



Gay VD Clinic  
913 Spring (Blue Bus)  
Tuesdays 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Screening and Treatment

# RENAISSANCE OF MADISON, INC

COORDINATOR'S NEWSLETTER

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## LOGO

With this issue of the newsletter we are introducing a new logo (symbol) for RENAISSANCE. Henceforth it will appear on all RENAISSANCE related projects via the stationery, posters, flyers, etc. For a partial explanation of the meaning of this logo please see the back of the enclosed flyer.

## TRAVEL???

The latest addition of GAYELLOWPAGES has been received and is available for phone references during phone hours. GAYELLOW PAGES lists, basically, bars, baths, and in larger cities bookstores, movie houses, movement organizations and publications throughout the U S. This new addition also includes, for those travelling abroad, an International List of Gay Organizations and Publications. If you do a lot of travelling it might be useful to order your own:

### GAYELLOW PAGES

c/o Renaissance House  
Box 292 Village Station  
New York, N.Y. 10014

Price: \$5.00 ,

otherwise just give a call to Phone Information Services, 257-7575 afternoons 1-5, evenings 7-10 PM.

## V D CLINIC

Just after the first of the year we received the second stage of our plan to promote the Tuesday night V D Clinic at 913 Spring St. Enclosed is a sample of the small stickers announcing the time, place and services offered. Please feel free to use it at will. If you would like more just drop us a line. They have sticky backs and are easily applied to mirror or tile but not plastic surfaces.

There is some local concern over the incidence of V D in Madison. The following statistics give some indication of what we have accomplished during the past year.

January - December, 1974

# of clinics held- 45

# of patients seen- 181

# of cultures taken- 162 (throat- 162; penis- 162; rectal- 154)

# of positive cases of gonorrhoea- 15 # of positive syphilis cases- 2

These figures indicate that of the 181 patients we screened less than 10% were positive (infected). We seem to be doing our job of providing a hassle-free and confidential clinic for gay men. Having a routine check is beneficial for your own peace of mind as well as body.

Scabies, presently in a world-wide resurgence, is a pesty parasitic insect that gives one a most uncomfortable itch while it burrows beneath your skin. Several medications are available for scabies as well as crabs and the easiest way to learn more is to visit with one of the staff physicians on Tuesday evening.

Take good care of your body and have regular, annual physicals. Encourage others to have regular check-ups as well. STAMP OUT V D IN OUR COMMUNITY!!

**(608) 257-7575**

**P.O. Box 687 Madison, Wis. 53701**



#### SPEAKER AND PANEL BUREAU

February will be an active month for those involved in panel work with appearances ranging from a group of professional staff members of the U W Lake Shore Residence Halls, to a U W Sociology class of over 450 students and the Nursing and Medical School's classes on sexuality, concluding with an appearance on the 28th with panel for pediatricians, medical students and nursing students as well as local pediatricians at u w Hospitals. If you know of a group which would like a gay panel, be sure to contact us.

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EOC)

In mid-February the Madison City Council will vote on the expansion of the scope of the EOC to cover, among other minorities, those with variant sexual preference. This provides individuals with recourse to the courts in a civil action where their rights to public accommodations, employment, housing, education, health and welfare or law enforcement protection are denied.

Much behind-the-scene activity has been performed by the Gay Activist's Alliance in conjunction with the Gay Law Students Association. Their efforts over the past 18 months should finally result in expanded civil rights for all gay people in Madison. Further effort in the state will be required to get such an ordinance to cover gay people throughout the state. Such a bill has been introduced by Representatives Barbee and Clarenbach for consideration during this session of the legislature.

Legal Referrals and Consultation affecting gay people as well as discrimination cases are available by calling the Gay Center, 257-7575 weekday afternoons and evenings.

#### COUNSELING STAFF REORGANIZATION

Bill Handy starts off the new year as the new Director of the Counseling Staff. Bill is a graduate student in Social Work, U W, and has taken as his first placement the reorganization of the counseling staff. In preliminary contacts with Awareness House, who will be the sponsoring agency, the training will be in the area of counseling skills development and analysis of the commitment of the counselor to the counselee

#### G A A DANCE SUCCESS!!!

With two motion picture projectors, two slide projectors and tapes spinning 40 years of popular music the Gay Activist's Alliance January dance on January 18 was an instant success. Over 150 people filled the Neighborhood House gym and showed that there is a need for after-hours gatherings. Mark Lutz, the prime mover in organizing the affair, welcomes your comments and would enjoy hearing from those interested in planning another.

#### RENAISSANCE OF MADISON FLYER

The enclosed flyer enumerates the various services and activities associated with the Gay Center. Through the flyer we hope to reach out to inform the community of our availability and presence. At the same time, we have a need to drum up some more financial support by letting people know of our services. If our efforts strike you as worthwhile, we would be grateful for either a one-time gift or a monthly pledge. We also need your ideas and suggestions. You can use the enclosed addressed envelope for your communication of contribution. If you can use more copies of the flyer, please do not hesitate to ask for them--the greater our exposure, the greater will be our impact on the Madison community.

#### PLEDGES

May be mailed to us in the enclosed, addressed envelope. Any amount may be pledged on a one-time or monthly basis. Names and addresses are held in confidence and all mailings will be sent by first class mail with RENAISSANCE as the return address. Checks made out to the "Church of St. Francis" will be eligible for a tax deduction as a contribution to a tax exempt organization. Please indicate on a separate piece of paper if the pledge is to be continued on a monthly basis--most desirable for our finances!!!

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