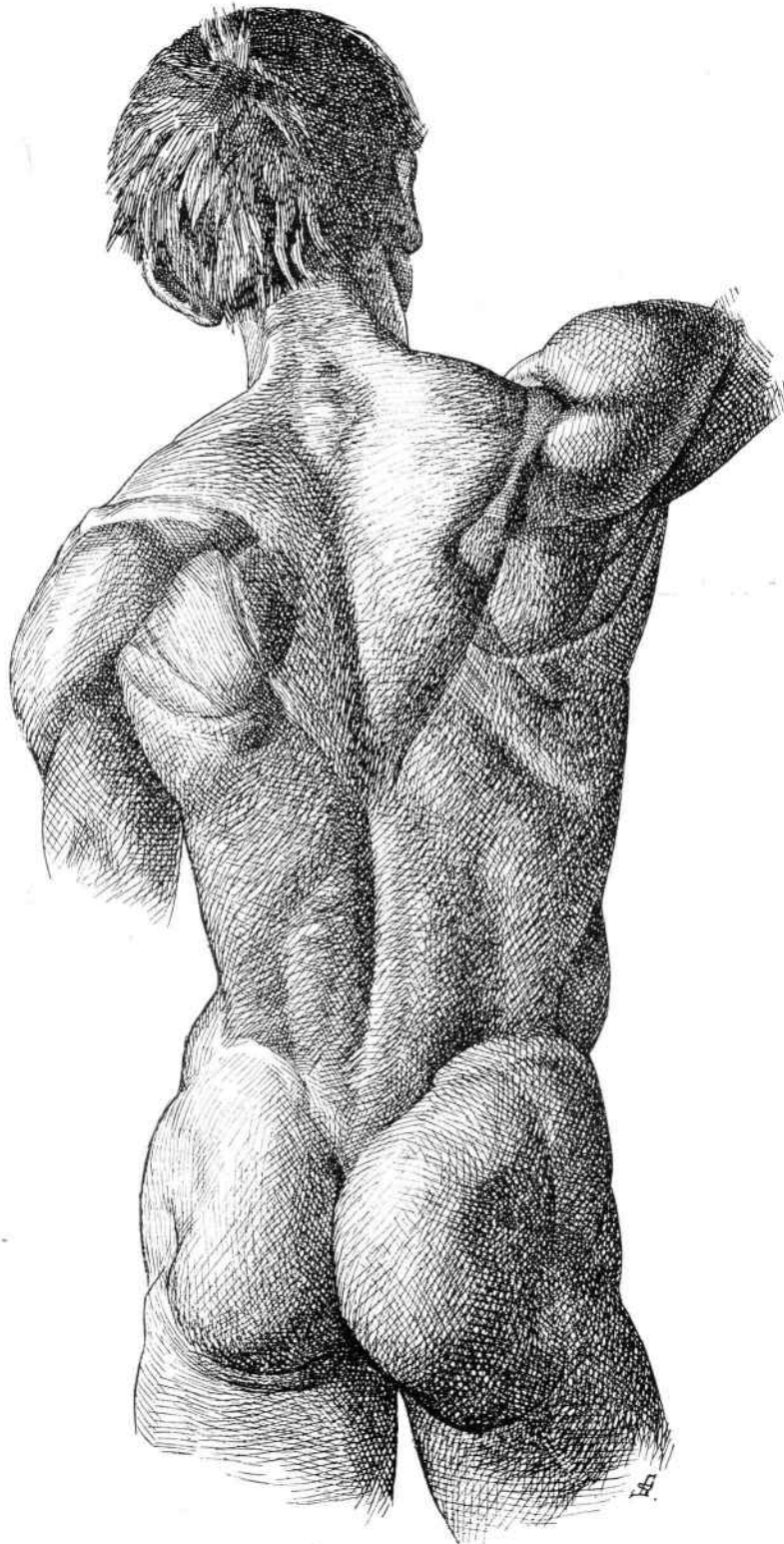


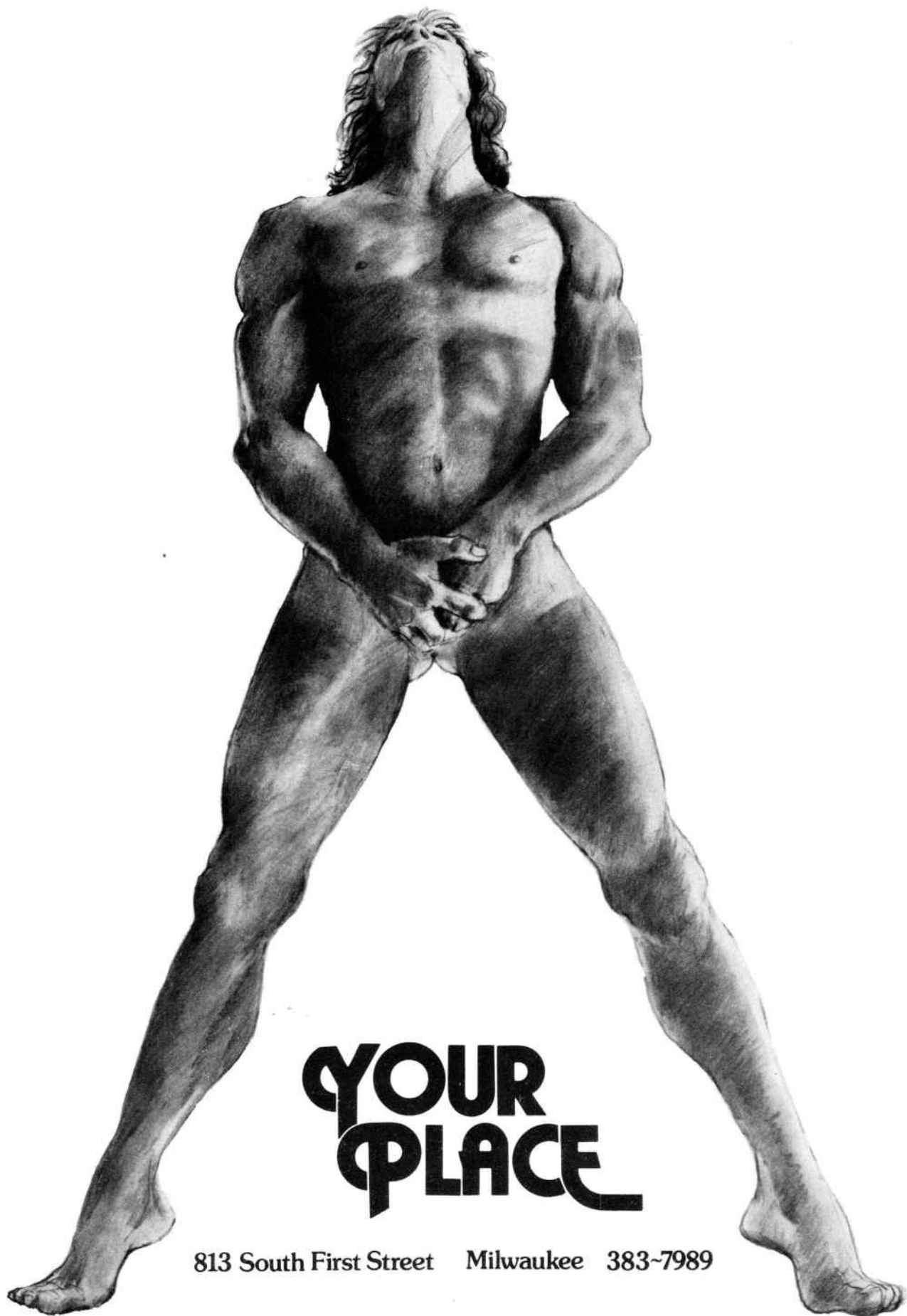
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ANITA VS KAMENY

Washington, DC—Anita Bryant has cancelled plans for a D.C. press conference following a close encounter with gay activist Frank Kameny in the lobby of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Bryant had scheduled a news conference in connection with the annual convention of the fundamentalist National Religious Broadcasters. Mindful of the thousands of gays and their supporters who picketed her last D.C. appearance in 1978, she and her organization took pains to keep her presence in Washington top-secret, and sent announcements of the press conference only to conference participants.

A sympathetic source had tipped off Steve Endean, Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, who spread the word. No plans, however, were made for a protest, the consensus of many gays being that Bryant's saccharine and commercialized religiosity is doing

OK CONFERENCE

Tulsa, OK—A family is parents, or a parent and child—not gay couples, not even unmarried cohabitating heterosexual pairs. Such was the conclusion of the Oklahoma Conference on the Family, held in Stillwater. Participants included church groups, social workers, grandmothers, nuns, and a strong contingent of "pro-life" groups who brought their infants to the sessions.

A number of professionals who were present expressed grave concerns that the stance of the conference did not meet the needs of Oklahoma families not fitting the traditional molds. Their concerns were voted down.

Other highlights from the conference:

"There's no word sweeter than 'mother' and the nurturing of children is the most important career.

"The place for sex education is in the home.

more for the gay movement than against it.

When still another source informed Frank Kameny that Bryant had covertly arrived at the Hilton, he immediately went there for a "chat with her." Kameny found her surrounded by loving admirers in the Exhibition Hall, got in line to meet her, and put on his "Gay Is Good" button. He was promptly ushered away by two of Bryant's security guards. The guards were joined by one of Bryant's entourage, a "cured homosexual," whom Kameny invited to dinner with him, and who spent the entire evening trying to "convert" Kameny.

As the two men were departing, Kameny asked the man whether he would be at the press conference the following day. The other man was startled, since the conference had been tooted as "top-secret."

On the following day, Endean received his third phone call from

"Divorces are too easy to get.

In a final orgy of liberalism, the conference pontificated:

"Men should be considered in child custody cases."

BOOK FAIR

St Paul, MN—The annual Midwestern Writers' Festival and Book Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, at the College of St. Catherine. In addition to book displays from small press publishers, editors, and distributors throughout the midwest, the fair will feature a series of readings, and a closing party for all participants on Saturday evening. Table rentals are also available to small and alternate press publishers at fees of \$5 and \$10. For further information phone (612) 647-9045 or (617) 690-6557, or write to Jonis Agee, Book Fair Coordinator, 1645 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104.

an inside source. Bryant, shocked that she had come "so close to" Kameny, had cancelled her press conference when she learned that the cat was out of the bag. She left town the same day.

This drama of capitol intrigue and espionage was first reported in **The Blade**.

JOBS BILL DEAD

Sacramento, CA—Legislation prohibiting job discrimination against gays in California has been halted in the state Legislature for this year. The Assembly Ways and Means Committee had approved a bill which would have extended the state's Fair Employment Practices Act to include sexual orientation. The narrow defeat of a similar bill in the Senate Industrial Relations Committee has virtually killed the possibility for legislative approval of the bill anytime in 1980.

Assembly Bill 1, sponsored by Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) was approved in the Assembly committee in January by a vote of 11 to 8 after several hours of impassioned debate. The Ways and Means approval of AB-1 allowed the bill to be brought before the full Assembly. Senate Bill 18, however, which was almost identical to AB-1 and sponsored by Senator David Roberti (D-Los Angeles) failed 3 to 4 in the State Industrial Relations Committee only one day after the bill's victory in the Assembly committee.

Industrial Relations Committee chairperson Senator Bill Green (D-Los Angeles) noted that "unless the committee membership changes, or unless the bill is totally structured differently, . . . we will not schedule another hearing in 1980 on this subject." The Senate committee hearing on the bill lasted almost three hours.

Because of Green's announcement, Agnos remarked that he would probably not introduce his bill into the full Assembly. A similar measure was defeated last year.

CONVICTIONS OVERTURNED

San Diego, CA—Six more convictions arising from police raids on the Fourth Avenue Club in 1979 have been overturned here on appeal. The court has held that the police action constituted an illegal search.

Appellate judges here have ruled, in **The People V. Anthony A. Carotta**, that police officers who entered the club on February 1, 1979, did so surreptitiously in violation of club members' reasonable expectation of privacy. Officers' observation of members' activities in the club were then ruled inadmissible as court evidence. The majority opinion of the court also held that the undercover officers who entered the club gave a "convincing performance" which led



bath attendants to believe that they sought membership in good faith with an understanding and affirma-

tion of the club's purposes. The court added that the undercover agents had engaged in "some positive act of misrepresentation" in order to obtain memberships and to enter the club.

Bob Lynn (pictured), a founder of the San Diego Democratic Club and now president of the city's chapter of the ACLU, successfully argued the appeal of the six men charged with lewd conduct in the police raid. Lynn argued that the officers also deceived the club in portraying themselves as gay in order to obtain entrance, and that they had no real intention of making use of the club's facilities in entering. City Attorney John Witt has announced that he will appeal the ruling.

UPGRADE DEADLINE

Washington, DC—Gay veterans with a less than fully honorable discharge had been facing a December 31 deadline for seeking an upgrade. Strong lobbying efforts, however, by Veteran's groups have resulted in the extension of the deadline to April 1, 1981; an extension of 15 months over the 1979 deadline.

Gay veterans with old discharges were usually awarded "Undesirable Discharge," which among other things made them ineligible for veterans' benefits. Veterans who desire to upgrade their discharges should first submit a **Request for Records SF 180** form to secure a copy of their discharge records. It may be necessary to seek legal counsel in order to prepare an argument for reclassification. This argument, when prepared, should be sent along with **DD Form 293, Application for Review of Discharge**.

Though assistance is available from various veteran agencies, applicants should **not** let these agencies persuade them to take an **Automatic Upgrade to General Under Honorable Conditions** without first consulting an attorney.

While it is true that this upgrade will provide veterans' benefits, it has other disadvantages; and in most cases a fully honorable discharge can be obtained.

The drive to extend the deadline for upgrade was led by the Veter-

ans Education Project of the ACLU Foundation, which petitioned the Defense Department. The petition was supported by the Center for Veterans Rights, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



NASW TASK FORCE

Trenton, NJ—The National Association of Social Workers, Inc., New Jersey Chapter, has organized a Gay and Lesbian Task Force. In addition to serving as a resource organization for New Jersey's social policy writers, legislators, and human services organizations, the Task Force is in the process of developing a referral service and an in-service training program. A listing of sympathetic, gay and lesbian professionals providing services to the gay and lesbian community will be developed and maintained by the Chapter office. An in-service training program about homosexuality and intervention with gay and lesbian clients

will be offered to social service and mental health agencies. NASW representatives attending the Association's Delegate Assembly voted in November to give maximum priority to efforts to ameliorate the effects of discrimination, including discrimination against gays and lesbians. In a resolution passed by the Assembly, delegates also called for the passage of HR2074 (Federal Gay Rights Bill). The Association's policy on gay issues acknowledges the presence of gay and lesbian social workers in all areas of practice and the irrational and potentially damaging effect of forcing workers to remain "in the closet."

CATHOLIC DEFEAT

Montreal, Quebec—A Quebec gay liberation group has succeeded in winning the first legal victory under the terms of the gay rights bill adopted by the Quebec Government in 1977. Justice Marc Beauregard has ruled that the **Commission des Ecoles Catholiques de Montreal** (CECM: Montreal Catholic School Commission) had unjustifiably discriminated against the rights of the **Association pour les Droits de la Communauté Gai de Montreal** (ADGQ: Association for the rights of the Montreal Gay Community) in its refusal to rent the group weekend space for a meeting in the Cardinal Newman School. In providing his 11-page judgement, Justice Beauregard disregarded the contention of the school district that such a meeting would "lead to possible repercussions on the education of CECM's children." The Judge pointed out that there would not have been any children in the school on a weekend, and declared the Catholic school district in violation of basic rights "of freedom of speech and assembly."

CECM has announced that it will appeal the decision to the Quebec Court of Appeal, which is Quebec's highest court. ADGQ has announc-

ed that, if an appeal is filed, it will continue to battle the school district. Contributions for the ongoing legal battle should be earmarked "cas CECM" and sent to: ADGQ, CP 36, Succ. C., Montreal, Quebec H2L 4J7.

BRYANT TO UK

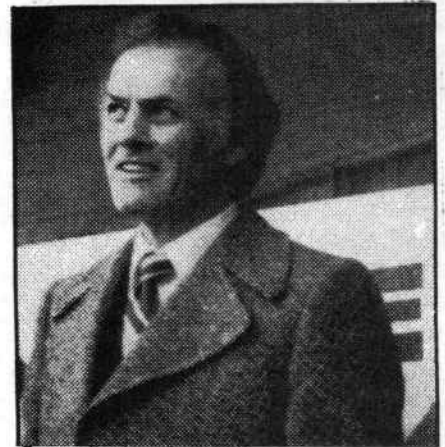
London, UK—During a conversation with an English freelance journalist which was later reported in **Gay News**, Anita Bryant's husband, Bob Green, confirmed that the actress-singer was not only coming there with her family for recording sessions, but also that some consideration was being given to moving to the United Kingdom. He added that the family had often considered settling in Oxford. Gays, he suggested, were becoming too aggressive in the States. "They're asserting their power there. They don't act like that in Britain."

During the family's next trip to the UK, Bryant will take part in a low-budget BBC religious television program entitled, "The Controversialists." A 30-minute interview had been scheduled with her on March 13 for transmission a few

FOUL

Toronto, ONT—Ken Campbell, the self-ordained evangelist, fundamentalist minister, and seminary drop-out, has cried foul to the Ontario Human Rights Commission. His claim is that some gay-owned businesses in Toronto are discriminating against self-confessed heterosexuals. In a letter to the Commission, Campbell called upon the Commission to denounce the "anti-social practices" of members of the Lambda Business Council who offer a 10% discount to gay customers. Actually, Campbell spoke of a 10% discount on goods and services. . . given by Lamda (sic)" to those declaring their homosexual orientation.

Rev. Campbell, known throughout the Toronto gay community as "Crazy Ken," has been one of the most outspoken critics of efforts to include sexual orientation in the Ontario Human Rights Code.



Evangelist Ken Campbell

days later, but the producer of the series was contacted by Bryant's secretary in February and told that she would not be in London on that date.

Ms Bryant even has a favorite pub in Oxford, The Swan. To no one's surprise, it is not listed in any of the British gay guides.

During his conversation with the freelance journalist, who never raised the question of homosexuality, Green interrupted his volunteered remarks on gays, stating in a wondering tone, "Why am I telling you all this?" Why indeed?

ORGANIST FIGHTS FIRING

San Francisco, CA—A 23-year-old gay organist and a fundamentalist minister who fired him for being gay are locked into a costly battle here which could affect the constitutional rights of minority groups and churches nationwide. At stake is whether religious groups are exempt from civil rights laws, and whether gays and other minorities lose their legal right to be protected from discrimination if they work for churches.

Kevin Walker was hired to play the organ at the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church in May of 1978, one month after a city ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation was signed into law. For four months he worked as Sunday organist.

In August of 1978 a member of the congregation visited Walker in his home to ask if he were gay. The member himself was gay, but had chosen celibacy "in order to be saved." When Walker confirmed his gayness, his visitor promptly reported it to the Rev. Mr. Charles McIlhenny, who then visited Walker himself to confirm that he was gay.

"I always thought Kevin was a great guy," commented the minister, "so I was shocked that he admitted he was a homosexual and that he didn't want to change his lifestyle. I told him if he remained an unrepentant sinner and continued to practice immorality, we could not use him in a leadership position in the church." McIlhenny told Walker that he could have his job back "if you repent and play our game and divorce the gay lifestyle."

Walker's roommate wrote a letter to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission charging that the church had violated the anti-discrimination law. The complaint was forwarded to Gay Rights Advocates. Donald Knutson, a GRA attorney, agreed to take the case, whose legal costs have already run to over \$70,000.



KEVIN WALKER



By Joseph J. Rosenthal

THE REV. MR. MCILHENNY

McIlhenny says that, if Walker wins his case, churches will be forced to hire homosexuals, "Or even embezzlers, prostitutes, and murderers, —if you accept one sinner, why not the others?" The pastor is also sending out letters to constituents claiming that, if the church loses the case, they would be compelled to ordain gay ministers.

Knutson claims that the propaganda from the church is calculated to mislead. "We have no interest in forcing churches to believe that homosexuality is moral. We are not talking about ordaining ministers or priests whose jobs are to expound the faith. We are talking about a musician. Certainly his sexual orientation has nothing to do with how well or how poorly he plays the organ."

Meanwhile, McIlhenny has written a protest letter to Mayor Feinstein chastising her for "condoning and supporting such sinful practices."

LUTHERANS MEET

San Francisco, CA—Lutherans Concerned, a ministry for gay understanding, will observe its sixth anniversary by holding its second national membership meeting on June 19-22 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Called "Assembly '80," the meeting was announced by the Coordinators of LC: Diane Fraser of Montgomery, MN, and Howard Erickson of Los Angeles. The assembly, which meets several days before the opening of the biennial national convention of the 3-million-member Lutheran Church in America in Seattle, will feature speakers, workshops, worship, and planning for the future of Lutherans Concerned.

Information about the meeting is available by writing to Lutherans Concerned, Box 19114A, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

CHARTER DENIED

Washington, DC—For the second time in two years, the administration of Georgetown University has refused to provide official recognition to the Gay People of Georgetown as a student organization. This time, however, the group has announced that it is filing suit against the university.

In a letter of rejection delivered to the group, Debbie Gottfried, Director of Student Activities, denied its petition for a university charter, noting that "the University does not view this organization as an official activity of the University," explaining that such recognition would be "interpreted as endorsement and official support of the full range of issues associated with the [gay] cause."

In her letter, Gottfried even listed three ways in which the University would **not** support the group: (1) No grant of university funds are to be provided, (2) Office space and office services will not be provided, and (3) The group will not be permitted to use the name of the university. She did, however, offer the services of her office "for help and assistance in planning educationally related programs."

GPG has already announced a joint suit against the university, and its co-plaintiff will be the Gay Law Students of Georgetown, a group whose rejection by university administration has also been announced. Members of the two groups suggested that the suit will be precedent-setting, and could have considerable impact upon other religious colleges and universities which deny recognition to gay organizations. Group representatives also announced that they already received offers of **pro bono** (free of charge) legal services for the forthcoming battle. The suit will be based not only on constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and assembly as these have been already interpreted by federal courts, but also on the District of Columbia nondiscrimination

statute, passed in 1977, which applies to gay persons.

The groups have announced that they will file the usual appeals within the university before bringing suit.

BATH SUES POLICE

Dallas, TX—The Club Dallas has filed a \$200,000 damage suit against the Dallas Police Department, claiming that its vice squad is harassing its customers by making repeated and unlawful arrests. The suit alleges that police have arrested 39 members of the Club Dallas as part of an effort to drive its owner, J.W. Campbell and Associates of Texas, Inc., out of business.

The federal suit alleges that 30 persons have been arrested for public lewdness at a private club, where prospective members are advised in writing that it caters only to gays. The suit goes on to challenge the state's lewdness law, claiming that its definition of a public place is unconstitutionally vague.

Defendants named in the suit include Dallas Police Chief Glen Kinga, Police Captain Donald Milliken, and Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade.

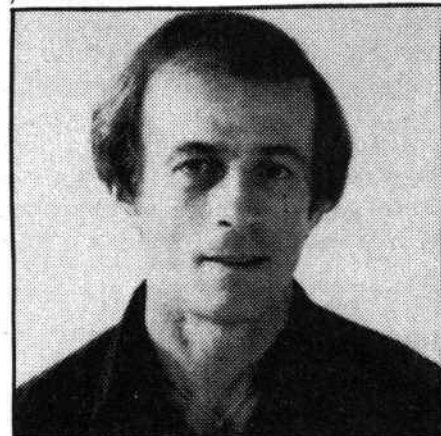
TRANSSEXUAL AWARD

Los Angeles, CA—An Alameda County jury has awarded \$775,000 to a transsexual for damages which she suffered because of an item about her published in an Oakland **Tribune** column by Sidney Jones. Toni Ann Diaz, a 37-year-old man-to-woman transsexual, had sought \$1 million in damages against both Jones and the **Tribune** for publishing an item which she claimed "cheapened and humiliated her."

Diaz was student body president at the College of Alameda when the item was published in March of 1978. Jones wrote that Diaz was

DAMIEN CASE

Toronto, ONT—The firing of John Damien was Canada's first nationally publicized gay rights case. His suit for reinstatement with the Ontario Racing Commission, which fired him for being gay, has dragged slowly through the courts, and is now approaching its sixth year.



Damien and his supporters have been hit with another surprise and delaying tactic. The two law firms representing the Racing Commission have moved that the courts dismiss the case unless Damien is able to post securities of \$93,000 to guarantee that, if he should lose the case, their legal costs would be recoverable. Damien's attorneys are optimistic that they can have the motion dismissed. If the court should rule in favor of the commission, Damien would have to raise the money—or the case would end.

"no lady, but . . . in fact, a man," and suggested that her physical education classmates might "wish to make other shower arrangements."

Diaz testified before a jury of eight women and four men, in the court of Superior Judge Robert K. Barber, that until the article appeared her transsexuality was a closely guarded secret.

Although only a three-fourths majority was required, the verdict was unanimous. The jurors awarded \$750,000 in damages against the **Tribune** and \$25,000 against Jones.

POLICE COMMISSONER

San Francisco, CA—This city has its first, and possibly the nation's first, up-front gay Police Commissioner. Jo Daly was appointed earlier this year to the San Francisco Police Commission. Daly, who had four previous years of work with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, remarked: "I feel I'll be judged by my performance, which is the only fair way to judge me. The message is out that the doors are open. . . You don't have to have gay people to get jobs done, but it helps to have someone who understands the language and what's really going on."

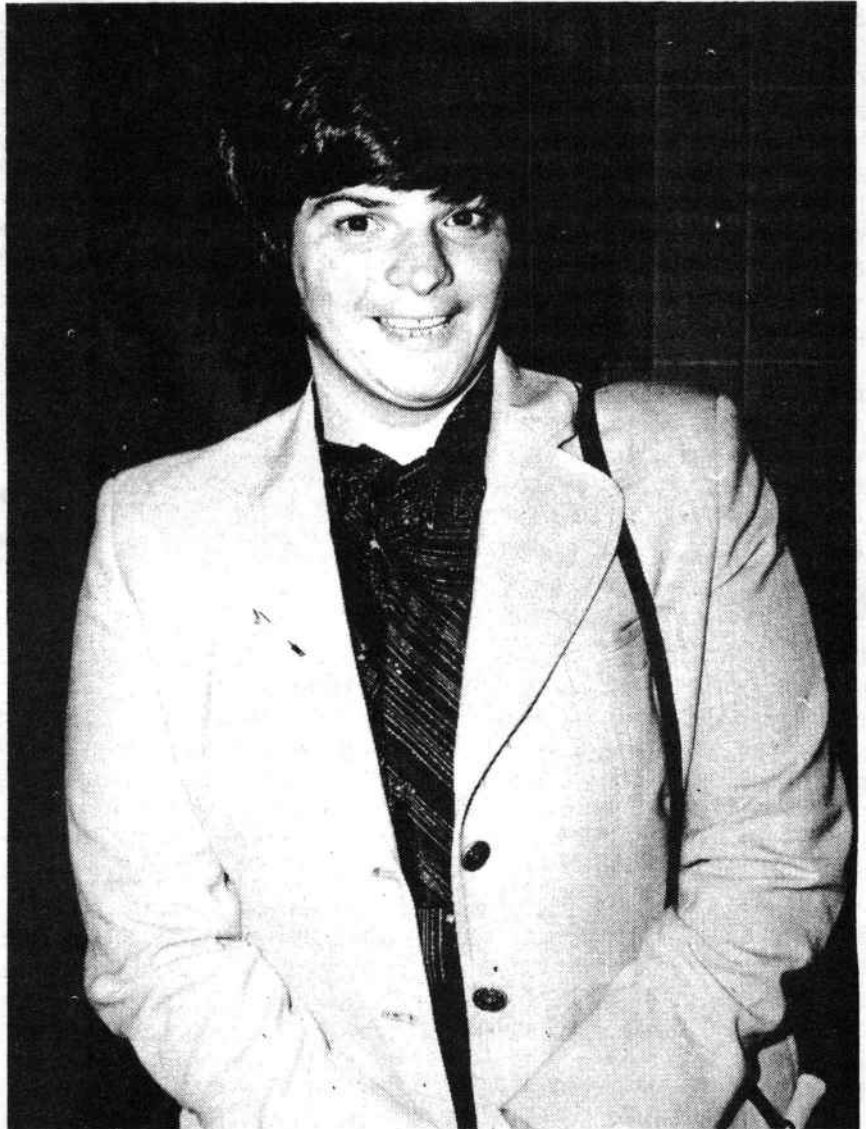
POLICE CLERKS

Minneapolis, MN—Some eyebrows have been raised here by the decision of employment recruiters to advertise for police jobs in a gay paper, the **GLC Voice**. Civil Service officials have stated that the ad does not represent any special effort to recruit gays for police jobs, nor a special effort to calm tensions between gays and police following a recent police raid on a gay sauna here.

Captain Jack McCarthy, head of the Minneapolis Police Department's Personnel Department, notes that the department has no official policy on or against hiring gays. "The only way we know if someone applying for a job is gay or not is if they make an issue out of it. We don't know, and we don't care."

TBP STILL FIGHTS

Toronto, ONT—The two-year old Crown campaign to harass **The Body Politic**, Canada's leading gay newspaper, has taken another defeat. Ontario Provincial Court Judge Sydney Harris has told the Crown that it must return every piece of material seized in its raid on the paper's offices on December



Jo Daly

(photo by John Gieske)

30, 1977. Then, in an unexpected turn, the Judge ordered the Crown to pay for all expenses incurred by **TBP** in seeking a court order for the return of the materials.

The Crown has continued to hold most of **TBP's** papers and files, even though the paper and its directors were acquitted in February of 1979 of using the mails to transmit immoral, indecent, or scurrilous material. The acquittal has been appealed by the Crown, which claims that it will need the materials in case of a retrial. Clayton Ruby, attorney for **TBP**, pointed out that the accused had already admitted, at the original trial, all

facts which could be alleged from the records; and that these admissions would be binding in any new trial. **TBP** admitted to the factual allegations in order to force the original trial to proceed, not on technicalities, but on the question of whether the paper was guilty of transmitting immoral materials.

The Crown has now announced that, in addition to appealing the original verdict of not-guilty, it will also appeal Judge Harris' ruling for return of the materials. Crown attorneys have also systematically refused to comment on the costs of the original trial and appeals to Canada's taxpayers.

MATSUI CO-AUTHOR

Sacramento, CA—Congressman Robert Matsui has become the 53rd co-author of HR-2074, which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include gay persons. By co-authoring the bill, Matsui has fulfilled a promise which he made speaking to a group of gay rights advocates in the spring of 1978 when he first ran for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

"It has been twelve years since the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," Matsui noted, "and yet numerous classes of Americans, including gays, are still fighting to be freed from unwarranted and arbitrary discrimination. The



GAY TV IN UK

United Kingdom—For the first time in Britain, gays are to have their own television series. Beginning in February, **Gay Life** began airing on Sunday evenings in millions of homes. It is a pioneering move which is being closely watched by executives from Britain's three networks. The 11-part series, which is appearing throughout the greater London area, was produced by Channel Four's Minorities Unit, and is expected to pave the way for further series throughout the United Kingdom.

The series will focus on various aspects of gay life, and is not ex-

pected to be a propaganda series. Producers remarked that it would pose hard questions "for both gay and straight viewers." Surprisingly, the **Gay Life** team had trouble getting support from the very people from whom it was most expected: men and women whose names and photographs appear regularly in **Gay News**, the UK's largest and most respected gay newspaper. **Gay News** editorialized that "aged aunts in Wimbledon suddenly seem to be under strong protection from finding out about their gay nephews and nieces. . .";

From a future programme — should there be gay adoption?



time is long overdue to provide the necessary legal safeguards for gay people in Sacramento, as well as the estimated 20 million nationally."

Matsui, who is running for re-election this year, has hired gay rights supporter Clint Reilly to head his campaign. Libertarian and anti-gay candidate Robert Lynch, former member of the Los Rios Community College Board, announced earlier that he would run in opposition to Matsui, but has since dropped from the race. Political observers here claim that Matsui has a safe seat for re-election.

SMITH CONVICTED

Terre Haute, IN—Russell Smith is currently serving a prison term because he fought back when he was gang-raped by a group of prisoners. Smith was originally convicted of an unrelated crime in 1973, and was in prison until 1977. While a prisoner, he was gang-raped by a group of prisoners; and, defending himself against his assailants, he slashed one of the rapists with a piece of glass.

Although he was examined by the prison doctor, who testified that he found traces of semen in his rectum, Smith was locked up in disciplinary segregation. Following his release from prison, the state again arrested him, charging him with assault with intent to commit murder. He was then sentenced to three more years in prison.

Following his imprisonment for resisting rape, Smith has been subjected to several more rapes.

All of this would be just one more in a lengthy list of prison horror stories, except that a copy of an investigation of Smith's plight has turned up in the hands of Amnesty International. The Dublin offices of Amnesty International have announced that Smith's case is being processed as a violation of human rights.

NEW SF POLICE CHIEF

San Francisco, CA—Mayor Diane Feinstein has announced the appointment of Cornelius Murphy III as the city's new police chief. The announcement climaxed months of conjecture by gay and black leaders that the mayor might appoint a hard-liner to replace outgoing Police Chief Gain.

The new chief is a second-generation policeman whose 27-year career with SFPD includes service in the narcotics detail, juvenile division, and helicopter unit. While claiming that his approach will be more "traditional" than that of Charles Gain, Murphy also pledged to continue the reform programs which his predecessor had instituted. "Charles Gain has instituted some good, significant changes, and we're not going back," he stated.

Following the May 21 riot at City Hall, Mayor Feinstein ordered the Police Department to reinstate a lapsed orientation program designed to defuse potential confrontations between gays and police. Murphy himself participated in a similar program aimed at giving high-ranking police officers some notion of gay lifestyles.

One of Gain's last actions as police chief was to direct the Internal Affairs Unit of SFPD to investigate charges of sexism, racism, and excessive militarism at the Police Academy. Two gay recruits recently resigned from the Academy's police officers training program, citing "loss of motivation"

GAY AA

Boston, MA—The fourth Annual Round-Up of Gay People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 24-27, in Boston, MA. Workshops, meetings, dance, social events, AA and Al-anon. Open to all persons with a desire to stop drinking. For further information and registration, write GPAA Round-Up; Box 8683, JFK Station, Boston, MA 02114.



as their primary reason. Both gay recruits felt that the SFPD's Gay Outreach Program will fail to accomplish its objective of successfully integrating gays into the police force until reforms are instituted at the Academy.

INCAR MEETS

by Barry Mehler

St. Louis, MO—The sixth annual conference of the International Committee Against Racism (INCAR) took place here at Washington University on March 1. INCAR, a front organization for the Progressive Labor Party, achieved the astonishing feat of ignoring the gay liberation movement. "The 1980's belong to us heterosexuals," said Jeff Lazar, one of the organizers of the conference.

Challenge, the official newspaper of PLP has never carried a story on a gay issue. "There is no decadence or decay in **Challenge**," Lazar said.

Star Ashford, the keynote speaker, emphasized the need to build a multi-racial army in the 80's. "We are in open support and alliance with the Progressive Labor Party," she said, "because they are the most militant fighters against racism." Homosexuals are excluded from this army because they are "unreliable and incapable of forming lasting relationships."

FCC RULES

Washington, DC—The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has modified its rules to make it more difficult for radio and television stations to ignore handicapped or homosexual groups in required surveys on community concerns.

In 1976 the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) petitioned the FCC requesting that they require all broadcasters in every community to seek out homosexual or handicapped leaders when determining community concerns.

The FCC agreed unanimously that broadcasters are responsible for determining the concerns of all "significant" community groups, but said that it would place the burden of proof on those groups not on the list to contact local broadcasters and show they represent a "significant element of the community." Broadcasters then will have to decide if representatives of the group should be added to the list of community leaders whose concerns are surveyed and addressed in programming.

Should a broadcaster determine a group does not comprise a significant element of the community, the group may ask the commission to decide whether the decision was made in a reasonable manner when the station's license comes up for renewal.

POST-MARCH MEETING

by Tom Candow

Oberlin, OH—Over 100 lesbian and gay male political activists met as guests of the Oberlin College Gay Union on March 6-9 for the Post-March on Washington Conference, with the stated purpose of determining "what will be done with the network which was established while organizing for the March."

Early business of the conference saw the election of six caucus chairpersons to chair the weekend meetings. From the Women's caucus were Eleanor Cooper (Lesbian Feminist Liberation-New York) and Kathy Kozachenko (Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee-Pittsburgh); from the Men's caucus, Leonard Hamilton (Alaskan Indian and member, Alaska Lesbian and Gay Activists Alliance-Anchorage) and Randy Boarman (Conference organizer-Pittsburgh); from the Third World caucus, Arturo Febry (Puerto Rican gay activist-St. Louis) and Tonione Albatross (black lesbian of the Pittsburgh committee on Human Rights). The Youth caucus did not choose to elect chairpersons. The conference accepted the credentials committee recommendation on apportioning voting rights so as to achieve gender parity and 25% Third World representation.

The business Saturday and Sunday concentrated on three main areas: the results of the March politically and in the media; the problem of erasing the \$35,660.12 debt from the March; and whether to proceed with building an interim national network or to establish a national organization at this time.

Joyce Hunter of New York encouraged the states to meet their March debt obligations of just over \$10,000. This still leaves a debt of over \$20,000, with no concrete suggestions for its disposition. Steve Ault put it this way: "We can't go on with huge office and huge staffs before we prove our

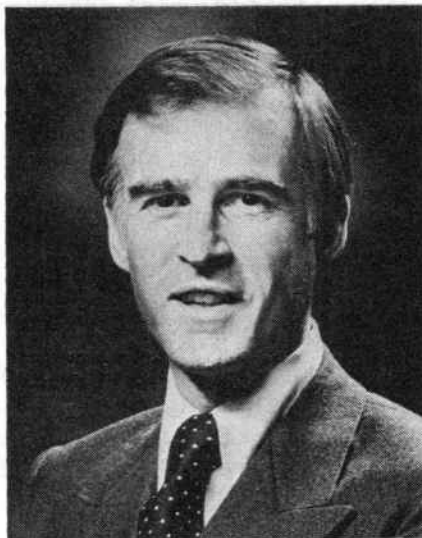
financial responsibility."

One accepted proposal called for a conference to be held during Easter weekend, 1981, for the purpose of establishing a National Coalition of Lesbian and Gay Organizations. Other action proposals passed included: (1) to support local counter-demonstrations to the April 29th March for Jesus; (2) to encourage local actions in support of the San Jose/Santa Clara County California Gay Rights ordinance resolution, June 3; (3) to support demonstrations at the Democrat and Republican National Conventions; (4) to support the anti-draft demonstration March 22nd in D.C.; (5) to endorse the conference on Law and the Fight for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Pittsburgh in October, 1980; (6) to empower a committee to take action on eliminating the March debt; (7) to publicize the boycott of Greyhound for its participation in transportation for the March for Jesus; (8) and to support the International March for Lesbian and Gay Rights on the United Nations, August, 1981.

BROWN SUPPORTS GAYS

Milwaukee, WI—In his first public meeting in his Wisconsin campaign for President, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. requested that gay community leaders be present.

Speaking before a small group



WISCONSIN SEX LAW

Madison, WI—Without debate the Wisconsin State Senate passed a bill removing criminal sanctions against private, noncommercial sexual activity between consenting adults. The bill (SB 552) also abolishes the crime of cohabitation by unmarried persons.

The vote was 18-12, with 8 Republicans and 4 Democrats voting against and one Republican and 17 Democrats voting in favor.

The bill, which was introduced at the request of over 20 statewide labor organizations, women's groups, and several clergymen, will now move to the Assembly for consideration. Wisconsin residents are urged to telephone the toll-free legislative hotline, 1-800-362-9696, (266-9960 in the Madison area), leaving a message for their Representative, asking for support of SB552. If you do not know the name of your representative, the hotline can help. Immediate action is required, since the Assembly goes out of session on April 2.

which included several gay leaders, Brown pointed out that while Governor of California he had signed an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination against anyone, based on sexual preference. He promised that, if elected President, he would sign a similar Executive Order at the federal level.

He asked for gay support, pointing out that he appointed Steven Lachs Superior Court Justice in Los Angeles, the **only** openly gay appointed judge anywhere in the country.

Brown said he would support inclusion of a gay rights plank in the Democratic Party Platform at the Democratic Convention. "There's a lot of work and there are a lot of miles to travel before lesbians and gay men are accepted, before stereotypes that have permeated our imagination are transcended."

UPDATE.....UPDATE.....UPDATE

chicago

The Gay & Lesbian Pride Week Planning Committee met in March to formulate plans for 1980 Gay Pride Week in the midwest. There are at present many subcommittees planning individual events. The purpose of G&LPPC will be to act as a clearing house to deal with responsibilities not handled by individual committees. These will include handling of funds, advertising, and publicity.

Events scheduled to date include an **Open Forum** dealing with the problems faced by handicapped gays, a **Loop Rally** in Daley Plaza with guest speakers under the coordination of the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force, a **Workshop/Forum** on development of the gay identity, and an evening devoted to **Gay Achievement Awards** coordinated by Grant Ford and Associates.

Other events under consideration by various groups include a **Community Dinner** by the Chicago Chapter of the National Coalition for Black Gays, a **Dance for Women** at the Lesbian Community Center, and distribution of GLPW buttons. Additional events will include interfaith worship services, a picnic, the Windy City Contest, and Gay Chicago Awards.

The week will be capped off by the **11th Annual Parade** on June 29, with a new parade route and starting time, coordinated by Rich Pfeiffer & Associates. Line-up will be at 11 a.m. on Clark Street and West Wacker Drive. Step-off will be at noon, proceeding south on Clark to Congress Parkway. Community sentiment favored the change of location to the Loop. The earlier starting time will enable the post-parade rally to include a Music Festival, site to be announced later.

We will be sending a complete schedule of events with further information in advance to GPU NEWS for publication in their June

Calendar. Other organizations which wish to receive information should phone us at (312) 348-8243, or write G&LPPC, Box 10495, Chicago, IL 60610.

milwaukee

In an effort to learn the stands of various candidates in the upcoming city election on human rights issues as these effect gay people, Gay Peoples Union, Inc. has an sent requests to all candidates in the upcoming elections asking for a statement of their positions. In addition, mayoral and aldermanic candidates were asked to endorse a Human Rights and Non-Discrimination Statement which includes the criteria of age, sex, race, religion, marital status, sexual preference or orientation, and lawful source of income. The data is available to gay voters in Milwaukee so that they may make an informed decision in the voting booth on Tuesday, April 1. For a copy of the results, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to GPU Candidates Survey, Box 208, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

The resignation of Ms Janet Revolinski as GPU Treasurer was received in March. A special election will be held for the unexpired term of Treasurer at the GPU membership meeting on Monday, April 7. Nominations for the position will be accepted prior to the election. Nominees must have been members of GPU for a period of not less than 120 days prior to their nomination. For more information phone 276-0246 or 342-9955. All members are urged to attend the April 7th meeting to participate in the electoral process.

In response to a request by GPU for inspection and duplication of police records pertinent to the organization, Milwaukee Police Chief Harold Brier has written: "Please be advised that there will be an extended delay because of other requests that are still pending. As soon as we have completed

those requests for records made before yours, we will gather the records pertaining to your request. At that time, each record will be reviewed to determine which records in the best public interest may be disclosed."

Steve Endean, Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, will be the guest speaker at the GPU meeting to be held on Monday evening, March 31 at the Farwell Center.

In March the Wisconsin State Senate's Human Services Committee recommended for passage Senate Bill 552, which, if passed, would decriminalize consensual sexual activity between adults in private. Current Wisconsin law prohibits most sexual activity between adults—married, unmarried, heterosexual, homosexual. You can help assure passage of this important reform bill by contacting your State Senator on the toll-free "Legislative Hotline." The hotline, 1-800-362-9696, is open from 8:30 to 5:30 every weekday. If you do not know who your Senator is, the people at the hotline will give you that information. **Please take the time now to help eliminate archaic laws.**

The third issue of **Milwaukee Update** was mailed in March to all members and persons on the GPU mailing list. Our mailing list is fast approaching the 1,000-mark and keeping it updated is a full-time job. If you received two mailings of **Update**, please let us know. Either drop a short note or simply send us both mailing labels. Eliminating duplicate entries will save us unnecessary mailing expenses. If you are not on the mailing list, write to GPU at Box 208, Milwaukee, WI 53201 and request that your name be added. Our mailing list is strictly confidential.

Finally, don't forget to vote in the April 1st elections. Whatever your political persuasion, voting is not just a right—it is your democratic obligation.

EDITORIAL

Long time readers will note that this issue of GPU NEWS is several pages smaller than usual. During the past few years inflation has increased the cost of every monthly expense that we have. Many of these cost increases have not been small. Examples: our typesetting equipment uses photographic paper, recently increased 75% because it uses silver; second-class postage rates are up over 100% in the last two years, etc., etc.

We have done our best to trim fat from our budget, but there just isn't anyplace left to trim. Therefore, we are taking steps to assure our readers that we will continue to publish.

Beginning with this issue, we are raising our advertising rates modestly. Our advertisers say that they have been expecting this for some time and that our rates are still reasonable when compared to those of other publications.

Beginning in May, we are raising our cover price to \$1 and our new subscription rates to \$10 per year-\$18 for two years—(foreign add \$1.00) to new subscribers. Current subscribers will be able, until September 1, to renew at the old rates provided they do so within the month of May. If your subscription expires after September 1, sorry, but we had to establish a cut off date somewhere.

Many subscribers wrote or telephoned last month when their copy had failed to reach them at the usual time. In case you are wondering why the issue was late, it was a post office foul-up. We sent our mailing to the post office on March 1, as usual, but they sat on it for nearly a week before notifying us that they had changed their rules and it now had to be bagged in addition to being sorted and bundled. We are left wondering why we were not notified prior to the regular shipment or at least when we dropped the shipment at the post office.

In explaining this postal mess-up to many readers who telephoned, we found out that many of our out-of-town subscribers expressed a wish that they could help our volunteer, unpaid staff in some way. In thinking this over, we decided that there is, indeed, a way for persons who live too far away to donate time or who are too busy to donate time to help us in our work.

Accordingly, we have established "Friends of GPU NEWS" so that those who wish can donate money instead of time. Making our budget balance every month is a very difficult task and a time consuming one as we scurry about selling ads, holding small benefits, doing outside typesetting jobs, and in

general keeping the ship afloat.

We have published continuously for many years (In October we begin our tenth year of regular publication) and in all of those years we have never asked our readers for donations. We have, many times—yes, in almost every issue—informed our readers of fund-raising events for worthy causes.

Perhaps we were too proud to ask for donations, perhaps we were foolish in not asking for them long before this. In any event, we have gay pride and we know that you do too, or you wouldn't be reading this. Now we need your help if we are to be able to restore the publication back to its former size. Thank you.



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READING

WRITING

BY PAUL O'M. WELLES

This column is supposed to be about forthcoming books. But, sometimes books already published arrive which still call for the attention I should have given them months ago, but did not, for whatever reason. (Sloth? Ignorance?)

To start off, here are two now in trade paperback. (Trade paperback is to mass paperback as Hepburn is to Dolly Parton, a matter of class. You pay a bit more, but it's worth it.) Both books were too expensive when originally published, and neither suffers from the transition from cloth to paper binding.

In fact, **Greek Homosexuality**, by Professor K.J. Dover, now from Vintage at \$5.95 (with the same black & white illustrations as in the original edition), does not carry, because of its new, reasonable price, the suspicion the expensive edition had of being a rip-off because those incredibly beautiful cuts were not in color. It's the same book (printed, I suspect, from the same plates) with all the scholarship, humor, and unbiased commentary which earned the original edition such high, well-deserved praise.

Homosexuality: A History, From Ancient Greece to Gay Liberation, by Vern Bullough, from NAL Meridian at \$4.95 is the second book which has been well worth waiting for. It, too, was prohibitively expensive when first published—at least for this indigent—but it is a book whose absence from the serious shelf of contemporary gay lit. would leave an embarrassingly large hole. Now, and unlike a popular novel, it is never too late, there is no excuse for not filling that gap.

By "bookshelf", of course, I mean your own body of knowledge. Skip it if you're decorating.

In this same category is a new book, **Which Way Out of the Men's Room?**, by Gordon Johnston, published in hardcover by A.S. Barnes & Co. at \$12.95. It has a silly title and an inadequate subtitle, **Options for the Male Homosexual**. But it has a sexy jacket illustration.

More, between the covers it takes what I believe to be the best, most constructive and insightful, most courageous look at today's homosexual condition, and in terms of male liberation it suggests ways of restructuring a gay's negative self-image and realizing a positive potential.

Unfortunately to appreciate this book it requires about three evenings of uninterrupted leisure and one more for re-reading, and few of us enjoy such luxury. Either that is Mr. Johnston's fault as a some-

what pedantic writer, or mine as a less-than-bright reader, but in any event, rough going as a great deal



of it may be, I found it as stimulating as any consciousness-raising group might be and as inspiring as few probably are.

And why shouldn't one work a little for such pleasure, stimulation, and insight? This stuff cannot come like pap from the tube, and once in a while expending a little effort to get the clots out of our brain cells can even give us a sense of accomplishment. It's worth taking a crack at. You may even find it a breeze and wonder why I found it so tough.

Another fine book, exquisitely written, sneaked up on me. It was published by Dutton (with very little fanfare) in February. It's **Landscape with Traveler**, subtitled, **The Pillow Book of Francis Reeves**, by Barry Gifford, at \$10.95.

To paraphrase our Olympic hockey coach (very much in the news as this is written), Gifford's superb writing gets better every day and he writes as if it were next year. **Landscape** is the best-written book of interest to gays since White's **Nocturnes for the King**

of Naples and Dowell's **Too Much Flesh and Jabez**, all in the genre of flashing Florentine Renaissance.

I am not reviewing **Landscape** here, nor do I believe I have the ability to do it justice were I to describe it, but I can easily say that books much more highly touted, like **Dancer from the Dance** and **Fag-gots**, pale rapidly if they are compared (even unfairly) to **Landscape with Traveler**.

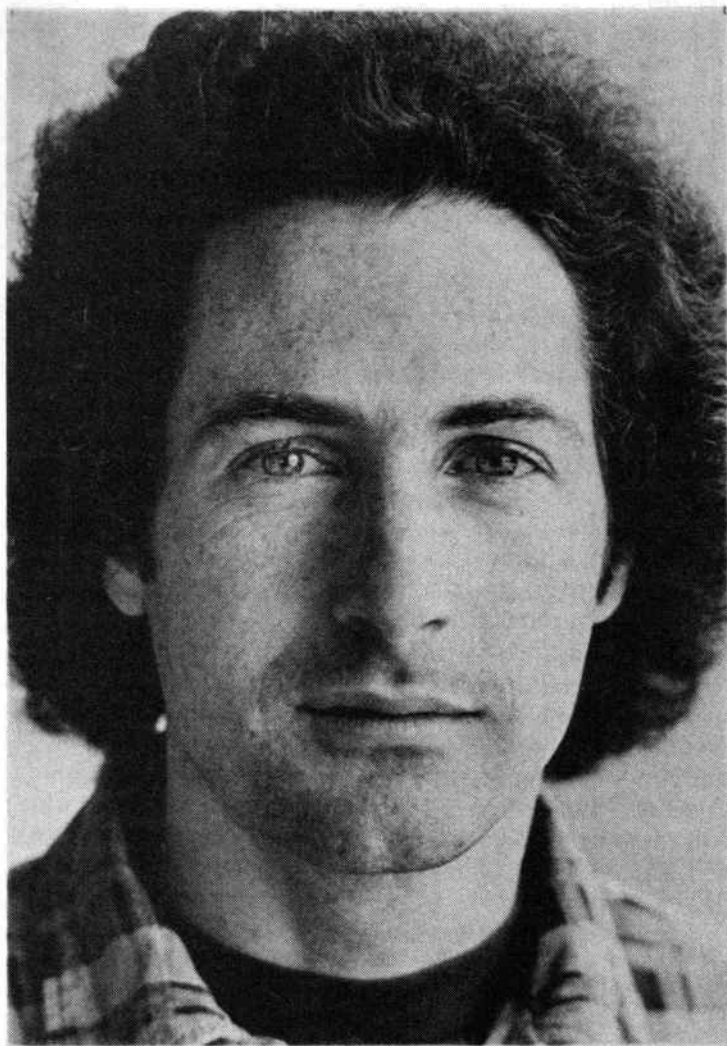
The thing to do with this book is to pick it up in a bookstore (if they don't have it demand that they get it.) and dip into it on any page (except the last few, which might blunt its keen edge) and read any two or three sentences.

If you don't like what you read you might as well read the last page, shrug your knotted shoulders, and step incautiously out into the street. If you are, as I am, overwhelmed by the grace, cold truth, and stark beauty of any three sentences plop down your eleven bucks and take **Francis Reeve's Pillow Book** home with you. Have a good dinner, take a long shower, brush your teeth, and hop into bed with the best \$10.95 trick you're likely to enjoy this year.

In April, from Barnes & Noble (London) comes **The Homosexual as Hero in Contemporary Fiction**, by Stephen Adams, at \$23.50. I hate to drop that in your lap without some kind of comment, on the price, if not the book, but I have not seen galleys and can only suggest you start smiling at your librarian on April Fool's Day.

A note of progress—small, perhaps, but progress nonetheless—is the formation of a new organization, **Gay Presses of New York**. This association of three small gay presses, Calamus Books, Seahorse Press, and JH Press, is attempting to increase visibility of the gay press through mutual advertising, promotion, sales, and distribution. They will also publish—under a joint imprint—major new gay works that could not have been published by any one of them individually.

Theater buffs will want to own the **Gay Theater Alliance Directory of Gay Plays**, published by the third-mentioned of this courageous trio, JH Press. It contains comprehensive listings of 400 plays of interest to gay men and women, costs \$5.95 (plus \$1.00



BARRY GIFFORD

postage and handling), and may be obtained by sending your \$6.95 to JH Press, 90 Bank Street, #5-D New York, NY 10014. (New York residents, please add 8% sales tax.) Note for Ivy-leaguers: no relation to J. Press.

Our lesbian friends are being very quiet about future offerings. I think they pause, between books, to dream. How nice.

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LESBIANS & S-M - A RESPONSE

by janet schrim

In reading Donna Martin's article on Lesbian SM I have the strong sense that she has done a lot of intellectualizing to cover over and avoid dealing with some heavy emotional reactions she has had to SM. And I think that she has put out her opinions as if they were fact, e.g., her estimation of human morality and human nature, without discussing any specific examples to back up her opinions.

In discussing varieties of SM she totally leaves out the heterosexual, male dominant, female submissive sort. I don't know whether this happened through ignorance or distaste. I have found that Lesbians who may accept other sorts of SM as OK sometimes want to ignore or invalidate this group of SM identified people, possibly because of the similarity to male-to-female power imbalances already existing in our society.

I do not necessarily consider the terms top and bottom to be childlike, though perhaps they are at some level playful. Nor do I see them as humorous. Perhaps they are both childlike and humorous. What I really don't like is that Ms. Martin seems to be implying that those qualities are not desirable or appropriate to sexuality. For me there is also the very simple idea that top and bottom are part of an in-group language or slang for some SM people. Top and bottom do express the power dynamic acted out in SM in fewer syllables than dominant and submissive or sadist and masochist.

I agree with Ms. Martin that SM is very much involved with drama. But she cannot let that be a positive thing. Drama to her is unreal and depersonalizing. From my own experiences in SM scenes and love-making, I find that the drama is

very real, emotionally and sexually. And personal! When a woman plays together with me in our private theater it is very personal and intimate experience. Trust is absolutely essential for each of us to relax and let ourselves experience and enjoy a scene without self-consciousness. Does Ms. Martin disapprove of sexual fantasy enactment in general or just for SM? Does she frown on the use of psychodrama in therapy? Is the "real" world only "out there" and not within us and in private also? Are not fantasies, particularly sexual fantasies, highly personal?

The article states, without evidence, that SM "lacks... any necessary engagement of the heart, and thus also any commitment to continuance." This conclusion was drawn from **some** experiences of **one** friend. I find that there is the same **possibility** of personal involvement and commitment in SM sex and intimacy as in non-SM sex and intimacy. (sometimes called vanilla.) For me the possibility of involvement may be heightened when SM is part of relating since my heart is so much in it.

The article has a veneer of fact and analysis and still is basically an emotional article trying to pretend it is not emotional. I think that Donna Martin may be able to write a much better article if she will first deal with her own feelings honestly.

I find it a little ironic and sad to see a lesbian asking after the "causes" of a sexual preference as if the causes were germs. Haven't lesbians and gay men had enough of that from the dedicated homophobes of this society? Will lesbians and gay men now use such subtly vicious tactics against SM

people? Perhaps SM people should begin writing about the causes underlying the extreme fearfulness and lack of spirit of people who engage only in soft, unstructured, unimaginative sex. No, I don't mean it but I'm sure you got my point.

I want to ask Donna Martin (and **everyone**) to keep an open mind for more and different evidence about SM, especially personal evidence that is gotten from talking with people who are into SM. I also ask that you try to handle the evidence in a different way than I saw you handling what Chris shared. Don't try to immediately fit everything into a preconceived pattern or explanation. I also suggest that you read the booklet **What Color is Your Handkerchief?**, a Lesbian SM Sexuality Reader put out by Samois, the San Francisco Bay Area's Lesbian Feminist SM Support Group. The booklet is available for \$3 from Samois, Box 2364, Berkeley, CA 94702. Also there was a good article, with a very personal flavor, in the Dec. 27, 1979 issue of **The Advocate**, as well as another article by the same author in the Feb. 21 issue that goes more into some feminist reactions to SM, deviation in general and sex in general.

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REVIEW

Man to Man. "Straight Answers to Every Man's Most Personal Questions About Sexuality, Fitness, Health." By John Chesterman and Michael Marten. Berkley Books, New York, 1980. \$2.75.

This survey and guide book, written in the question-answer format, has chapters dealing with appearance, sex in general, contraception, sexual variations, homosexuality, venereal disease, male health problems, the heart and its diseases, drugs, and aging.

The chapter on homosexuality is both sympathetic and to the point. In a few brief questions and answers, the authors concisely point out that the question of what causes homosexuality is of less importance precisely because it is not a disease anyway. The assessment of gay sexuality is perhaps unduly brief, but equally on target. "The pattern of heterosexuality is established by the fact that there are two

types of people involved who are biologically and emotionally different. This sets up all sorts of tensions and attractions which are alien to gay sex. A woman can guess at what a man feels as he is building up to an orgasm. . .but she can never actually **know** in the same way as another man. This mutuality leads to different sexual expression among men and women."

Gay sexuality is not dealt with explicitly beyond the authors' noting that it is the same "geographically" as the sexual variants (oral sex, anal sex) discussed in a preceding chapter.

Any volume which, in less than 300 pages, attempts to cover everything from male fashion through sex/homosex and up to Parkinson's disease is bound to suffer more than a few gaps en route, and a tendency to oversimplify as well. But the authors deliver what they promise, a survey, and provide a useful (but also heavily abbreviat-

ed) annotated bibliography of places to look for further information. And, last but not least, the price is right.

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REVIEW

So Long As There Are Women by Elula Perrin. Translated from the French by Harold J. Salemsen. William Morrow & Co., New York, 1980. \$10.95.

Reviewed by Marcia Coughlin

Elula Perrin is the owner and manager, as well as the guiding spirit, of the Katmandou nightclub in Paris, probably the most celebrated lesbian night spot in the world. Born in Indochina, she came to Paris following the Liberation and obtained a law degree. She has been everything from a cabaret performer to a schoolteacher, and continues to live in Paris, much in the public eye.

Perrin's autobiography, published in Paris in 1975, is at once the story of her life and struggles, an accounting of lesbian life in the City of Lights, and the history of the Katmandou. **Tant Qu'il y Aura des Femmes** was published as its sequel in 1978 (Paris: Editions Ramsay). It is a collection of sensitive, angry, and often erotic confessions in which Perrin brings together the lives of nine lesbians, letting them speak of their feelings, needs, and their fight for the right to live and love.

Vanina is a poor Corsican girl who survived her father's violence, fought poverty and oppression, and became a successful gynecologist in Paris. Elodie, an actress turned stripper of international renown, entertains audiences around the world, but scorns the very subject of their heterosexual eroticism. Sylvie had many men before she turned to a lesbian lifestyle, and the adamant Beija Flor refused ever to have one. Madeleine, representative of an earlier generation of lesbians, was beaten by her husband and finally rejected by her children. Dany, unmoved by social attitudes and repression, simply turned her back on convention and did as she pleased.



Perrin remarks that these are not so much nine lives, as one life with nine voices. To the possible objection that her account concentrates too much on the trials and sufferings of lesbians, she remarks, "Who ever made the claim that we always lived in a bed of roses?" The collected biographical sketches are not intended to be "representative"

of any lesbian lifestyle, for there are many and not one. "At twenty, Ginette, a clerk in the French postal service in the small town of Romorantin, met Josette, who worked in a hardware store. That was thirty years ago, and they're still living together, still in Romorantin. There's nothing in that story to make a novel of, but it

is quite enough to build a life upon."

Perrin continues, "Potential lesbians, lesbians at heart, are very numerous, perhaps much more numerous than the active lesbians. But many of us who know that they are, who are fully aware of their own true nature, will never gather up the courage to make the decisive crossing—to come out of the closet, as the current saying has it. Yet they know full well that their friends on the other side are waiting for them, calling to them. They watch us live, and love, and laugh, but they remain where they are on the shore of that oh so delicious lake, which they will never dare dive into. These poor women have been chained down by the prejudices and taboos of a sexually unworthy society."

And finally, "Don't be afraid of us, the rest of you who, without a doubt, at some time in your lives have found your eyes meeting ours, welcomed our smiles, fleetingly shared a bit of complicity.

"So you, madame, who are that tenth one, please, when you hear someone around you making fun of us, leering and sneering as they say, 'She's a dyke,' won't you answer: 'Yes, she is a lesbian. What difference does that make?'

"Believe me, when you do, there will be an awful lot of us who will be silently sending our thanks to you."

Wives, mothers, artists, and professionals; the plain, beautiful, young, and the old. These women are as diverse as they are both familiar and exciting, each in her own manner. Their lives prove that there are many and diverse roads to personal and sexual liberation. Taken together, they make a moving and ardent plea for equality and liberation from prejudice and scorn. Perrin's book is a magnificent one. All of us who have occasional wonders as to who we are and where we are going, and those of us who don't, will find here a treasure of insight, openness, and illumination.



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THE FOG - A MELODRAMA

BY

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A clearing in Central Park, a section called "The Rambles," where late at night, when the law says the Park must be cleared, the city's homosexuals meet and mate.

The time is early Autumn, near midnight, when a freak fog has blanketed the Park in something deeper than darkness.

The lighting is normal stage lighting. No "fog effect" must be used. The two actors cannot see one another at all.

At RISE, we hear foghorns off right. A STUD enters, in his twenties, well-built, tall, very handsome, well-groomed, wearing a puce raglan sweater and Nile-green hip-huggers. HE is orienting himself in the darkness by listening for the occasional bursts of the foghorn. HE does this mawkishly, tilting his ear until the blast sounds, then taking a few more steps forward with a "Follow me" gesture as if troops followed him.

After the STUD is a few steps onstage, a FAG enters from the opposite side. HE is small, thin, "Nellie", in sunglasses, a blond wig, and a chic Cardin suit. HE gropes timorously before himself, feeling tentatively with an almost balletic toe the familiar turf. As the FAG's hands are out before him at crotch level, and the STUD is only feet away from him, a very embarrassing confrontation is avoided when a new foghorn sounds from off left and the STUD speaks.

STUD: (looking from left to right frantically) Hey! (FAG stops, frightened, listens) I know I'm not walkin' in that small a circle! (Off-left foghorn sounds again) No fair movin' the fuckin' foghorns! (Off right foghorn sounds, then the off left one. With humor:) Two foghorns. I stand disgusted. In a freak fog. Somewhere in Central Park.

FAG (Cautiously) There's two of them.

STUD (Mock-frightened) Who dere?

FAG Don't worry; I'm not a mugger or a rapist or anything. (This is quite clear from his voice)

STUD Aw, come on, now. You must be somethin'. Or maybe not. Anyway, you couldn't find me in this benighted fog, anyway. Befogged night.

FAG (After pause) Are you?

STUD What? Befogged? Or benighted?

FAG (Impatient with jokes) A rapist. Or mugger.

STUD Relax, you're safe. I couldn't find you either. We're probably the two safest people that ever met at night in Central Park. (Teasingly) Unless one of us is a cop.

FAG Oh, damn; are you?

STUD (Enjoying himself immensely) I wouldn't tell you if I was, would I? But relax. I'm not a cop. I'm not a mugger. I'm a . . . available. The only people in Central Park at this time of night are either cops or available.

FAG It often amounts to the same thing.

STUD (Politely) I'm not even really available at the moment. I just used that as a technical term.

FAG (Offended. Miffed.) Well, you're perfectly safe. I wouldn't try to force myself on anyone. To be just brutally frank, I was out here following a tall, silent number in a puce raglan pullover from a party.



Photo by Niko

BILL HAISLIP AND JEFFREY HERMAN IN THE NEW YORK PRODUCTION OF "FOG"

STUD Well, relax. I just came from quite another party and I'm in a maroon crew-neck. What's "puce," anyway?

FAG A color.

STUD And what's "raglan?"

FAG How long have you been in New York?

STUD Too long.

FAG I mean, one usually picks up things like "puce" and "raglan."

STUD (Laughs) Well, I hope you pick it up. How's the action in the Park on a night like this?

FAG Well, I never tried before on a night like this. But I saw him walk into the Park and I said "What the Hell." Then the fog fell and I lost him.

STUD You're lost, too, huh? Hell.

FAG Me? I know this Park like a book. He's lost though.

STUD I've never been here before. At night, I mean. Like this. Maybe you could show me the way out?

FAG Actually I thought I'd browse around for a

while.

STUD Expecting to luck across him?

FAG Or somebody. When the fog lifts.

STUD (Struck by the words, deeply) "When the fog lifts." Tell me something. What does it matter to you about the fog lifting?

FAG (Filing his nails) I don't understand.

STUD I mean—why aren't you looking for somebody now?

FAG (Taking this as a come-on) Well, I sort of am.

STUD (Quickly) No, no. I mean—you want to wait till the fog lifts so you can see what they look like, right?

FAG Sure.

STUD Let me tell you something. **(Long pause as HE tries to frame his thoughts. (FAG Waits, making listening motions.)** What do you do?

FAG Well, I'm game for just about anything.

STUD (Laughs) No, no, that's not what I meant. I meant, for a living. What is your work? What is your life?

FAG (**Bored**) Oh, that; I'm a window-decorator.

STUD And are you good at it?

FAG (**With some air of boasting**) Well, not to brag, but I've been told I'm one of the most sought after window decorators in the Greater New York-New Jersey area. I work where I want, when I want, and I've even designed scenery for a couple of plays. Off-off Broadway.

STUD (**After pondering**) I think that's wonderful.

FAG Well, thank you. Most people laugh.

STUD (**With anger**) How can you let them?

FAG (**Apologetically**) Well, you know. Window decorators, hairdressers—people laugh.

STUD Yeah? Now, wait. This puce raglan number—this strong, silent type—What does he do?

FAG I don't know. I just saw him tonight.

STUD Did you even talk to him?

FAG No, as I said, he was pretty strong and silent.

STUD (**With growing outrage**) But you're trailing him out here in the cold and wet and dark, risking mugging and raping and arrest and God knows what kind of humiliation and —my God, infection—just on the offhand chance that maybe—I repeat, maybe—you can mouse around with him in the bushes for a little while. My God, it sounds like a duel. And you don't even get a choice of weapons; that's up to him.

FAG (**Defensively**) Well, that's how it is.

STUD But Good Lord, man, here you are, capable and respected and talented, and you're letting a probable lout like that shove you around. Why? Can you tell me why?

FAG (**Dreamily**) Well, he was very good-looking. He looked like a weight-lifter, maybe. He was collegiate, which I like, and he had on these Nile-green pants without pockets—they're called "hip-huggers," dear—and he was showing just fantastic basket. . .

STUD (**Who has realized it is himself being described**) Jesus. Nile-green, huh?

FAG (**Relishing the thought**) Mmmmmm-hmmmm.

STUD Well, do you have any idea why this puce—What does **that** mean, by the way?

FAG It's sort of an earthy red-brown shade.

STUD Not much like maroon, huh?

FAG Oh, no; maroon is more of a chocolaty-purple.

STUD And "raglan?"

FAG (**with a sigh**) That means the sleeve seams are set above the shoulder.

STUD I'll bet not many people know that.

FAG (**Flattered**) Really? Well, it's nothing to know.

STUD (**Feeling his raglan seams**) Jesus. Well, tell me, anyway; why do you think this guy left the party?

FAG Well, obviously because there was no one there as attractive as he.

STUD As he. Okay. Let me put it this way. Why do you think he was so silent?

FAG Because that works best.

STUD Let me tell you—I haven't been in New York very long, mind you—but let me tell you why I think he was so fucking—strong and silent.

FAG I don't usually like generalizations.

STUD You listen to me or I'll call a cop. Or a mugger. Let me guess about that party. I'll bet that only half the people there knew each other.

FAG Well, that's always best.

STUD Sure, because nobody wants anybody that they know. Or maybe they don't want anybody that knows them. But, whichever, I'll bet half the guys there—and on an early Autumn, high-season night like this there were only guys there—

FAG Aha! You're wrong—

STUD (**Quickly**) Unless maybe the host's Southern—
aunt.

FAG (**Astonished**) His sister. His Southern sister was there. That's very clever of you.

STUD (**Self-deprecatingly**) These parties are all alike. I just came from—practically—the same party myself. Let me go on. Half of the guys there were like yourself: young to not-so-young businessmen, artists, writers, lawyers, whatever the group happens to center around—

FAG Yes, yes.

STUD —and the other half, the half nobody knew. They were equally—half and half—divided between little make-up queens that are invited to make everybody look better by comparison (Besides which, give 'em enough to drink or smoke and they're a sure, if somewhat undesirable, thing.) —and a number of strong, silent types in easy-off puce cozies and Nile-

green basket wrappers, invited from a number of bars and drugstores and—elevators—where they were available because they don't have much to do besides window-decorate themselves in public puce and gimme-green and wait around for an invitation to a party—of two or three or thirty, any number can play. . .

FAG How long did you say you'd been in New York?

STUD Can I tell you a little about myself?

FAG Because, really, that was funny the way you described that party. It's just exactly like the one that I was at, but I couldn't describe it nearly as well. You should be a writer.

STUD **(Quietly)** Thank you. I sort of halfway wanted to be one. . .but I found out my looks were against me.

FAG Oh, really?

STUD I'm not very attractive. **(Looooong pause)** I guess you won't want to talk to me anymore?

FAG Well, there's nothing else to do til the fog. . . **(Catches himself)** Uh—you say your looks were against your becoming a writer? What have looks got to do with that?

STUD Well, you see, when I was seventeen—

FAG **(Interrupting)** How old are you now?

STUD I'm. . .eighteen.

FAG Oh, well. Maybe there's still something you could do about your looks. Yeast tablets and things.

STUD **(Beginning to lose himself in his memories)** That's what my friends say to me. You see, I was very scrawny at seventeen, and pimply. But still I had hope, you know? **(FAG sighs, unheard: "I know.")** I thought if I came to New York, people wouldn't mind all that, that here, in the center of all

the world's talent, they'd only care if people were talented, that they'd care for a person's—I don't know, character—his self. . .**(Stops, perhaps to fight tears.)**

FAG **(After a very long pause)** Are you still there?

STUD Yeah. Yeah, I'm here. I thought maybe you had gone away. I mean, I know my voice is pretty resonant and I thought maybe you had only been staying because you thought I was good-looking. **(FAG shrugs but does not answer)** Well, anyway, I got here. And I started meeting people. And it was just as I'd pictured. **(He acts out the scenes he describes, shaking hands, faking responses, etc., taking up the whole stage around the by-now seated FAG, so that FAG is constantly getting the voice from new directions.)** They didn't mind that I was gawky and skinny and hunched-over and pimply. They found out I was a writer and they started inviting me to their parties. I wore a funny suit and I st-stuttered, and I noticed that nobody was taking me home, but I thought, "Well, it's just a matter of time; concerned with talent and character as they are, they have to get to know me; they're not like those men that grab you in the subways." And then I noticed that while these aristocrats were getting to know me, while they were saying their warm and sincere goodbyes to me at their doors, there were always a couple of people still inside. Friends, I thought. But after being at a couple of parties at some one person's house, I noticed that those who lingered late were always different friends who stayed as the doors closed in my face. **(HE is growing less detachedly satirical, more involved and hurt.)** I noticed sweaters and tight pants, like uniforms. Or like the costumes of some endless chorus line. **(HE mimics the poses of a half-dozen "Butch" numbers.)** Pow! Zam! Blat! BALoo! Whiz! Bang! And so I began to get nervous. Then I began to notice while at the parties, the parties given by and for the artists, the lawyers, the businessmen, the makers and rulers of the sacred minds of men, I seldom heard those professions deeply propounded. Seldom! Nay, never. It worked very curiously. Upon discovering that the leaning tower of bones and pimples was a young

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writer, professors of literature, themselves legends from looming universities, would slide to my side for the opportunity to describe in learned prose some wedge-shaped unemployable sitting strong and silent in a corner. And I, who stood there with my thumb in my Martini, listening to these learned and powerful men, and yearning after their intelligence, their approval, their acumen and admiration, I—I would slowly realize that the gist of their panegyrics was that I, I, being younger and therefore theoretically standing more of a chance than they, should stumble over and sample a hunk of the hunk. (HE is almost shouting now. HE waits for a response. None is forthcoming from FAG, who “looks” around for him. STUD then screams:) Do you know what I mean?

FAG (Startled) Well, that's life. Everyone wants the beauties.

STUD (Screams) I don't. (Quick comedown) I mean I don't care. It's not what I'm after.

FAG Well, I mean, that's life.

STUD (Screams again) That's what?

FAG (Terrified, defensive, screams back.) That's life!

STUD (Trying to regain his composure and reason) Look; do you remember how I started on all this raving?

FAG (Comfortingly, trying to humor STUD) It's all very interesting. I know what you mean. Everybody's after the beauties, and they're after each other, or else they drive a person broke or drunk or crazy, but that's—

STUD (Loudest scream yet) Don't say that again. (Down again.) Please. Listen. Remember I started out to tell you what I thought was the reason for these characters, these puce and Nile products, being so strong and silent?

FAG Oh. That. Yes.

STUD (With great importance) They're specialists themselves. They don't have any small talk. They have to spend so much time lifting weights and directing their barbers and studying various poses in mirrors that they have no time to think of anything else, no—time—to develop any abilities they might have. They sit around, in awe of the talents in the room with them, they want those people's love, and they're scared to death to open their mouths. Until they find out that these people only became specialists in law or art or—or literature—because they didn't think they could make it as specialists in beauty.

FAG Well. I'm not sure I see just what it is you're

driving at.

STUD Remember, I'm seventeen. I'm skinny and scrawny.

FAG Well, you sure don't sound it.

STUD I've developed my voice by talking with my mouth full of hors-d'oeuvres. But I'm seventeen, and scrawny and pimply—

FAG I thought you said you were eighteen?

STUD That was a lie. I'm still—still seventeen.

FAG (In the tone of a pep-talk) Well, then, as I said—You could probably do something about your—

STUD (Interrupting) Oh, I will, I will. In the next seven years I'll lift weights and improve my posture and eat sea-salt and get good haircuts and stop talking at parties and get my full glandular growth and pick up my chorus outfits in the men's-men's stores and develop a strong, silent countenance to cover the fact that I haven't read any good books lately and everyone will stop talking to me and start talking about me and I'll get disgusted and stop writing because it will seem to me that there's no one to write for.

FAG Well, I really don't see the problem. If you can do that, and get the people you want—

STUD Oh, God, but I never will get them. They'll lie there making it with other people after hustling the host's sister away, looking through the gold Florentine candelabra on the floor at the part of me corresponding to whatever part of each other or themselves they're working on, because they're too afraid—

FAG Oh, come now, surely not everybody—

STUD But it's just as bad if they do get the courage to come over the candelabra, because if they do—Did you ever take L.S.D.?

FAG No (Automatically holds out his hand to receive some)

STUD Well, now, please don't think I'm one of those sick queens that takes anything anybody offers them— (FAG withdraws hand quickly) —but once I had L.S.D.

FAG (In a sudden connection) Did you say “Florentine candelabra?”

STUD (Lost in the point he is trying to make) No, I said L.S.D. Pay attention. And I made love with someone while I was on it. And afterwards, when I lay there, whimpering with love and gratitude, (HE is reliving this) he turned to me and told me that he

had used the hallucinatory effect of the drug to transform me into his physical ideal.

FAG (Who has ceased paying attention) Where exactly was this party you were at tonight?

STUD (Who is not aware of his earlier slip) What does it matter? Don't you see what I'm trying to say is that they're all alike? That's how all those businessmen were looking at me tonight—that's why they needed the candlelight and the darkness—to blur me into some baby-doll ideal—it didn't matter to them that I'd worked those damn weights for years, putting on muscles like make-up—that I'd broadened my chest and deepened my voice and made myself into a sex-god sacrifice for them—they had to dim the lights and take of their damn Couregges sunglasses (**FAG touches his**) until I became even more vague and generalized. They didn't appreciate my—my plastic surgery any more than they had my writing. No amount of work could make them love me—me! Me, under the puce and the Nile, the pullover and the hip-huggers—even if I had these off they still would have to try to turn me into a daydream—to worship me and not want me (**By now HE is literally clawing his clothes off in his frenzy**) Oh, Sweet God, please, please free from this fog of flesh! I'm so tired of getting what I don't deserve! (**HE has fallen to his knees in pain and pleading, half-naked. The FAG in the meanwhile has become galvanized as he puts the clues together and realizes that this may be the one from the party. HE stands alert as a praying mantis, awaiting the next move, the next word.**)

STUD (Weak, lonely) Are—hey, are you still there?

FAG (Who has been looking in the wrong direction) Oh, yes, yes, I'm here. Uh—you wandered off. I could hardly hear you.

STUD Did I? Well, I'm out of practice at writing, but I can probably condense it all for you. "I'm seventeen and skinny and scrawny and nobody can love me because I'm not a big, beautiful, mindless sex-god."

FAG You're not? (**HE is baffled, fiddling with his cigarette lighter. Then HE has an idea.**) Would you like a cigarette?

STUD (Trying to pull together) Yes. Yes, I would. I had some here. Must have dropped them. (**HE bends over, feeling for them.**) What the hell? Wet, cold grass.

FAG (Clicks lighter on, searches for STUD, finds himself illuminating with the lighter nothing less than the famous Nile-green ass. Clicks lighter off, has difficulty controlling himself.) Uh—uh—would you like one of mine? (**He holds out a pack in the darkness.**)

STUD Where are you? (**HE gropes for the pack,**

THEY touch hands in exchanging it and matches.) Thanks. Thanks a lot. What brand is this? Keep on talking, will you? I feel alone as Hell.

FAG Keep the pack. They're imported.

STUD Well, thank you.

FAG (Desperately stalling until he can think of the right thing to say.) Uh—listen. You have a wonderful gift with words—for a seventeen year old. I'd really think you were a much more developed writer. I admire someone who can write.

STUD (Flattered despite himself) Thanks. I can't anymore.

FAG Oh, no, I'm sure you can. Your—uh—descriptions and —uh—images and all are very—uh—vivid. Yes, vivid. You have a fine mind. You see a great deal.

STUD I'm just obsessed, is all.

FAG You've been very frank with me. Shall I be frank with you? I mean, would you be interested in hearing about me?

STUD Yeah, sure.

FAG Writers are always interested in people. That's one of the most attractive things about them.

STUD You find that attractive? Most people don't.

FAG Why, while I was listening to you, I felt that you were saying things I'd always felt but couldn't express. (**Sudden fear**) Uh—I can't see a thing. Can you?

STUD No. Nothing. God, doesn't this ever lift?

FAG Well, I felt that you were talking about me. (**Getting more nervous the deeper he gets into his scheme.**) I mean, the physical description and all: huge, handsome, good-looking, all that? That party I left tonight? Well, I left to follow that boy, because —because— (**Inspiration!**) because he had such a compassionate face.

STUD (Intrigued) When did you come in?

FAG Oh, oh, I had just come in. He didn't see me, because (**Idea**) because he was busy staring at this disgusting little fairy that was making out on the floor, in his chic sunglasses (**takes them off and flings them away**) and his blond wig (**throws it away**) and his Cardin suit. (**Flings the jacket into the bushes.**) I guess that's why he stomped out, disgusted with that fruit. But I'm not sorry I missed him now. Not now. May I be even more honest?

STUD (Breathless) Sure. What are you trying to say?

FAG Well, it's hard, but—I mean, one gets so used to insincere people.

STUD I know. I know.

FAG But I'm tired of being a big, blond, beautifully-built sex-god, too. I mean like the people you described. I—I've always wanted to meet someone like you who could appreciate me for myself—even if he was just a scrawny, pimply kid like you and all.

STUD Really?

FAG Listen, I'm going to be even franker. I may shock you and all, but—I don't think people should let a moment like this go—Does that sound silly to you?

STUD Oh, God, no; not at all. (He is sitting up now, reaching out.)

FAG I know a place just a little ways from here. I'm sure I can find it. What I'm saying is—will you come there with me—now?

STUD You sound—very excited.

FAG I've been there a lot of times before. And lots of things have happened that have been ugly. But I think if I went there with someone with a beautiful soul—like you—it could make up for it. To go there

with someone I could —respect and admire, someone—(HE is feeling around in the fog forSTUD) —someone who'd appreciate me for more than just my beauty—(He stops to listen to STUD, who has started weeping with uncontrollable joy during this speech) Huh? (In screeching rage) What are you laughing at? Are you laughing at me?

STUD No—No—I'm not laughing—Oh, God, I'm not laughing.

(HE is on his knees, crawling looking for fag with outstretched hands. HE is a pitiful figure, clothes half ripped off, crawling, crying, groping.) Do you mean the things you're saying?

FAG (En garde) Can you doubt me?

STUD No—No—I can't—I don't. (Their hands connect.)

FAG (Half-dragging STUD into bushes) Come with me. Come away with me now.

STUD (Still weeping in heartfelt gratitude) Oh, God. This is the rational world at last!

(FAG drags STUD into bushes as the foghorns restate their mournful, warning theme.)

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HERE & THERE

San Francisco, CA—Michael Raines, fired as managing director of the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House by its Board of Trustees, has instituted a suit against the Board claiming that he was fired because he is gay. Board members claim that the issue of his gayness never arose, and that the firing was due to incompetence and lack of confidence.

San Francisco Sentinel

San Francisco, CA—Jane R., a 27-year-old lesbian who wished to become a mother, has succeeded by arranging for artificial insemination by a donor (AID). Like a growing number of lesbians, she arranged the sperm donation by circumventing the hostile medical establishment.

San Diego Update

Buffalo, NY—The gay boycott on Towne Hots Restaurant is in its fifth month. The boycott was called by the Buffalo Area Lesbian and Gay Coalition (BALGC) because of the management's policy of tearing down signs advertising the National March on Washington.

Fifth Freedom

Raleigh, NC—A gay father, Sammy Woodruff, has been granted rights to have unsupervised overnight visits with his 4-year-old son. The ruling by the North Carolina Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that such visits were permitted so long as no "boy-friends" were spending the night while the son was there. The former Mrs. Woodruff had objected to the all-night visits because of Sammy's "open and gay lifestyle."

The Front Page

Dallas, TX—The Dallas Gay Political Caucus has attacked the Texas State Board of Education for voting to delete all references to homosexuality in a health textbook approved for use in Texas public schools.

Montrose Star

Miami, FL—Attorney Dan Paul has denied a charge that he attempted to rape an 18-year-old man whom he had brought to his home. Paul, who was stabbed in the back during the incident, claims that he was awakened during the night to find the man going through his drawers and closets.

Washington Star

East Lansing, MI—Two gay men have been refused entrance to a three-day dance marathon sponsored by the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Fraternity representatives told the men that no same-sex couples would be permitted to participate in the marathon.

Gay Community News

Toronto, ONT—Longtime gay activist George Hislop has been elected to a three-year term on the Toronto City Planning Board. Hislop is the first open gay in the history of City Hall.

Body Politic

New York, NY—According to a study released by a private anti-crime group, murder is the leading cause of death among New York City males aged 15-44. The Citizens Crime Commission, using FBI data, reports that black males have a 1 in 20 chance of being murdered, non-black males a 1 in 57 chance.

New York Times

London, UK—Want to go to Heaven? Only if you're gay, male, and can pay an annual subscription fee of 15 pounds. Heaven is London's newest ultra-chic gay disco, but its discriminatory policies against lesbians, and its refusal to admit women guests of its gay male members, have caused widespread criticism throughout the gay community here. "We don't want trouble in Heaven," said management, "We can absorb women, but not too many."

Gay News (London)

Buenos Aires, Argentina—Pato's, the only gay bar in this city, has been raided by Federal Police, who arrested 123 men for homosexuality, despite the fact that homosexuality is not illegal in Argentina.

Gay Pied

Melbourne, Australia—In a rebuff to right-wing groups pressing for further censorship of gay publications, the State of Victoria's Classification of Publications Board has ruled that the book **Young, Gay and Proud** is suitable for sale to persons under the age of eighteen.

Body Politic

Chicago, IL—**Counterpoint**, a local monthly magazine, printed an article attacking gays in its December issue, complete with the terms "faggot," "fruit," "queer," etc. Referring to Mayor Byrne's recent pro-gay stances, the article referred to her as "he." When gay organizations in the city spearheaded a telephone campaign to the magazine's advertisers, over half of these pledged to withdraw their advertising from all future issues.

Gaylife

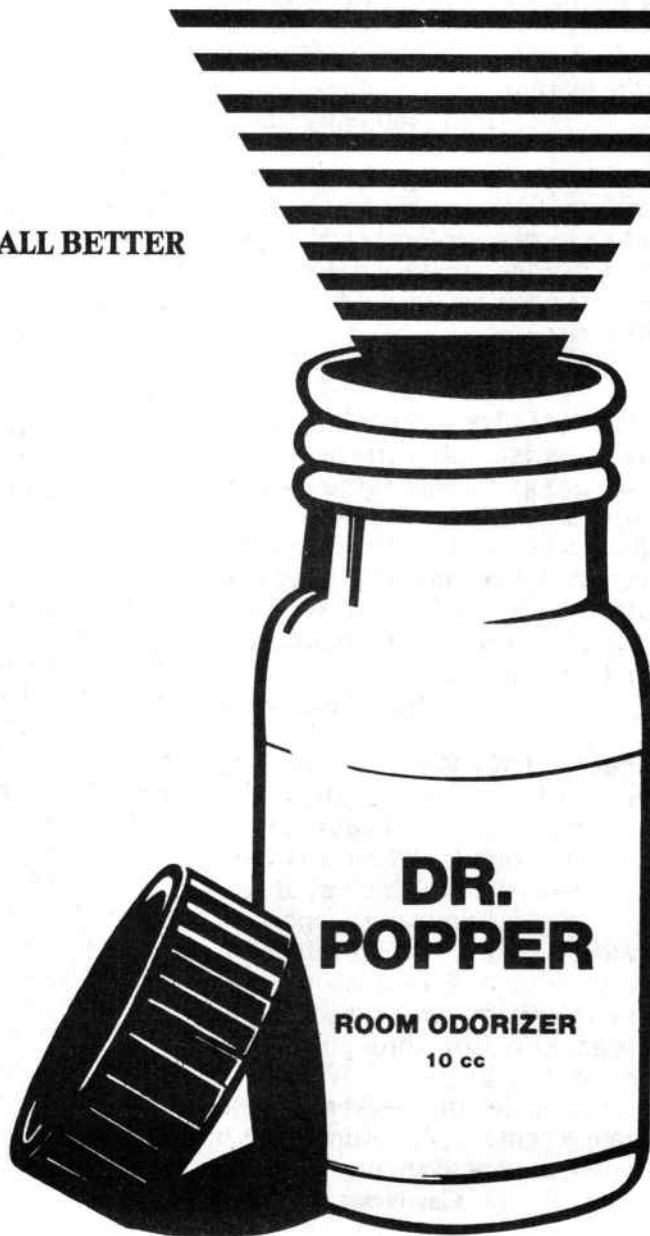
San Francisco, CA—Gay Rights Advocates (GRA), a San Francisco-based public law firm, has announced that Mary Dunlap, a prominent civil rights attorney, has joined its staff. Ms Dunlap has extensive experience in litigation dealing with both sex discrimination and gay rights, and is co-founder of Equal Rights Advocates, a feminist public interest law firm. She has served on the boards of directors of the ACLU of Northern California and the Lesbian Rights Project; and is the author of a book and several articles dealing with sex discrimination, equal opportunity employments, and the constitutional rights of sexual minorities.

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HERE & THERE

London, UK—A pre-operative transsexual who was imprisoned for theft almost a year ago has been denied hormone treatments by London prison officials. She is believed to be depressed, and acquiring secondary male characteristics once again.

Gay News (London)

Dallas, TX—Oral lesions are often related to oral sex practices, a dentist here told a meeting of the American Dental Association. He noted that venereal diseases centering in the mouth are often confused with other lesions, and fail to get proper dental treatment because dentists often fear to ask intimate questions of their patients.

San Diego Update

Toronto, ONT—The Toronto Chapter of Dignity, the organization for gay Catholics, is still looking for a Catholic church in which to celebrate mass. The group continues to meet at the Bloor Street United Church since being ousted from St. Paul's Catholic Church last November.

Body Politic

San Francisco, CA—"You don't have to be straight to be a good cop" are the words printed on thousands of posters being distributed throughout the city by many gay organizations in a police recruitment drive organized by the group Gay Outreach. The program has the official blessing of the newly installed Chief of Police, Cornelius Murphy.

Bay Area Reporter

Paris, France—Gay Soviet filmmaker Sergei Paradjanov has asked permission from the Soviet government to emigrate to France. Paradjanov, an Armenian noted for his support of the rights of national minorities in the USSR, served a prison sentence for his homosexuality in 1973.

Gai Pied

San Francisco, CA—In a series of statements strongly supportive of gay rights, Mayor Dianne Feinstein has called on President Carter to honor his 1976 pledge to end discrimination against gay persons. The Mayor gave her comments to presidential aide Jack Watson at a White House meeting to discuss federal aid to her city.

San Francisco Sentinel

Liverpool, UK—A national conference was held here in February for women working on gay telephone switchboards.

Gay News (London)

Spain—Minister of the Interior Signor Ibanez Friere has confirmed that the Government will not grant legal status to gay organizations as long as homosexuality remains a crime in Spain. The application by the Catalan Gay Liberation Front (FAGC) was rejected. Despite governmental nonrecognition, FAGC managed to attract over 7,000 Spanish gays to a Barcelona sports stadium where it held its fourth annual congress. It also has the support of the 50 principal municipalities, trade unions, and youth organizations.

Gay News (London)

Toronto, ONT—The Human Rights Campaign Committee of the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario (CGRO) has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the inter-church funding agency PLURA. The grant will be used to employ a fulltime grassroots organizer to establish a gay political organization in rural Ontario.

Body Politic

Rome, Italy—For the first time in Italy, one lesbian and two male homosexuals took part on national television in a program on the gay lifestyle in Italy.

Fuori

London, UK—"Disgraceful conduct of an indecent kind" is the charge which usually results in the discharge of lesbians from Britain's armed services. According to an article by Yvonne Roberts, "The Girls Sacked for Being Gay," about 35 women are discharged from the Army each year on these charges.

The Guardian

United Kingdom—Gay women will be taking part in the 1981 International Year for Disabled People, which is being sponsored in the UK by the National Council for Social Services. GEMMA, the British organization for handicapped gay women, has been asked by Council to participate in all areas of planning.

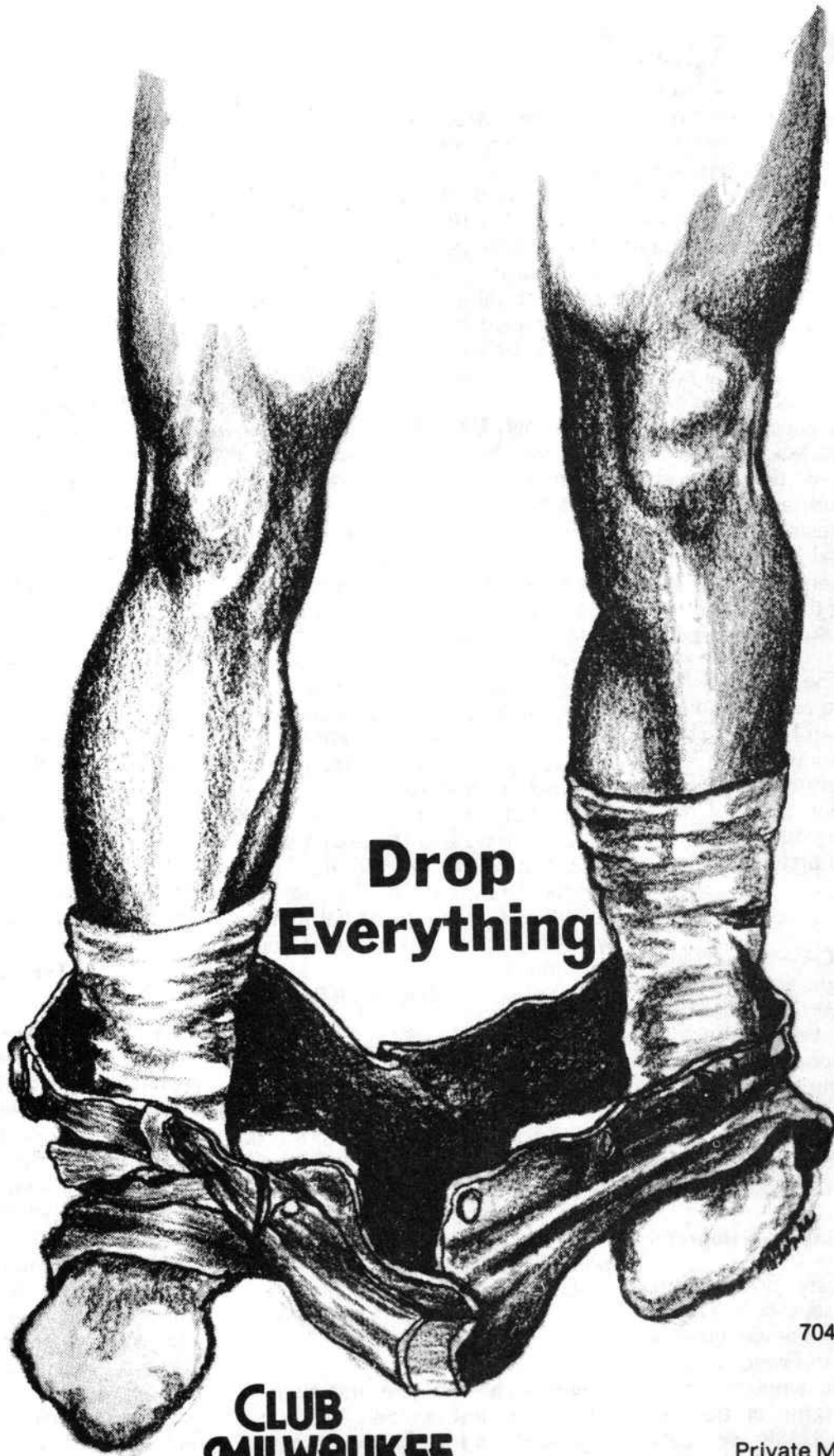
Gay News (London)

Santa Barbara, CA—Jane Fonda and her husband, political activist Tom Hayden, turned over their ranch to a gay rights group for a \$50-a-person fund-raising to help pay off Hayden's campaign debts. The affair, billed as a "Gay Western Weekend" was not attended by the Haydens.

The Milwaukee Journal

New York, NY—Although some may feel that he is too old for the role, producers claim they have lined up Burt Reynolds to replace Richard Gere for the lead role in the Broadway production of the London hit, **Bent**; a harrowing drama about gay men in Nazi concentration camps. David Dukes will continue on in the role as the lover. Dukes, who claimed to have trouble preparing for the scene where the two men make love without touching, ("I tried to fantasize this girlfriend and that girlfriend") but finally decided, "I just had to make love to Richard," may not have the same problem with Reynolds, but what about Burt?

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REVIEW

The Lure by Felice Picano, Delacorte Press, New York, 1979. \$9.95.

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice

Picano's collection of poetry, **The Deformity Lover**, was reviewed earlier in GPU NEWS. His three earlier novels (**Smart As the Devil**, **Eyes**, and **The Mesmerist**) have been generally well received. All are in the general category of Psychological suspense tales. **Lure** is a novel of psychosexual suspense, and it is a well-written and provocative piece of entertainment.

A lone bicyclist takes his morning exercise on the deserted West Side Highway in New York. Then: a scream, a flicker of light from an abandoned riverfront warehouse, a glimpse of the dying man's face. Noel Cummings is quickly seized for interrogation by a mysterious secret police unit run by the equally mysterious Anton Loomis; for the murdered man was one of their operatives. For Noel Cummings, this is only the beginning of the sudden descent from his safe and ordered life into the domain of stark terror.

Cummings is compelled to work for the police under the code-name, "The Lure." Recently widowed, he is at work on his doctoral thesis at the university, and currently teaching sociology: an ideal cover for Loomis' project. Several owners of gay bars have been slain during the past months, not to mention Loomis' own operatives. The murders are the work of a man known only as "Mr. X," who, according to Loomis, may be attempting to take over all of the city's more profitable gay bars.

Under pretense of multiple covers (a hustler from the west coast, a student working on his doctoral dissertation), The Lure enters the netherside of New York's gay life: its shadowy back-room bars, pulsing strobe-lit pri-



vate clubs, and the thrill-seeking world of the very wealthy. It is a world about which he knows nothing: it fascinates, repels, menaces, and attracts.

Working as a bartender in one of the Village bars, The Lure attempts to insinuate himself into every aspect of gay life there, in order to get closer to the workings of his prey, still known only as Mr. X. He soon becomes the manager of a bar, one of many owned by Eric, and is taken into the confidence both of Eric and of his beautiful (female) consort, Alana. The Lure has an affair with Randy Nerone, once a bartender at the bar which he now manages; but, during a drug party at an S-M bar Randy is murdered and mutilated. Cummings' undercover work for Loomis now takes on dimensions of revenge and vendetta, and Loomis promises him that the net is soon to close on Mr. X.

In bits and pieces gleaned from other operatives, it soon begins to dawn on The Lure that there is more to Loomis' secret police squad than a simple undercover anti-Mafia unit. Not only does the squad have strange connections, financial and otherwise, with certain secretive right-wing groups, but Loomis also has collected detailed psychosexual profiles on all

of his operatives. To what end? Why is Loomis dead set on arresting Eric, who could not possibly be Mr. X? And where does The Lure fit into these intrigues?

From these questions and confusions, the novel reaches a crashing and explosive finale, replete with unexpected turns and twists, and a final surprise. Picano plays out the novel's secret twists brilliantly, one deliberate card at a time, and even the closing twists have no air of the artificial. The result is both explosive and artistically satisfying.

The Lure is a gutsy and well-written novel. The authenticity of Picano's research makes its portrayal of New York's underground gay scene both realistic and frightening. The characters are solid, believably constructed, and easily able to draw the reader into their webs of fear, self-revelation, and stark terror.

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REVIEW

The Evolution of Human Sexuality.
by Donald Symons, Oxford University Press, New York and Oxford, 1979. \$15.95.

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice, PH. D

Nature versus Nurture—nowhere in the social sciences is the battle more heated than in the areas of sex and sex differences. And the flames have been fanned during the past few years by the emergence of a new (or at least newly labeled) synthesis, calling itself sociobiology. Using new theory construction devices, sociobiologists have claimed that genetic determinism will account for virtually all human activities and lifestyles. Sociobiology has met with limited success as a purveyor of fruit-flies, and with some success in handling some of our own evolutionary ancestors (Symons has written two books on Rhesus monkeys). It is when the sociobiologists aim their theories at homo sapiens that most other social scientists have found cause for either critique or downright scorn.

Contemporary sociobiology comes in two packages, the first being theoretical treatises in human evolution and genetics, aimed at the specialist and seldom read by a wider public. The second is a commercially more viable "slick-packaged" and popularized version, of the kind dealt with by **Playboy**, **Time Magazine**, and other purveyors of popular culture. A theory is not to be blamed for its popularizers, who are usually neither theorists nor scientists; and sociobiology is no exception. "God help a science from its popular disciples," as one scientist was heard to cry. On the popular side, sociobiology is a synthesis of Social Darwinism, neo-conservatism, laissez-faire economics, and divine right of kings—a kind of Uncle Milty (Friedman) clothed in semi-scientific garb. But social theorists

have wasted little time pointing out that the new emperor is stark nude—it is little more than a popular mish-mash of conservative ideology, served up with liberal portions of wishful thinking, and bears little resemblance to its scientific progenitor.

On the scientific side, as near as one can see, sociobiology has every right to be viewed as a genuine scientific effort to make sense of the human condition. When I say "genuine" I mean as opposed to pseudoscience—astrology, religious myth, Freud's metaphysical ramblings, and the lot. When I say "genuine" I do **not** mean verified, or even very highly confirmed; for sociobiology as an explanatory framework for human development is notoriously long on theory and short on fact. That doesn't make it bad, but it does make it provisional.



John Metville Bishop

For reasons soon to be unfolded, Symons' new book would perhaps best be subtitled "Beyond Sociobiology," for he summarily rejects a number of theses dear to the hearts of earlier sociobiologists. It is true, however, to its spiritual origins in sociobiology, in seeing human development as taking place within a matrix of genetic constraints, and in its opposition to the "social learning" schools in sociology (John Gagnon and others). And it will surely add fuel to the raging fires. Symons' thesis is that some of the typical differences between men and women in sexual behaviors, attitudes, and feelings, are innate: identical rearing of males and females will not

result in identical sexualities. "Men and women differ in their sexual natures," he writes, "because throughout the immensely long hunting and gathering phase of human evolutionary history, the sexual desires and dispositions that were adaptive to either sex were for the other tickets to reproductive oblivion."

The issue of parental investment is uppermost in Symons' analysis, and he insists, against other sociobiologists, that **minimal** investment is a more significant evolutionary determinant. This minimal difference in parental investment and reproductive opportunity is to explain why homo sapiens, a species with only moderate sex differences in structure, exhibits profound differences in psyche. A female can only produce a fixed number of offspring during her total reproductive lifetime, but a male can sire a virtually unlimited number; and so female "reproductive investment" is higher. In such an evolutionary situation the female will tend to choose more reproductively fit males, and males will tend to develop patterns of competition for available females. So the male will develop traits of aggression as having the highest evolutionary payoff, the female will develop traits which reinforce more durable and stable reproductive unions.

Concerning female psychosexual development, Symons concludes that loss of estrus in the female reproductive cycle can be explained in terms of the development of marriage. The female orgasm is not a necessary component of female sexuality. In many societies some women have never experienced an orgasm, and in some societies no women experience sexual orgasm. Just as critics of Freud had earlier accused him of "male dominance" in his account of the (nonexistent) vaginal orgasm, so Symons disposes of the clitoral orgasm as being at best a social contingency with no evolutionary payoff.

In the evolutionary game, the

male of the species will naturally tend to be both promiscuous (seeking many partners) and aggressive. Since these traits have payoffs, they become internalized as part of the male psyche. The female psyche develops in the direction of nonpromiscuity (heavier reproductive investment) and nonaggression (the chooser among male competitors).

All of this bears a fair resemblance to other sociobiological theories in its results, except that Symons emphasizes the developmental aspects of the two psyches, whereas other sociobiologists seem to be more occupied with a version of "genetic roulette" which dispenses with social learning completely. The next step in the typical sociobiological development will be an attempt to explain who or how gays tend to remain a relatively fixed part of the human population, given that they are reproductive misfits which should simply die out.

This step Symons does not take. Rather, he sees no evidence whatever for the claim that sexual object choice is a heavy determinant of sexual behavior. What this means is that he rejects the typical sociobiological claim that male gays are feminized males and lesbians are masculinized females. Male sexuality is irrevocably different from its female counterpart, but it is **not** different because of object choice, but because of reproductive strategies. The strategies are no less present in gays than in heterosexuals. So the gay male emerges, not as a feminized male, but rather as the purest form of male sexuality—neither tainted nor compromised by contact with its polar opposite (female). The same is true for lesbian sexuality—it is the purest form of female sexual development, unhindered by male contact.

The mediating factor for the emergence of sexual traits is the hormone. Gay males exhibit pure masculine sexuality: they are maximally promiscuous (doing, as Symons coyly remarks, what every

heterosexual male would love to do if he could find enough willing female partners), maximally aroused by visual aspects of sexuality, and maximally keyed to sexual scripts (social messages). On the contrary the lesbian is the ultimate development of female sexuality. There is no extensive pornographic literature for lesbians, as there is none for nongay women (most of **Play-girl's** readers, Symons reminds us, are gay men). Gay women tend to form more permanent and lasting bonds, true to the inbuilt reproductive strategies, and tend to be less visually keyed to sexual scripts. So a nod both to the social-learning school and to the genetic determinists. "The existence of large numbers of exclusive homosexuals in contemporary Western societies," writes Symons, "attests to the importance of social experience in determining the objects that humans sexually desire; but the fact that homosexuals behave in many ways like heterosexual men, only more so, and lesbians behave like

heterosexual women, only more so, indicates that some other aspects of human sexuality are not so plastic. And even when men and women appear to be similar in behavior, as in forming long-term sexual partnerships, the behavioral similarities are not necessarily brought about or maintained by the same psychological mechanisms."

Gay apologists will find Symons' account of their own sexuality a welcome counteractive agent to the "social misfit" theory which still figures heavily in the public mind. Proponents of women's liberation may find his insistence on innate sex-related differences exacerbating, but to do so would be to make a mistake. Women's equality is not a claim that women and men share the same traits, but rather a claim that these traits should be treated as of equal social and moral value—not a descriptive or biological claim, but (like the claim that "all people are created equal," which they are decidedly not in any biological sense) rather a norma-



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tive claim about how we ought to treat people. Symons roundly castigates other sociobiologists for making the illegitimate transition from fact to value in describing genetic determination. To talk about "reproductive payoff" is to speak from a "gene's-eye" view, to speak of traits as "valued" is to speak from a moral perspective: they are not the same. In an overpopulated world, to take a simple example, reproductive strategies for the genes may hardly count as payoffs for the human population. The distinction between fact and value, and Symons' criticism of the sloppiness of earlier sociobiologists, should be underlined.

Some readers, probably those of a religious persuasion, may also be bothered by the underlying determinism of Symons' analysis—the claim that what we are, our personalities, needs, and goals, is a function of antecedent conditions over which we exercise little or no control. On this issue, it should be noted, social-learning theorist and sociobiologist have no quarrel—they both agree that human behavior is determined, their disagreement lying in whether it is nature (genes) or nurture (environment and culture) which provides the primary determinants. I can offer no comfort to the religious theorist on this score, beyond the meager consolation that the doctrine of "freedom of the will" is sufficiently obscure that no scientific account could really lay it to rest anyway.

Finally, a word of warning. While Symons has much to say that will find sympathetic ears among gay readers, his account shares one feature with earlier sociobiological ones: it is heavy on theory and light on facts. The facts which he does offer, and they are many, are subject to equally plausible (in my opinion) explanations from a social-learning perspective. Indeed the very persuasiveness of his account, in opposition to the earlier sociobiological ones, may be due to the extent to which he assumes cultural and social learning patterns as

part of his explanations. Hence my suggestion that his account really goes "beyond sociobiology." This is not to detract from Symons' work, for he is no less aware than any genuine scientist that any explanation can be revised in the light of new facts. And the facts on human sexual development are a

long way from exhaustion or even enumeration. Symons has produced an important and readable work—not the last word by any means, but a solid program for further research, and one which testifies to the fertility and promise of the scientific investigation of human sexuality.

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REVIEW

Cold Hands by Joseph Pintauro.
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Tato and Cello Manfredi, cousins, are thrown together as children, when they are already carrying the scars of their parents' destructiveness and cruelty. The city of New York, where they move and are bound even closer in their needs, only succeeds in adding to their futility. Cello has witnessed his mother's suicide, and Tato has been punished by his father's sadistic cruelty. The intense and loving rapport which the two boys form tends to shield them from the savagery and brutality amid which they are forced to live. Just as their gentle aunt, Zia Fantasia, enters their life and begins to provide them with a glimmer of the world as it can be, the boys are torn apart; and Cello is sent to school in Europe.

In part as a result of his family's misfortunes and increasing poverty, Cello is led to study for the priesthood. Commitment to holy orders provides an education which otherwise he could not have afforded, and the negative asceticism of the seminary (in Rome) further reinforces his other-worldliness and renouncement of earthly pleasures. Though the seminary lifestyle accords well with his feelings, he is never able to convince himself of the existence of God. Two weeks before his scheduled ordination to the priesthood, he returns to the United States to ponder that final step—seeking out Tato, who is fresh from a failed marriage. As the two cousins recapture their intense feelings for each other, Cello finally decides against the priesthood. But they are men now, and their sexuality threatens to explode: a final taboo before which Cello is forced to flee.

In an auto accident, Cello's face is scarred, and he suffers partial amnesia and (voluntary?) repression of identity. Despite this, he

marries and raises a family, settling into a lifestyle which leaves him unhappy and unfulfilled. He makes occasional visits to a highway cruising area outside the small rural community where he lives with his family—always to watch, never to take the step into forbidden sex. He is there entrapped by a policeman whose partner just happens to be Tato, an unreformed and unrepentant "queer" who is now making a living doing what he knows best.

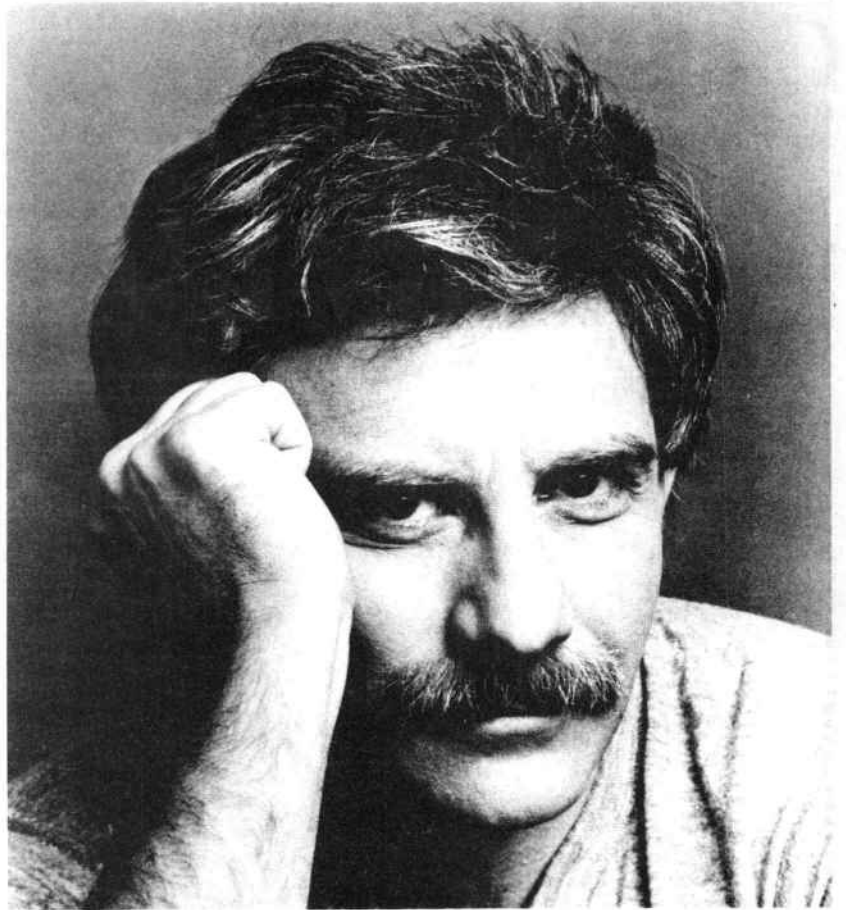
The publicity from the arrest threatens to wipe out Cello's life, and to destroy his marriage as well. Tato seeks his cousin as a lover, with the hope that both men may be able to flee their unhappy lives and begin life anew. The indecision and impending publicity of the arrest unleashes an emotional whirlpool of remembrance and fear, and carries the novel to its final resolution.

Joseph Pintauro is a poet, playwright, and now a novelist: **Cold**

Hands is his first novel. He has written several award-winning books of poetry, among them **To Believe in God** and **The Rainbow Box**. Currently a playwright with the Circle Repertory Company in New York City, his most recent play is **Cacciatore**.

Cold Hands is an intriguing tale; and, if some turns in the plot stretch the imagination a bit overmuch, they don't do so to the breaking point anyway. The characters are not particularly likeable, but hardly odious for all of that. Cello makes it from one end of this novel to the other without having sex with anyone but his wife (and neither she nor he enjoy it much). He is the **voyeur par excellence** and that too is probably just as well: sex without enjoyment is a bit sterile anyway, and Cello doesn't seem cut out to enjoy much of anything. Tato may be another story in this respect, but he never does manage to emerge as a flesh-and-blood character.

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CALENDAR

March 29

Source Bookshop(Chicago) Used Book Sale at the Knight Out for the benefit of Lambda Resource Center for the Blind.

March 31

GPU Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center, Speaker Stephen Endean, Executive Director of Gay Rights National Lobby. See Milwaukee Update column in this issue. Gay Men's AA (Madison) 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

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Mattachine(Chicago) Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., Phone (312) 337-2424.

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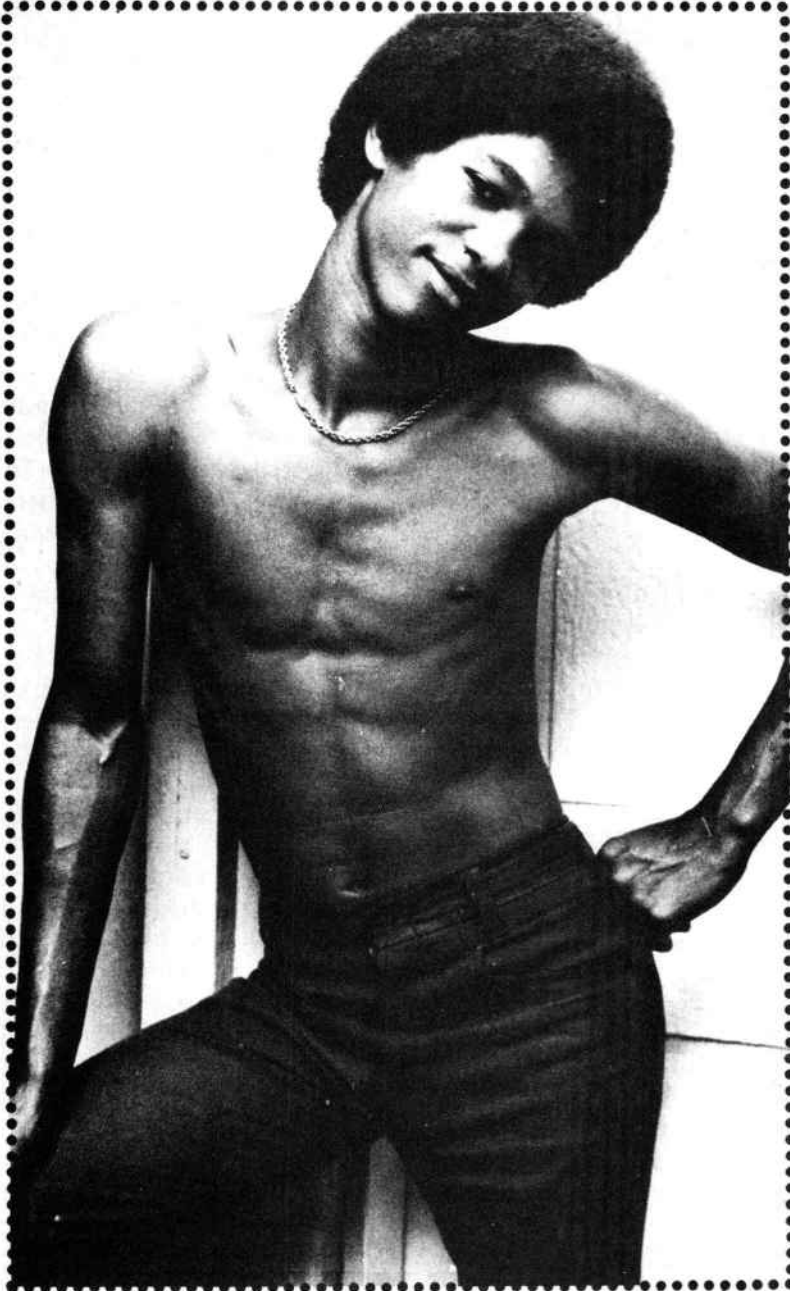
United (Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582.

Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

April 3

Grapevine (Milwaukee)Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m. Coalition(Madison) for ERA, 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.



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Counseling (Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Avenue.

April 4

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April 5

Gay Teens (Milwaukee) Meeting, 1-3 p.m., UWM Union E-301.

April 6

Metro Christian Church (Milwaukee) Service 2 p.m., Farwell Center.
MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.

Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.

Gay AA & Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meetings, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.

Racine/Kenosha Gays, Rap Group, 625 College Ave, Racine.

GAMMA (Milwaukee) Gay Swimming at UWM Baker Pool, 2-4 p.m., \$1 admission.

GAMMA(Milwaukee) Gay Volleyball, 6:30-8:30 p.m., UWM Baker Fieldhouse, \$1.

Glad To Be Gay (Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.

Volleyball (Madison) for gay men, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 425 Henry Mall, 3rd floor.

Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Carol's Speakeasy (Chicago) Sunday Movies, 6 p.m., "Unsinkable Molly Brown."

April 7

GPU Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center. Special election for Treasurer.

Gay Men's AA (Madison) Meeting, 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

April 8

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

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April 9

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Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

April 10

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April 14

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April 15

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Integrity/Dignity (Madison) meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Center, 723 State St.

April 16

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Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

April 17

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
Coalition (Madison) for ERA, 7:30 p.m. Lysistrata.
Counseling (Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.

April 19

Gay Teens (Milwaukee) Meeting, 1-3 p.m., UWM Union E-301.
Dignity (Milwaukee) Gay Roller Skating, St. Pius Rink. North 74th & West Wright 7:30-10 p.m., \$4 admission includes skates.

April 20

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Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., "Disco Beaver from Outer Space."
Carol's Speakeasy (Chicago) Sunday Movies, 6 p.m., "On a Clear Day" & "For Pete's Sake."
ASP (Dearborn, MI) workshops on "The Development of a Positive Gay Identity," at UM-Dearborn, Phone (313) 349-4487.

April 21

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

April 22

Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.
Mattachine (Chicago) Discussion Group. 7:45 p.m., Phone (312) 337-2424.

April 23

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Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

April 24

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April 25

Midwestern Writers' Festival (St. Paul, MN) and Book Fair, College of St. Catherine. See news article this issue.

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Carol's Speakeasy (Chicago) Sunday Movies, 6 p.m., "The Producers."

April 28

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

April 29

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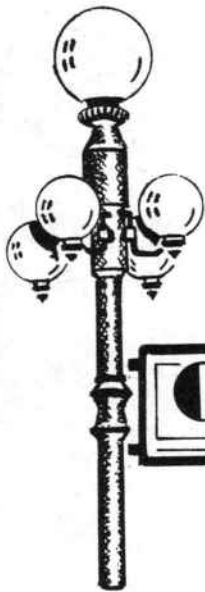
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GPU VD Clinic

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Thursday and Friday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Diagnosis and treatment by physician, Wednesday only, 7-10 p.m. The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell Ave. Total confidentiality. Phone 347-1222.

Lesbian Support Groups

Group discussions for lesbians, lesbian facilitators, Phone 271-4610.

Lutherans Concerned for Gays

For information, write P.O. Box 92872, Milwaukee, WI 53202, or call 963-9833. Cooperating with Village Church's 5 p.m. Sunday Service, 1108 North Jackson.

Metropolitan Christian Church

Open to gay persons (men and women) and their supporters. Meets at 2 p.m. each Sunday at the Farwell Center. For information phone (414) 529-3639.

Metropolitan Community Church

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Milwaukee Gay Teens

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Milwaukee Health Department

Social Hygiene Clinic

841 N. Broadway, Room 110

Phone: 278-3631

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Silver Star Motorcycle Club

Business meeting every second Sunday of the month. Write P.O. Box 1176, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Club night every second Friday at the Wreck Room.

UWM Gay Community

Phone: (414) 963-6555.

Office: Student Union E-364.

Service, support, & friendship. Write Union Box 251, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

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Clergy for Community Dialogue

Box 229, Madison, WI 53701. For information phone (608) 255-8093.

Integrity/Dignity of Madison

723 State St., Madison, WI 53703. For information phone (608) 257-3346 or 256-1791.

Madison Gay Center

1001 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53715. Telephone: (608) 257-7575.

Renaissance of Madison, Inc.

913 Spring Street, Gay VD Clinic, Free screening and treatment Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The United/Madison

206 North Brooks, Madison, WI 53715. Telephone (608) 255-8582. Call or write for information or monthly newsletter.

WISCONSIN

Gay Students Assn./Oshkosh

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Box 51, Dempsey Hall, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Racine/Kenosha Gays

Phone Hotline at (414) 552-7331

Gay Community/UW-Stout

Phone Hotline at (715) 235-9426.

UWSP-Gay Peoples Union, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Box 88, Student Services Center, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Call (715) 346-3698, Tues., Thur., and Fri., 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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Gays United of the Quad Cities

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Dignity/Chicago

Catholic Mass, Sundays at 7 p.m., 824 West Wellington, Phone (312) 549-2633 or write P.O. Box 11261, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Gay Counseling Service

Gay Switchboard

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Mattachine Midwest/Chicago

100 East Ohio Street, 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 337-2424. Phone or write for information.

Maturity

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One of Chicago

615 West Wellington, Meets first Fridays. Phone (312) 372-8616 for information.

Rogers Park/Edgewater Gay Alliance

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VD Testing & Treatment for Gays

Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, 2205 North Halsted Street, Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Phone (312) 871-5777 for information.

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Gays United of the Quad Cities

See GUQC listing for Illinois.

Grinnell College Gay Community

Meetings held weekly. For information write GCGC, Box 1285, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, 50112.

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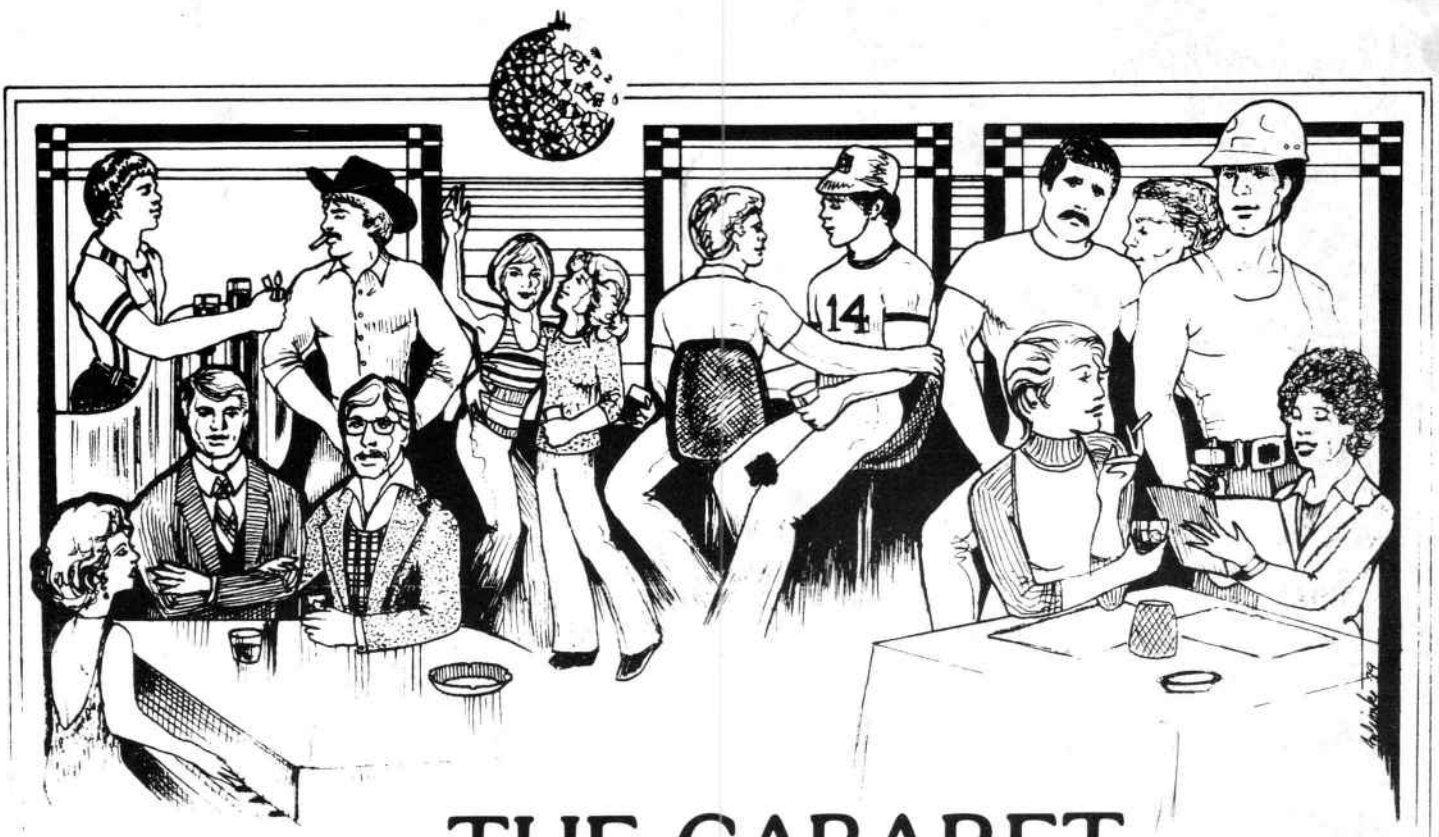
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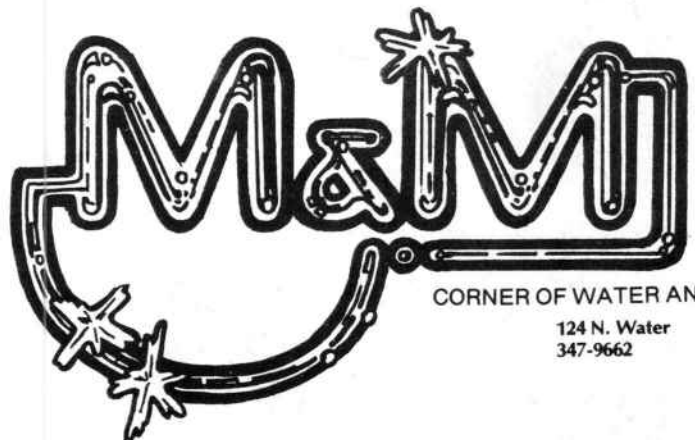
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