantial payments.

Harvard Crimson

NYC, NY-The City Dept. of Corrections has announced that gay, transsexual, and transvestite prisoners may now ask for and receive segregated housing in NYC's prison system. The "Homosexual Housing Unit" will be for men only since the department claims that it has ample supply of empty cell blocks for gay women.

NY Times

Glasgow, Scotland-Faced with what it calls a "crackdown on the gay scene" here, the Scottish Homosexual Rights Group has printed 1500 copies of a leaflet designed to give gays advice about what to do if arrested.

Gay News (London)

Washington, DC-Representatives of the National Organization for Women have announced that efforts to ratify the ERA are currently stalled, the victim of a backlash reaction to the extension of the ratification deadline to the summer of 1982.

Philadelphia Gay News

NYC, NY-Marriage and women at the top of the corporate ladder don't mix. A survey by Wareham Associates, Inc., of 13 top women executives of large firms found that the women are less likely to be married than their male counterparts.

ZNS

you had done a moment or two weeks ago would not be laid at your feet for retribution.

Bob Jackson, the science teacher, is a gay activist. The faculty knows he is gay, but he has not come out to the students—yet. Over the summer, he appeared on a television program dealing with gays and it is now scheduled to be shown during the school year. His public coming out and the problems attached to it for the last third of the book.

Bob faces all the difficulties and questions of coming out but withstands them through a warm, understanding lover and supportive friends at school. His action gives Rocky the courage also to be gay and proud and the book ends with his proudly defiant smile, linked with his lover's, fixed in the camera's eye for the school picture.

One easily and quickly becomes involved in the plot of the book which itself is enough to draw the reader all the way through to its happy, promising conclusion. Fisher and Rubin have many good ideas and write fluidly. The novel, however, is like a strawberry on the vine, red and plump, but still green on top and on the back, if you turn it around to look at it. The strawberry isn't ripe yet, and neither is this book.

The authors have all the right ingredients but they haven't crafted them together into a finished product. The focus of the book is the school and its inhabitants but we never find out enough about any of the major characters, except Rocky, really to care about their problems or what happens to them. Our attention is diffused by all the events, the "things" going on externally and we never get inside a character to any great extent.

Rocky is an exception to this and he stands out as a well-conceived and developed character. His forays into the hustler districts and his slow introduction to a gay world where he can face his own desires and emotions form in large part what is good about the book. In-

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HERE & THERE

Sacramento, CA—The California Court of Appeals has sustained a controversial ruling by Municipal Court Judge Dorothy von Beroldingen which requires the District Attorney's Office to reveal to the court any documents that may substantiate claims that the D.A. discriminates as a matter of policy in the prosecution of sex crime cases.

San Francisco Sentinel

Minneapolis, MN—The Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) meeting here on April 7 has issued a resolution supporting gays in the classroom, both as students and as teachers. The Minneapolis convention was the largest in CCCC history.

Press Release

London, UK—The Gay Switchboard has issued a five-year report on the activities, financing, and future projects of the 24-hour switchboard service. Copies of the report are available from: Development Group, London Gay Switchboard, B.M. Switchboard, London WC1V 6XX, UK.

Press Release

New Haven, CT—A New Haven man has been awarded \$6,000 by a jury as a result of a suit charging that he was beaten by police in 1973 because of his gayness.

Gay Community News

Manchester, UK—A judge here has criticized the police for an "astonishing waste of time" spent watching a lesbian barmaid and her lover. The judge's remarks have been less than pleasing to the city's Anti-Vice Squad. After the case, **News of the World** reported that the squad's morale had been "badly shaken."

Gay News (London)

London, UK—John Crisp, the top Scotland Yard official whose marriage hit the headlines when his wife left him to live with her lesbian lover, is to remarry and resign from the force. His resignation, according to Scotland Yard, "is for personal reasons."

Gay News(London)

Chicago, IL—Stephen Hunt, Chicago poet formerly of San Francisco, has released for publication his book of collected poems, **Substance Liquid Vapor Light**. Circulated privately for several years among friends, the collection is now available to the public supplemented with over forty news poems. The book is available for \$4.50 postpaid from: Stephen Hunt, 634-1/2 West Arlington Pl. #36, Chicago, IL 60614.

Press Release

Tokyo, Japan—Japanese students of English are learning a new word—"Stonewall"—thanks to an interview with **Gay News** Editor Michael Mason in the Japanese glossy magazine, **English Today**. The magazine is aimed at Japanese learning English, and this is the second issue which features gays. The previous issue featured an interview with Tom Robison (interview in Tokyo) and GN Staff Reporter Harry Coen (interviewed in Camberwell).

Gay News(London)

Tulsa, OK—The Universal Church of Jesus Christ has recently voted to endorse the "gay lifestyle" as a legitimate Christian way of life. The Church, with international offices in Tulsa, was formed to apply the example of Jesus Christ to modern situations. The policy statement rejected what it claimed is an erroneous idea derived from St. Paul, that sex is justified only for the generation of children.

Integrity Forum

New York, NY—William Morrow has published Hector Arce's **Secret Life of Tyrone Power**, which claims that Power lived a covert life as a bisexual. One of Power's special friends, according to the author, was Errol Flynn.

U.S. Magazine

San Francisco, CA—Gay Rights Advocates has produced its first annual report. The GRA budget for 1978 was \$30,000, and GRA plans to fund a \$37,000 budget in 1979, half of which is already pledged. Major projects for 1979 include test litigation on gay rights issues and the education of lawyers and judges. The report is available from GRA, 540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Press Release

Paris, France—A new French tabloid for gays has published its first issue. **Gai Pied** will publish news, views, and special features of interest to French gays. For information and subscription rates, write to the publisher: **Triangle Rose**, c/o Le Bitoux, B.P. 39, 75525 Paris Cedex 11, France.

Press Release

New York, NY—Henry Geldzhaler, NYC's Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, announced to an audience of the National Arts Club that he is gay—thereby becoming the highest-ranking city official to make such a public declaration.

Gaysweek

Plainfield, NJ—Paula Grossman, the music teacher fired because of her sex change operation, is privately publishing a 74-page book entitled **A Handbook for Transsexuals**. She has formed a new company, Broadview Enterprises, Inc., to handle the book and other projects aimed at the transsexual community.

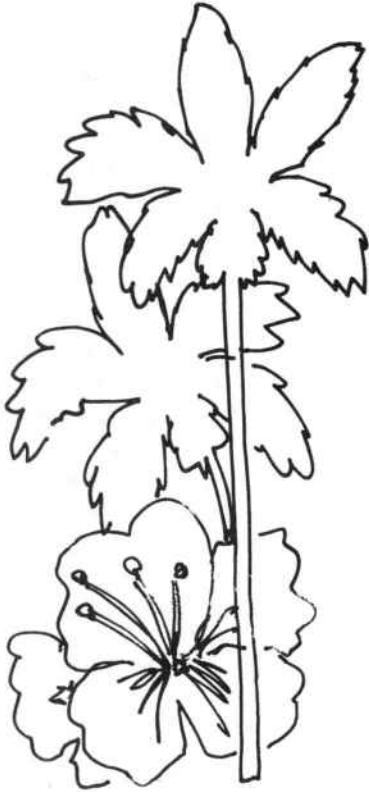
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deed, the scenes which Fisher and Rubin write best are those which show the emotional turmoil their gay characters (Rocky and Bob) go through because of the trouble they face in a world where being gay is a "problem."

The character of Keith Jones, the only black teacher, protrudes as the most obvious shortcoming. The students love him, but the reader finds out nothing about him beyond the fact that he makes muffled phone calls. He disappears midway through the novel only suddenly at the end to reappear and be carted off as a black revolutionary involved in a bombing. But he is a good idea for a character—the failing here is that the authors do not develop him at all.

Once in a while, some terrible lines of prose or dialog appear, but these a good editor could erase. On the whole, the authors show talent for plot and an ear for dialog in this novel. They write knowledgeably and well about this milieu. The book does not entirely satisfy because they give the reader too many externals and not enough internals. These externals, the events of the plot, make the novel, however, good reading simply for an interesting story.

Recently, I discovered that one of my high school teachers is gay. (He's no longer a teacher; he now runs a gay professional theater in Minneapolis.) I was surprised ("Him?") and proud. Yes, a teacher can be effective and be gay, I thought. **Special Teachers/Special Boys** does succeed in showing an effective teacher who is gay and a student who begins to lead a more successful life because of this teacher's positive example. This work, even with its shortcomings, is itself a positive example for us. St. Martin's Press is to be congratulated for publishing this and the other gay novels in this series. We need to support these efforts of a publishing house and its authors. We should look forward to more novels from both Fisher and Rubin and St. Martin's.

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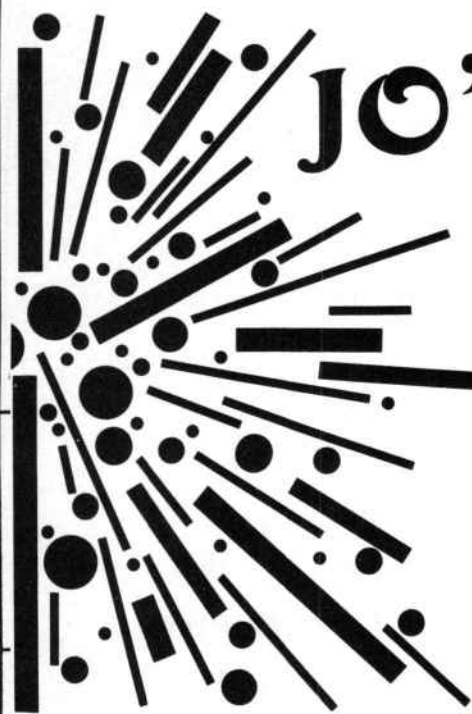
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REVIEW

The Social Organization of Gay Males by Joseph Harry and William B. DeVall, Praeger Special Studies, Division of Holt, Rinehard & Winston, New York, \$18.95.

Reviewed by Stephen Hunt

Times have changed since Alexis De Tocqueville fascinated America's "idea elite" with his prickling quill and uncanny core observations of our national character. A taste for truth and feedback about ourselves lives. It especially lives in America's increasingly self-aware present-day gay communities.

A new study, **The Social Organization of Gay Males**, by Joseph Harry and William B. DeVall publishes some fresh data and informed comment on the subject. The subject is us, and their book throws much light on male homosexuals in America.

The authors, both lively minded sociologists from west of the Mississippi, examine, weigh and comment on homosexual organizations. In fine sociological form, they focus on gay marriages, the phenomenon of our attraction to metropolitan centers, the expansion of gay communities in cities large and small, and the development of institutions meeting our needs. New facts, new overviews for readers who thought they knew their world.

For the price, who will read this powerful book? Those who already know that knowledge is power! The bibliography alone runs to ten and a half pages. And, aware professionals will want it: politicians, lawyers, psychologists, educators, religious leaders, publishers and consultants. Certainly, too, will paraprofessionals in the know, on the climb and on the go—within the personnel infrastructures of the professions. Finally, the business of America is business it's been

said, and so I recommend the book to smart entrepreneurs of every stripe if vying for new ways to bring in bigger shares of the expanding gay market, to increase their sales and profits (for good or ill): manufacturers, advertisers and retailers of gay products and paraphernalia ("the Excitement Industry"); meet-a-date managers, big bar owners, travel agents and entertainers, and bath chain businessmen.

Nevertheless, the authors are sociologists through and through. They garner facts to form answers about social/sexual patterns. They delve and they report.

Sociology has been called a knowledge industry and a science of the possible (somewhat like politics). More simply, a good sociologist is aware of what the various contingents of the clan are up to, and helps us get along and on. This the authors do well, giving themselves the freedom to study both a specific population, and to comment on the past and upon widening contexts of homosexuality. Ideas, concepts and constructs abound in their study. Any half dozen of them, and certainly the informing way they are interwoven, is worth the price of the book alone.

What did the authors find out with their questionnaires, statistics, computers and charts? The findings in **The Social Organization of Gay Males** are lucidly laid out, with a glossary to ease the way. Valuable as their findings are, what is invaluable, it seems to this reviewer, is the very fabric and informed context from which the authors approach, test, comment upon and envision the living issues of our significant lives within pluralistic America. This fabric of field theory and context they have, as well as exhaustive scholarship. They bring as well into the pages, a richness of ideas from other disciplines. Read deeply.

For readers who readily take to old ideas re-examined and new ideas entertained—fresh vistas open on our situation as gays.



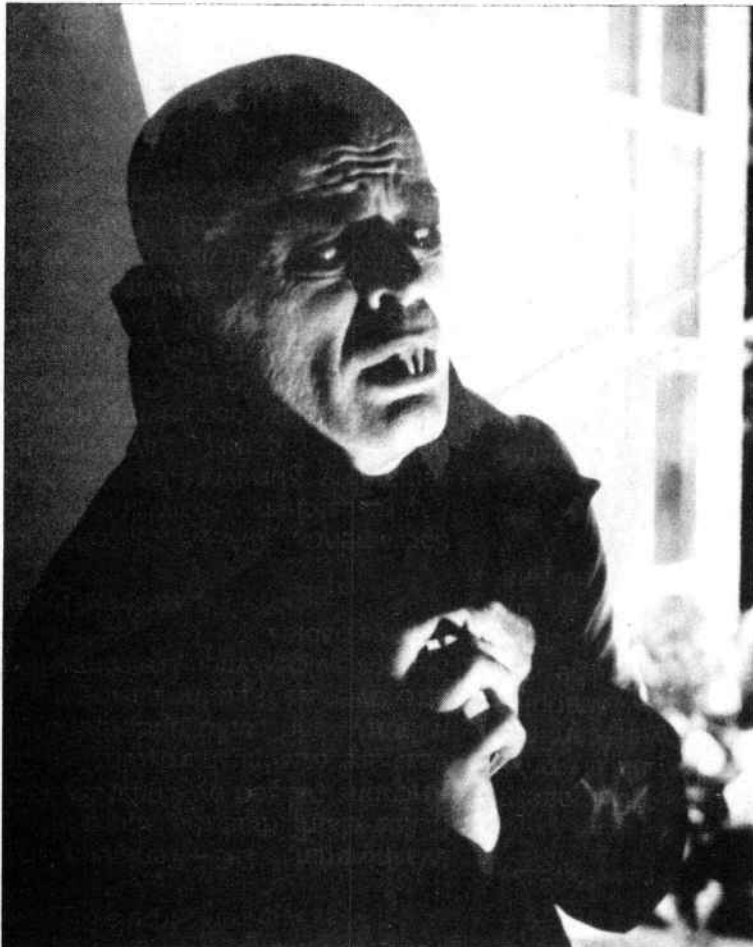
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REVIEW

Nosferatu: The Vampire by Paul Monette, Avon Books, New York, 1979, paper, \$2.25.

Monette is a published poet and writer who received the Ingram-Merrill prize in 1975 for his **Carpenter in the Asylum**, a book of poems. His **Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll** was reviewed earlier by GPU NEWS, which deemed it one of the most entertaining gay novels to come around in a long time. **The Gold Diggers**, just published, was favorably reviewed Paul O'M. Welles ["Reading Writing", GPU NEWS, April, 1979]. This work is a novelization based on Werner Herzog's screenplay for the 20th Century Fox Film of the same name. The film will be premiered this fall, and should be worth seeing; as Herzog is widely heralded as the most brilliant film-maker of the new German cinema. Illustrations in the book (and accompanying this review) are from the film.

So what's a nice gay author doing adding another volume to the vampire collection—which is already burgeoning under the newest wave of revivalism? No, Count Dracula does not turn out to be gay here, or at least not quite: more of that later. Bram Stoker's novel, in my opinion miles ahead of all other contenders (present company in-



cluded), has been completely reworked here. Jonathan Barker is not a Londoner, but now resides in Wismar (Holland), and he is already blissfully married to Lucy. Moreover, Lucy is already having nightmares before Harker leaves on his ill-fated trip to Transylvania; and the Count's denizens are no longer bats, but plague-infested rats.

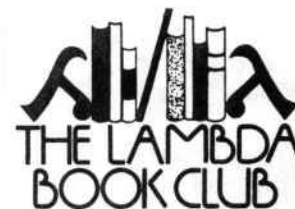


Monette does explore with some considerable success the erotic elements of the older Dracula legend—which, by the way, are completely submerged in the Stoker novel. By the time we are midway through the novel, it is obvious that the Count's thirst for blood is more than a little erotically charged—no less so when he's "making love" to a man than to a woman. The height of this sort of erotic symbolism, not so much gay as perhaps omnisexual, is probably reached in the scene with the ship's captain before arriving in Wismar to give his "beloved Lucy" a similar taste of vampire love.

Will the film at least bring to surface some of the erotic and homoerotic potentialities of the Dracula legend? The time is long overdue, and one can only hope. The legend is connected by twists and turns to the mediaeval legends of the **succubus** and **incubus**, which were explicitly sexual, and occasionally homosexual demons. **Nosferatu** literally means "the undead." Movie buffs might remember that it was the name given to Count Dracula by F.W. Murnau in his revolution-

ary silent film, **Nosferatu** (1922), the first movie version of Stoker's **Dracula** (1897). Historians might want to add that Stoker was a friend of Edgar Allen Poe (which the French still persist in pronouncing "Pooh"), and he (Stoker) was allegedly gay. About Poe the allegations are less certain, but not so about his grand admirer and translator into French, Charles Baudelaire.

The characters in Monette's fable are infinitely more wooden than they were in Stoker's, including even the venerable Count; but that is about what one can expect from a novelization. Let's hope that the film succeeds in putting some flesh and bones on the characters, dead or undead. Anyway, the novel is good fun, pleasant reading, and offers an unexpected turn here and there. The publisher also toots the novel as being written by "the noted gay author Paul Monette"—which suggests that gay is not the kiss of death it used to be. Plaudits to Monette and to Avon.



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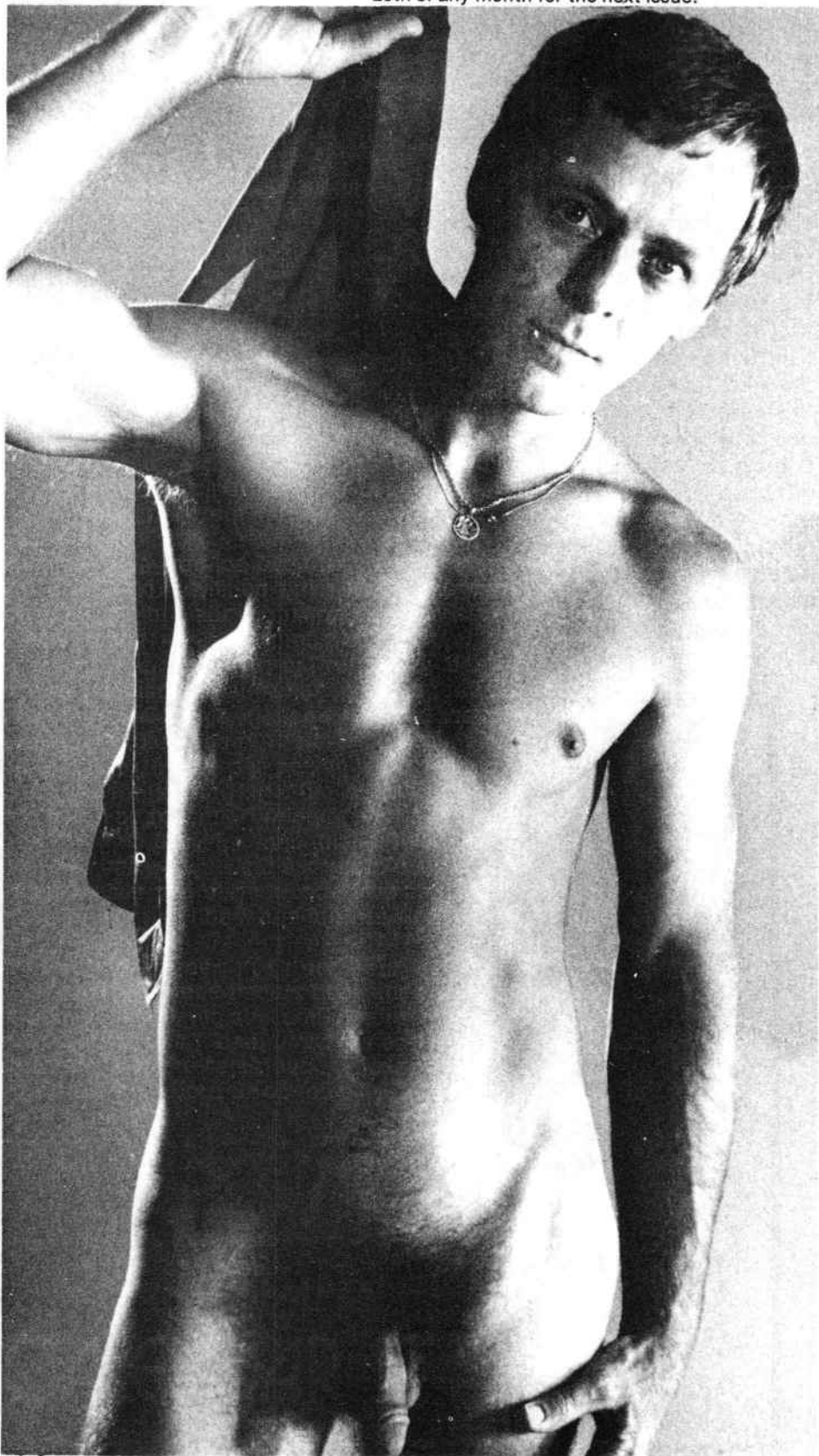
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JUNE 2
Saugatuck Lodges(Michigan), See June 1.

JUNE 3
Gay Al-Anon(Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous(Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
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Gay Men's Volleyball(Madison), 2:30-4:30 p.m., School of Social Work, 3rd floor gym, 425 Henry Mall.
Glad To Be Gay(Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., "Something for Everyone".
Gays United of the Quad Cities(Davenport) General Membership Meeting, 2 p.m., Unitarian Church.
Fox Valley Gay Assoc.(Elgin, IL) Picnic at Tyler Creek, Noon until dusk, all welcome.

JUNE 4
Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Men's AA(Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul University Chapel.
Berkeley Women's Music Collective(East Lansing, MI) Concert, Lizard's, See ad elsewhere in this issue.

JUNE 5
Gay VD Clinic(Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.
Integrity/Dignity(Madison) Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis House, 1001 University.
Concert(Madison) by Lynette, Lysistrata, 9 p.m., \$2.

JUNE 6
Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite.
United(Madison) General Community Meeting, Phone (608) 257-7575 for info.

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

JUNE 8
Concert(Madison) by Kay Gardner, Lysistrata, 9 p.m., cover TBA.
Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Grand Opening for new Back-Room Club, thru June 9.

JUNE 9
National Lesbian Feminist Organization, Wisconsin State Meeting, Stevens Point,

Contact The United (see Directory) for info. Berkeley Women's Music Collective (Chicago) in Concert, Mountain Moving Coffee House, 1655 W. School, See ad this issue.

JUNE 10

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
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Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
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JUNE 11

Gay People's Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Men's AA (Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul University Chapel.
Integrity (Indianapolis) Eucharist, 7:30 p.m., All Saints Church, Discussion on sexually transmitted diseases at 8 p.m., 16th and Central.
Gays United of the Quad Cities (Davenport) Board Meeting, 2 p.m., 1823 Kirkwood Bd.

JUNE 12

Clergy Committee (Madison) for Community Dialogue meeting, noon, for information contact The United (see Directory).
Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

JUNE 13

Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

JUNE 14

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

JUNE 15

Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan), opening of Leather Week, thru June 21.

JUNE 16

Knight Out (Chicago) Sixth Annual Foods from Around the World Buffet, 4-8 p.m., Benefit for Gay Pride Planning Committee, \$3 door charge.
Saugatuck Lodges (Michigan) Leather Week, See June 15.

JUNE 17

Gay Pride Week.
Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.

Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.
SIGHT (Kenosha) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Spiritualist Church, 6333 Sheridan Rd.
Gay Men's Volleyball (Madison), School of Social Work, 3rd floor gym, 425 Henry Mall.
GLAD TO BE GAY (Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
Knight Out (Chicago) Used Book Sale for benefit of Gay Pride Planning Committee, through June 23.
[Note: Various special events will be scheduled throughout this week in most major U.S. cities. Consult local gay organizations for updated schedules.]

JUNE 18

Gay Pride Week
Gay People's Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Men's AA (Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul University Chapel.

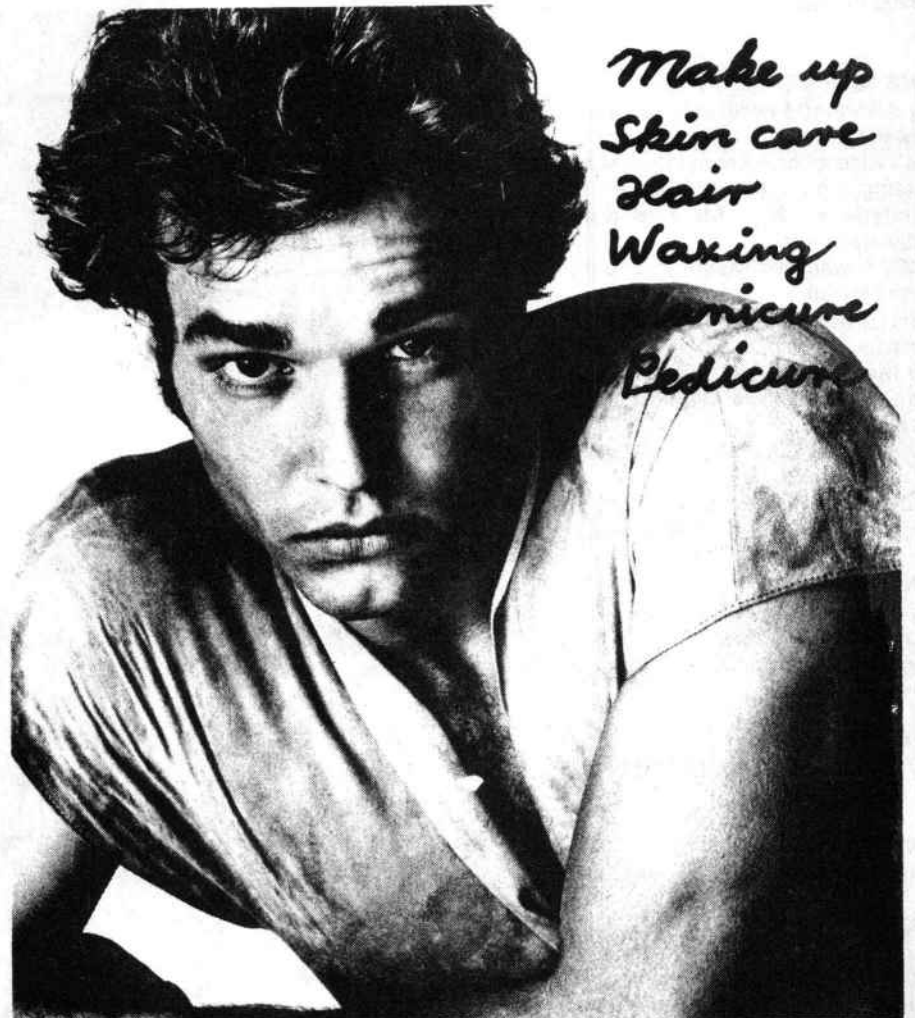
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Gay Pride Week
Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.
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Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
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JUNE 22

Gay Pride Week

Knight Out(Chicago) Used Book Sale for benefit of Gay Pride Planning Committee, through June 23.
Windy City Wrestling(Chicago) Club Nite, Touche's, 10 p.m., admission free.
Sugar Shack(Milwaukee) 3rd Anniversary: Fun, Party, Free Buffet.

JUNE 23

Gay Pride Week

Annual Lesbian/Gay Community Picnic, for information contact The United(see Directory).
Saugatuck Lodges(Michigan) Miss Gay Michigan Competition, through June 24.

JUNE 24

Gay AI-Anon(Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous(Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Avenue.
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GLAD TO BE GAY(Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., "Festival of Erotic Short Subjects".

JUNE 25

Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
Gay Men's AA(Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul University Chapel.

JUNE 26

Gay VD Clinic(Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

JUNE 27

Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite.

JUNE 28

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

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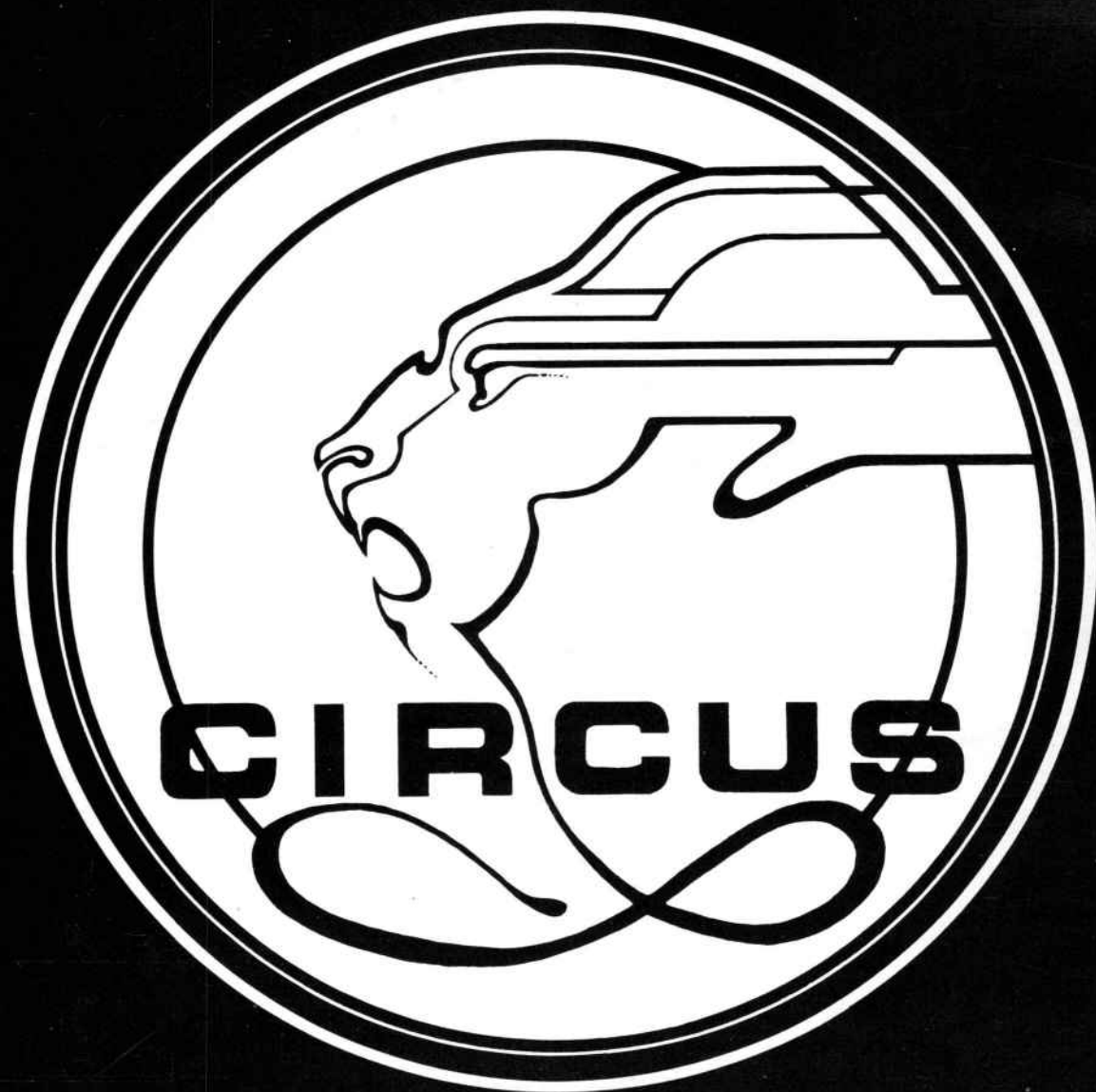
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