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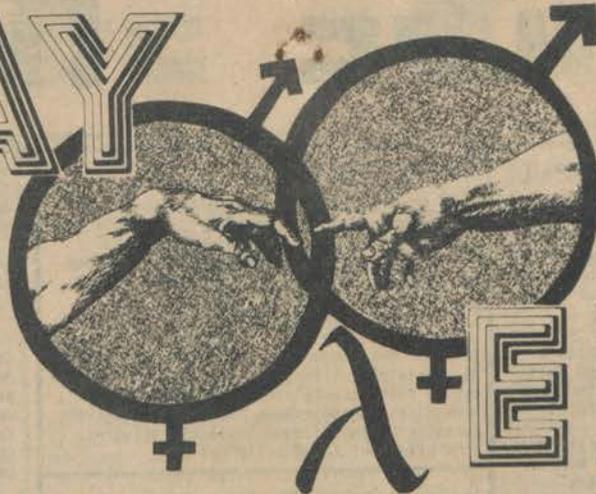
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STATE'S COUNCIL FOR SEXUAL MINORITIES ESTABLISHES COMPLAINT CENTER

HARRISBURG—The Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities, formerly the Governor's Council, has announced the establishment of a center to investigate complaints of discrimination.

"Any person in state employment, services or state regulated services, who believes that he or she has been discriminated against solely on the basis of sexual or affectional preference may file a complaint," Tony Silvestre, Council chairperson, said.

Complaints may be submitted in writing to the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities, Complaint Center, 238 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, or by telephone through the Governor's Action Line, 1-800-932-0784, or through the Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg, 1-717-234-0328, Silvestre advised.

"The center's creation is a result of the Governor's mandate to the Council," Silvestre said. "The Executive Order which established the Council also authorized it to receive complaints of discrimination on the basis of sexual or affectional preference."

Issued in January 1976 the order also outlined the policy to eliminate discrimination against members of sexual minorities in all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

In the past, according to Silvestre, those discriminated against in such areas as employment, housing, insurance and law enforcement have had no recourse. "Pennsylvania lacks legislation to prevent such discrimination, nevertheless, many such complaints may

be successfully resolved.

Although the Council's authority under the Executive Order extends only to those agencies and activities under the Governor's jurisdiction, the Council will receive complaints against other parties—seeking cooperation voluntarily from such parties, Silvestre said.

"Confidentiality will be maintained and no formal action will be taken by the Council without the consent of the person submitting a complaint," Silvestre said. He further advised that "complaints should include names, addresses and telephone numbers and specific details of the alleged incident including the nature of the discrimination."

EQUALITY FOR GAYS VOTED AT WEST CHESTER STATE

WEST CHESTER, PA—West Chester State College has become the third college in just as many months to endorse an affirmative action policy program guaranteeing equal rights for gays and other minorities. The action was voted unanimously by the affirmative action policy board of the state college on Nov. 22—one month to the day that a similar endorsement occurred at Temple University in Philadelphia.

West Chester State joins the ranks of Haverford College and Temple as the first institutions of higher learning in Pennsylvania to endorse the program.

The action at West Chester State means that gays will now be accorded the same protection as enjoyed by other recognized minorities on the campus.

According to Ms. Jeanette Sam, director

of the Affirmative Action Office at the college, the college president, Dr. Charles G. Mayo, "will follow the recommendations of the policy board" and sign the proposal.

A referendum to add one gay representative to the Intracollegiate Government Association, the student government's legislative body, was defeated.

In other actions relating to gay students in Pennsylvania's 14 state colleges, the Commonwealth Association of Students unanimously passed an endorsement of Gov. Shapp's pro-gay executive orders, and sent a letter communicating its position to all legislators. The endorsement occurred during a conference this September at Indiana State University of Pennsylvania.

The association also set up a task force on gay rights whose members include Tim Cwiek and Susan Butler, both of West Chester State College, and another student from Indiana State University of Pennsylvania. The task force will encourage gay groups to start on other campuses and help them work on affirmative action programs, counseling centers, progressive books on homosexuality for libraries, representation in student government, and put sexuality and gay liberation in academic courses. The task force is also seeking more members.

Initiative for this action was taken by Cwiek, educational coordinator for Gays of West Chester State. Cwiek, a history major, was also elected secretary of the Intracollegiate Government Association. He is both the first male and the first openly gay person to hold this position.

Gays of West Chester State presently has 30 members. It is holding talks with deans of the college and student life offices. The



Gay Olympic and World Men's Champion Figure Skater John Curry and ice choreographer Twyla Tharp talk prior to Curry's performance in the Superskates III performance at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 15. At the annual Olympic Benefit/Ballet, Curry skated to Albinoni's Concerto for Trumpet in B-Flat. Curry "came out" at a press conference on Feb. 11 of this year after winning the gold medal at the Winter Olympics at Innsbruck. At that news conference, Curry noted that coaches had tried to force him and other skaters into "masculine" appearing styles that were unnatural for them. After his open gayness made the rounds at Olympic Village, Curry was greeted by "deafening cheers, demands for two encores, flowers and waves from people who will never meet him," when he finished skating, according to the Toronto Globe and Mail.

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group had a table at the recent student activities night, and questioned two local candidates prior to November's election on their gay rights positions. The candidates, Campinella and Taylor, both expressed opposition to discrimination in any form, but failed to support any legislative remedies.

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GAY PRESS BARRED FROM ALL FEDERAL PRISONS

by Neil Miller

WASHINGTON, DC—Norman Carlson, director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, has officially banned all gay publications from federal prisons in this country. Carlson's decision which was announced in a letter to New York Rep. Edward Koch on Dec. 10, is a blanket order and is to be effective immediately. In the past, decisions on publications had been left up to individual wardens—following general guidelines—but the new decision overrules past policy. The Carlson decision will have no effect on state and local prisons.

The Carlson decision came after the Prison Bureau director agreed to review the decision of a Leavenworth Penitentiary warden, denying prisoner Calvin Keach's receipt of gay publications, including GCN and *It's Time*, the publication of the National Gay Task Force. The review came at the request of Rep. Koch. Keach was one of many gay prisoners at several prisons throughout the country who had been denied permission to receive gay publications.

In a letter to Rep. Koch, director Carlson stated, "The reason for this decision focuses exclusively on the fact that homosexuality is a major problem in correctional institutions. As you will recall, the recent investigation into eight murders at Lewisburg (a Pennsylvania prison) revealed that five of them had homosexual overtones. Unfortunately Lewisburg is not atypical of the problems in most institutions.

"We agree with the philosophy of limiting an offender's access to literature or publi-



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cations only in cases where there is a clearly overriding institutional interest," Carlson continued. "In this case, we believe that such is the case, as publications advocating or supporting homosexuality exacerbate a major problem. Publications which call attention or identify inmates who accept homosexuality can, in our opinion, be detrimental to their safety as well as to the safety of others. For that reason we have concluded that such publications should be prohibited."

U.S. Bureau of Prisons press secretary Mike Aun told GCN by telephone that Carlson's decision was a matter of "balancing institutional needs vs. individual rights."

"Straight" publications such as *Playboy*, *Hustler*, and the like are not affected by the ban on the gay press and may continue to be received by prisoners.

FIGHTING BACK

Gay organizations reacted swiftly and angrily to Carlson's decision. Ginny Vida, media director of the National Gay Task Force, called the decision "appalling." Vida told GCN that she had already spoken with Lambda Legal Defense about the possibility of going to court to reverse the decision.

In the meantime, the American Civil Liberties Union's Prison Project presently has a class action suit in the making, which includes a section on the rights of gay prisoners to receive the gay press.

In Boston, prison activist and *Fag Rag* writer Freddie Greenfield called Carlson's decision "the best thing that could have happened. Now it's a matter of policy, it

is no longer a question of isolated cases here and there. The ACLU will get into it and it will be easier to fight in court."

CARLSON OUSTER?

But perhaps the best hope for a reversal of policy may come when Jimmy Carter takes the oath of office on Jan. 20. Reliable sources indicate that there is a "good chance" that the President-elect and his attorney general will choose a new prison director, probably a black, to replace Carlson. The director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons has traditionally been a non-partisan career position. One director, James Bennett, served from the Roosevelt through the Johnson administrations. Carlson himself is a Nixon appointee who assumed the post in 1970. However, with revelations of abuse within the FBI and the CIA, the concept of career positions in sensitive areas is going out of favor, and Carlson may find himself a victim of this trend. "It's our real hope," said the NGTF's Ginny Vida.

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MOUNTIES CHARGED WITH BIAS

OTTAWA, CANADA—Bias against gays in the screening of potential members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is being protested by the National Gay Rights Coalition of Canada.

The group has demanded a meeting with Solicitor General Francis Fox, this country's equivalent of the U.S. Attorney General, to work out agreements to end discrimination against gays by the RCMP.

Coalition Coordinator David Garmaise criticized printed comments from RCMP spokespersons to the effect that homosexuality was among the "character weaknesses" which the Mounties attempt to uncover in background investigations of applicants.

Such character weaknesses—among which the spokesperson also included alcoholism and "extreme dependence on one's mother"—are sufficient to disqualify candidates from employment by the Mounties.

"It's disgraceful that we should still have to refute the suggestion that homosexuality is a character disorder," Garmaise said. "This outmoded concept was long ago rejected by thinking people in society. There are many homosexuals in the public service who put in an honest day's work just like everyone else," he concluded.

"If the RCMP views homosexuality as a character disorder," he asked, "how many gay civil servants are being denied security clearances, promotions, or employment as a result?"

The Coalition has also appealed to Justice Minister Ron Basford to include "sexual orientation" as a protected classification under the proposed Canadian Human Rights Act.

The act was introduced in the last session of Parliament, but was not passed. It would prohibit discrimination in public service and by companies under federal charter. Other categories listed in the proposed act are race, creed, color, and sex.

The Coalition has called on the federal government to issue a clear policy statement that homosexuality would not be a factor in security clearances, or in hiring and promoting for public service, including the RCMP and the armed forces.

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FATHER BERRIGAN BARRED FROM SAXE VISIT

BOSTON—Father Daniel Berrigan, noted anti-war and anti-military activist, was barred from visiting Susan Saxe in prison on Nov. 22. The visit had been planned in

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advance to conform to the established rules for visiting the prisoner. However, when Berrigan arrived at the basement of the Suffolk County Courthouse, he was informed that he would not be allowed to visit Saxe. The order barring Berrigan was made by Charles Street Jail Master Harold Langlois.

Langlois told GCN in a telephone interview that his reason for barring Berrigan was because "he (Berrigan) is a publicity seeker." "In a previous situation I let him in in good faith," said Langlois. "By pre-arrangement, he had had the press outside. Then, without even having gone through the jail, he proceeded to talk with the press about conditions in the jail... I don't trust him."

Langlois admitted that there was no indication that Berrigan had notified the press of his planned visit to Saxe. However, his past conduct was, according to Langlois, "enough for me. Because of his track record with me, I refused him permission."

Supporters of Saxe saw the action as one more indication of government "harassment" of the prisoner. Rev. Phil Zwerling of the Community Church of Boston told GCN that he felt that the decision to bar Berrigan was an attempt to de-emphasize the political aspects of the Saxe case, which a visit by the activist priest would have highlighted. "It outrages me in terms of his (Berrigan's) profession," said Zwerling. "And since Susan has only three personal visits allowed her a week, it seems to me that she has the right to choose whom she wants to see."

Thirty-seven members of the Community Church, where Berrigan had spoken the day before his unsuccessful visit to Saxe, signed a statement protesting the action. "The decision to bar Father Berrigan seems arbitrary, mistaken, and extremely petty on the part of these state officials," the church members wrote. "The tradition of pastoral calls to prisoners is a long and important one. We hope that our tradition will not be broken in our state."

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WOMEN ARE OFFICIALLY ORDAINED IN THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, January 2, marked the day that the first regularly ordained woman priest of the Episcopal Church celebrated communion in the United States.

Attendance was down that day at All Saints Church in Indianapolis where the Rev. Jacqueline Means was ordained the day before.

Last September, 15 women were ordained in the Episcopal Church without the approval of the church. The church's general convention authorized the ordination of women in December.

A week after the Rev. Jacqueline Means was ordained in Indianapolis, the church ordained its first black woman. 172 years ago the Episcopalians ordained its first black man into the priesthood. 66 year old Rev. Pauli Murray along with two other women and three men were ordained at a service in the Washington Cathedral. At the same service two other women who were ordained without the church's approval last September were

recognized as priests though the church has ruled that they do not have to be re-ordained.

Before the ceremony a small group who opposed the ordination of women passed out leaflets which expressed their objections. During his sermon the Right Rev. John T. Walker acknowledged the dissension within the church concerning the ordinations. "I am aware and acknowledge that there are those in this diocese and throughout the Anglican communion who are opposed to the inclusion of women in this church's ministry and priesthood," he said.

These women were among 30 women that the church plans to admit to the priesthood during the month.

"CREEPING GAY-ISM" STIRS LAUDERDALE

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL—A cry of "Gays Must Go" from the mayor of this booming resort city has stirred gay activism for the first time in Fort Lauderdale. In a statement made two weeks ago, Mayor E. Clay Shaw called for a Broward County Grand Jury investigation of creeping gay-ism here. The mayor charged that entire hotels had been taken over by "homosexual interests" and linked Fort Lauderdale's gay community with male prostitution and drugs.

The reaction of Fort Lauderdale's previously unpoliticized gay community was swift. On Dec. 3, under the leadership of Bob Kunst, co-chairman of the nearby Dade County Coalition for Humanistic Rights for Gays, a large number of gays turned out for a demonstration at City Hall. Kunst demanded an apology from the mayor at the rally and asked for his resignation. However, Mayor Shaw, vacationing in Aspen, Colo., shot back, "I've got nothing to apologize for and I'm certainly not going to resign."

Miami activist Kunst told GCN in a telephone interview that the mayor's statement was "strictly political." "It was just a political stunt, that's all," he said. "There is a primary election Feb. 8 and a general election on March 3. Shaw blasted the whole community when what he was complaining about are ten to fifteen hustlers and a couple of hotels."

Kunst sees the mayor's entire anti-gay campaign as a failure. "He's totally isolated at this point. The city manager, the

city attorney, and the police chief have all agreed that there is no reason for a grand jury investigation."

Kunst emphasizes that "for the first time" the gay community of Fort Lauderdale has organized itself. A Broward County Coalition for the Humanistic Rights for Gays has been established and, according to Kunst, the first meeting attracted more than 150 people. Thirteen Fort Lauderdale bars have agreed to contribute \$50 a month each to the Coalition.

The Coalition's first task will be to organize a voter registration drive to help defeat Mayor Shaw in the upcoming election. "We're going to run candidates for mayor and vice mayor," says Kunst. "We're going to form a 'grand coalition' of old people, black people, gays, and women."

According to Kunst, the local media has had a good deal of coverage of the situation, mostly favorable. But when *Variety*, the show business industry publication, picked up the story, it noted that "Connie Francis' 'Where the Boys Are' put Fort Lauderdale on the map as a youth-oriented action spot." Now, reported the newspaper, the "1960s tune has a malevolently ironic meaning."

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SUPREME COURT PROTEST PLANNED FOR SPRING

by Alan Bowne

NEW YORK—"Defy the Supreme Court!"—"Anniversary of Homophobia!"—"Celebrate Gay Love!"

Such were a few of the slogans put forth here Dec. 6 by a group of gay activists

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"I can't I swallowed the key what would other people think no one understands I'm too scared excuses excuses," said Gil.

"We've heard it all before," said Cindy Sue Sangforth and The Planet Good.

They had.

"And we love you the way you are."

They did.

"Except for that goddam closet you're always carrying around and breaking the bulbs in the chandelier with," added Cindy Sue.

But Gil was not convinced.

"I'm not convinced," he said convincingly. "Sure you two understand because you are dope-smoking, lesbian weirdos but what about all the other people in the world (like Bert Parks for instance) who will want to lock me up the minute I come out?"

"What about them?" said The Planet Good.

"Do you care more about their opinion than the people who love you? Why should you miss out on all the fun just because they don't know how to have a good time?"

It was a good point and Gil pondered it.

"Your closet is very secure and all that horseshit, but there's only room for you," added Cindy Sue as she tidied up the subject of conversation.

And as was often the case, Cindy Sue was absolutely right. For the worst thing about Gil's closet was that only on very rare occasions was it possible for anyone else to come in. People would peek through the keyhole looking for hangers, find hang-ups instead, and no matter what their persuasion, be it Presbyterian or Orthodox Perversion, they would usually depart in haste.

The Planet Good and Cindy Sue Sangforth and Gil Hustle discussed the situation and situated the discussion and debated the proposition and propositioned the debaters for quite some time. The more they talked, the angrier Gil became. Angry because all those twenty some odd years he had been sitting in his cramped little closet feeling guilty and ashamed and responsible and upset and scared. And why?

"Because a bunch of dildos won't recognize the true nature of themselves which is that they are capable of loving everyone, that's why!" shouted Gil. "So we've got to show them how much good fun it can be. Why don't we do it in the road!" he screamed in the excitement of his realization.

"Let's not lose our heads," said Cindy Sue. "Let's go to the Corner Bowling Alley and have a beer."

"Sure!" said Planet and Gil, always ready to take a high in a different direction.

Mr. Hustle was looking like Lauren Bacall on a bad day and a few heads turned as he flashed through the Corner Bowling Alley Bar with Cindy Sue and The Planet Good. The gleesome threesome took a table at the back and were happily discussing Gil's revelation in their stoned and unassuming manner when a surly sort with big biceps and a pot belly and a generous coat of grease over all of it, interrupted them most rudely.

"Girls, you sure are cute," he said pointedly to all three, and then to Gil, "but you, honey, oughtta get rid of the mustache."

"Gil's immediate reaction, just as it always had been, was to ignore the situation. But that became impossible when Cindy Sue dumped her beer on the man's head. That Cindy. What a go-getter.

"What's the matter, sweetheart, your sissy friend can't fend for himself?"

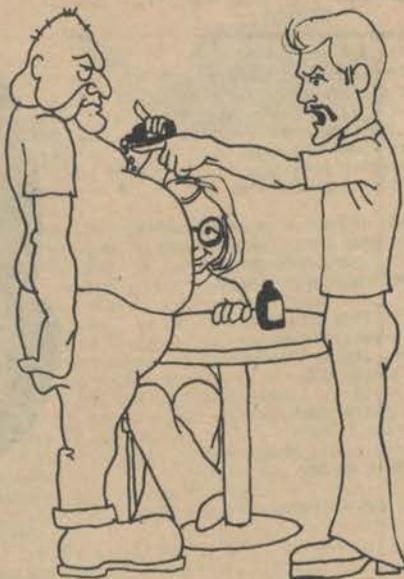
Gil was more surprised than anyone to find himself standing on the table and saying, "You want to step outside?"

The man laughed.

"Ho, ho, ho. Yck, yck. You want me to step outside. You? You? You scrawny little shrimp."

Gil's words came out like punches, the words he had held back at Fearflesh High, at every one of the innumerable occurrences like this since the age of three.

"I don't want to fight, baby. I'm gonna fuck the shit out of you. We're gonna step



outside and I'm gonna drop my pants and what you are gonna see is gonna be so beautiful, is gonna turn you on so goddam much you aren't gonna know how to handle yourself. All those Saturday afternoons beating off in front of the t.v. football games, all those secret fantasies of making it with Joe Namath and Clint Eastwood are gonna come rushing forward and you are gonna get so hard you won't be able to control yourself. And then you're gonna come over to me and say,

'Please...please let me touch it. Please...please let me put my mouth on it.'

"And I'll say,

'Sure. Sure, be my guest, sweetheart.

"And then you know what I'm gonna do? I am gonna piss in your mouth 'cause it seems the only fitting antidote for the crap coming out of it."

The man knocked Gil Hustle clean across the room and it didn't hurt at all.

Then The Planet Good dumped her beer on the man and while some other customers held him down, the three payed for their beers and went to look for a more amicable atmosphere. In the interim, Gil had become the only possible thing worse than a faggot—a radical faggot.

Without hesitation, (telling Planet and Cindy Sue that he'd meet them at their place) he went to his nearest Radical Faggot Supply Store and purchased a heavy-duty light-weight, stainless steel purse, complete with flame throwers ("Let them call you a flamer now") and a special attachment that let anyone stupid enough to make a derogatory remark about Gil's sexual persuasion have it right in the family jewels with a bronzed golf shoe. Then he took his new purse to Cindy Sue Sangforth's and The Planet Good's and beat the shit out of his closet. When he was finished, his habitat for over twenty odd years was slightly less presentable than Richard Nixon in the nude. Gil wrapped the disheveled remains of the closet in flaming pink paper and sent it special delivery to Muscles Hustle with a short thank-you note in appreciation for whatever part his father had played in making him a fairy in the first place.

With that out of the way, there was only one thing left.

"Let's go make love in the streets," Gil exclaimed to Cindy Sue and The Planet Good.

"Go ahead," they said. "We're more comfortable here."

"I don't have the energy today," added Planet.

"Okay," said Gil, "but the sooner you make it in the street, the easier it will be for others to accept their true nature."

He was often predisposed to topping off a several month visit with a philosophical platitude.

Gil Hustle stopped at a magic store and bought a jar of fairy dust and the owner smiled and threw in a couple of frog songs at no extra charge. Gil smiled and left the store without wounding a gazelle or knocking over the angel feather displays.

Stepping outside, Gil discovered that some of those Inaccessible beautiful boys weren't quite as inaccessible without the closet getting in the way. However, making love in the streets wasn't as easy as Gil thought it might be. Several factors (especially the diesel trucks) made it highly uncomfortable. A lot of the people Gil knew had come out of their closets and into the cabroom of some gay bar, but were not quite ready to take that bigger step out into the street. So Gil was working on them.

"After all, love in the streets sure beats war in the jungles!" he was often fond of saying.

Smashing his closet to smithereens did not magically make the troubled young man untroubled. But for the first time in his life he was really free to give himself to everyone (even Howard Cosell who wasn't asking). And since he could now love boys without feeling slightly less worthy than the scum of the earth, he was free to love girls without feeling like he was living some kind of lie.

All in all Gil Hustle couldn't ask for much more.

"Except that those fucking diesel truck drivers watch where they're going."

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IN PASSING

Down in the valley where
wildflowers grow
there was a stream.
The stream had waters which moved
so swiftly
that all one could see was
a reflection
A reflection of life passing so quickly.
Man has taken over.
The stream now gone dry;
the reflection no longer there;
But, life is still evident,
passing
so quickly.

Randall Sauder



THE FIRST TIME

Oh passing time I hate you well
for going with little regard,
bring footsteps down the porch
and far into the yard.

To hear our laughter and our quiet
you must have known the sound
lying by the water's edge,
our clothes tossed all around.

The moon shone off our lean young bodies,
our movements were strong with thought.
The pounding of our hearts were one,
it was the ending that we fought.

Your breath is like a part of me
the lips so smooth and wet,
taking kisses, giving thrills
captured in love's net.

The time you did disturb,
remains the same today
although at night I'll reconstruct
and make it suit my way.

Joseph Anthony



WE MISSED

We were watching for the summer
while the breath of springtime passed -
Unnoticed in its quietness -
with breezes blown so fast.

We were hoping for great lovers
while the ones who loved us died -
Unnoticed in our quietness -
and muffled as they cried.

We were dreaming of great victories
and missed the few that crept -
Unnoticed in their quietness -
right by us as we slept.

We didn't dare to turn around
and see who touched our shoulder.
Unnoticed in their quietness -
the years just made us older.

We wanted all the best from life
and missed what it had given.
Unnoticed through the quietness -
we got right over livin'.

Joseph Anthony



WINTER'S WALK HOME

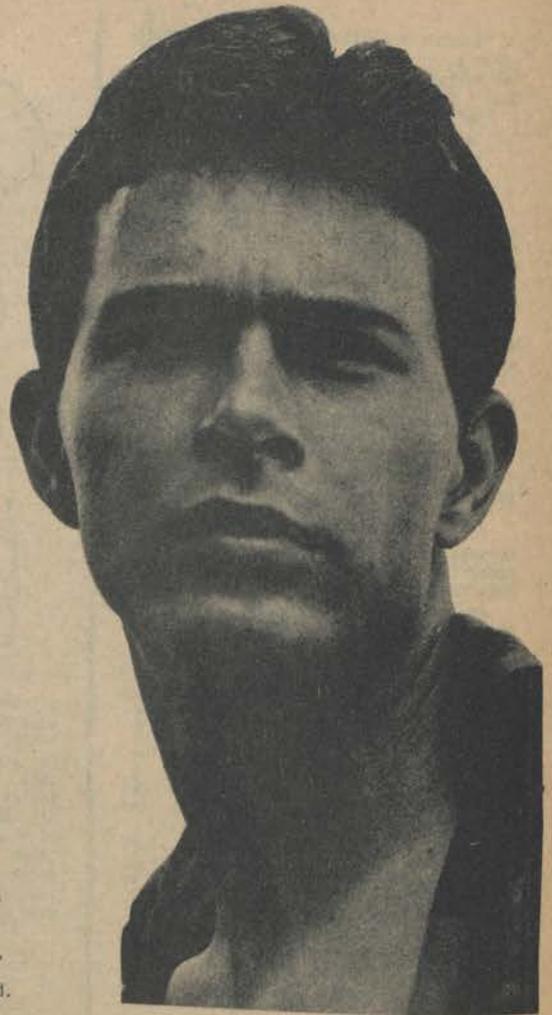
He never listened well to me
or heard the words I said,
He had the longing to be free
though that would make me dead.

He never understood my need
or caught the things I'd plead,
He had the longing to be free
though that would make me bleed.

He never saw the things I see
or helped me bear the weight,
He had the longing to be free
though that would leave me hate.

He didn't want the gifts I shared
or act as if he cared,
He left me lonely with my fears
and windswept, freeze-dried tears.

Joseph Anthony



On Mondays
I Drink

to settle my nerves
unsettled by all the
drinks the drinks drank
at the watering hole
and all the tears they cried
which I could not dry

On Monday
I drink

to settle my conscience over
the drinks I drank
to settle my nerves unsettled by the
drinks of drinks

On Mondays

the drinks I drank
to settle me
settle in my heart
fording my bloodstream
to lay hearty claim to the
frontier of my brain

where
they take root Tuesday till Sunday causing
me to shiver till Friday in blank memories
of sandcastle stomachs and wobbly legs till
Saturday-Sunday
leaves me longing for

Monday
when I will settle my nerves.

J.A., November 18, 19, 20.

when they formed the May 21 Gay Action Coalition. A day of demonstrations in Washington, DC, is being planned, say Coalition members, "to commemorate with protest the landmark homophobic decision of the U.S. Supreme Court that upheld Virginia's sodomy laws," a judgment handed down last spring. Celebrations of lesbian love and gay male love are also to take place.

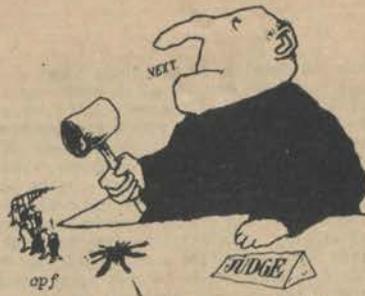
The May 21 Gay Action Coalition is made up, at this early stage, of veteran activists from Lesbians Rising and the Gay Men's Alliance at Hunter College, from GAA New Jersey, and from other local groups. Outreach response thus far has included favorable reactions from Washington groups and gay lobbyist Frank Kameny, and appeals are soon to be extended nationally to all interested gay organizations by way of massive mailings.

According to Coalition spokespersons, the demonstrations, beginning at 1:00 p.m., May 21, 1977, will feature mass picketing before the Supreme Court "in order publicly to indict the country's highest court for usurpation of gay rights and liberties." A Coalition indictment charging judicial homophobia and conspiracy to deprive gay people of their rights will be presented to the court.

After picketing, the group will move to an as yet unspecified nearby park site, where there will be celebration of lesbian and gay male love replete with music, food, street theatre and information booths.

Earlier plans for an additional march on the White House were abandoned in favor of concentrating on the court. However, the possibilities for small cadre agitation during the days preceding the Saturday action are still being discussed.

"Of course we don't expect our charges to be acknowledged by the court," asserted



Coalition activist Harvey Jackson. "The action is symbolic and militant and is directed not only at the institutions which oppress us but at the millions of our brothers and sisters still in the closet because of fear. We will be in the capital as an act of defiance, to show legislators and politicians who are indifferent or hostile to gay rights that we will not go away, not be bought off, not be ashamed, afraid or quiet. By our presence we affirm our human dignity as gay people."

A bus from New York to Washington will be provided for local activists and out-of-towners, and the New York area Coalition members will be leafleting heavily into the Spring.

The May 21 Gay Action Coalition may be reached c/o GAA New Jersey, P.O. Box 1734, Hackensack, NJ 07606, telephone (201)-343-6402. In Washington, contact Washington Mattachine at (202)-363-3881.

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AUTHOR SEEKS ESSAYS BY GAY MEN

Author, Sam Julty is seeking the thoughts of homophile men for a chapter on homosexuality in his present work-in-progress, *MEN'S BODIES, MEN'S SELVES*, a book on men's health, masculinity and sex roles.

In this chapter Julty will publish short essays containing personal anecdotes and opinions by gay men which cite the many elements of gay lifestyle in our present society, such as advantages, disadvantages, internal and/or external conflicts, pleasure and satisfaction, etc.

The following titles may serve as a guide to what is needed: "My Coming Out Experience," "Gay and Masculine: Harmony or Conflict," "On Dealing with My Friends (or Family, Co-Workers, etc.) as a Gay Man," "My Work (or Play, Social, Family, Inspirational) Life as a Gay Man," "Why I'm Not Coming Out," "How I Deal with Traditional Sex Roles in My Personal Relationship(s)." Other titles on a personal level are welcome.

Because he wants to include a variety of entries, Sam Julty asks that the essays be no longer than two pages, typed double-spaced. Pen names and "Anon" are ok. More than one essay per person is ok. An honorarium of \$25 is offered for each essay accepted. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

"My major market for *MEN'S BODIES, MEN'S SELVES* is the basic, straight American male," Julty says. "My purpose in this chapter is to present the thoughts and experiences of that section of the male population which has been either virtually ignored or over-analyzed and dissected."

"Perhaps these essays will convince some men (and women) that gay men go to work, play guitar, write letters, attend school, go to market and relieve their bladders



pretty much the way most men do. But, I also want straight American men to realize that there is an important difference. We don't have to worry about being fired, not getting an apartment, being assaulted by goons or police, or pitied for our sexual orientation. We are protected by a heterosexual ideology, gays are oppressed by it.

"I hope the personal accounts I receive by gay men open a few minds to the similarities and differences between the straight and gay communities, and maybe a few hearts as well."

Please send entries and inquiries to: Sam Julty, 257 Seventh Avenue, New York City, NY 10001. (212)-989-4795.

RURAL CAUCUS MEETS IN STATE COLLEGE

STATE COLLEGE—The Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus, an association of individuals and organizations in rural Pennsylvania, held their monthly meeting Saturday, Jan. 8 here. Hosted by Homophiles of Penn State, the group met to discuss the effort in the state to repeal the Voluntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse statutes better known as the sodomy laws. The meeting was addressed by Barry Kohn, Deputy Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and author of the bill that would repeal the statutes.

The meeting was well attended showing a rebirth in this group's activities. The Caucus had witnessed dissent within its ranks when Le-Hi-Ho, an organization from the Allentown-Bethlehem area, withdrew its support of the Caucus due to a period of stagnation concerning the group's activities.

Sam Edminston was elected Secretary of the association due to the resignation of Chris Poorman. Poorman resigned because of personal obligations.

Most of the meeting revolved around the repeal of the sodomy statutes. Barry Kohn spoke to the group outlining the bill that was written in cooperation with the District Attorney's office in Philadelphia.

The group can be contacted by writing to the Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus, P. O. Box 1505, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY'S GAYS STILL DEEP IN CLOSET

VILLANOVA, PA—A representative from Villanova University's Student Government Association, in response to an inquiry from the *Gay News*, claims that there is now no gay group on the Main Line campus, and that "no gay desiring to stay enrolled at the university would even think of starting one." The statement followed an attempt by the paper to contact the gay organization at Villanova in view of reporting the status of the group and to inform it of recent pro-gay affirmative action policy decisions taken by Temple University, Haverford College, and West Chester State College.

When asked for a clarification as to why gays would fear starting a gay student association at Villanova, the unnamed representative stated that the university is "a very very conservative Catholic institution run by Augustinians" and that "the university doesn't want boys to date girls, let alone boys to go with boys." He wished the *Gay News* staff luck in attempting to locate Villanovans who might want to start a gay group on campus, and stated: "I just know that no one will come around with such a request." He added, "It's obvious that there are gays on campus, but you'll never hear from them."

The *Gay News* requests gay Villanovans who might muster the courage to purchase the paper to contact the editorial offices directly if there is any news from the Main Line campus. The *Gay News* also left its number in Villanova's Student Government Office just in case.

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AND TV'S GAY SEASON

Lesbians and gay men have existed in every society throughout history. The Kinsey studies done in the late 1940's proved that at least 10% of the U.S. population is predominantly homosexual. And the militant gay rights movement can into being in 1969. Nonetheless, there were no gay characters at all on network television prior to the 1972-1973 season. There were parodies and put-downs of gay men, to be sure, particularly on the variety shows and late-night talk-fests presided over by such luminaries as Milton Berle and Jack Paar; and there were bizarre characterizations on a few cops-and-robbers series. But the words "gay" or "homosexual" were taboo, and if you depended on TV for information, you could be certain that there were no lesbians.

In 1972, gay people emerged from total media invisibility to almost total media abuse, largely involving the notion that the very fact of homosexuality is either hilarious or bizarre. Three shows attempted to be "serious" about homosexuality. One of these marked the television debut of lesbian characters, in a dreadful episode of NBC's "The Bold Ones." Another was ABC's "That Certain Summer," TV's first attempt to break the pathological and "sissy" stereotypes of gay men. And the third, an episode of ABC's "Marcus Welby" series, marked the gay movement's first attempt at a nationwide protest, including a sit-in in the offices of ABC Chairman Leonard Golden-son.

In the wake of the "Welby" protest and the controversy over "That Certain Summer" (many gay groups were unhappy about its "compromises with bigotry"), meetings were held for the first time between gay representatives and the standards and practices vice presidents of the three networks. Pledges were obtained for fairer treatment.

During the 1973-74 season it became clear that the storylines involving positive images of gay characters could appear on popular series without public protest or loss of ratings. The first and only positive image of a lesbian (prior to the current season) appeared on CBS's "Medical Center", and the lineup of CBS comedies, notably "All in the Family" and the "Mary Tyler Moore Show," demonstrated that gay subjects could be entertaining without being bigoted. ABC stayed clear of gay themes altogether, but protests were made against some offensive and stereotypical portrayals on NBC.

Several of the founders of the National Gay Task Force had been involved with the talks with the networks, so when NGTF was formed in the fall of 1973, it embarked on another round of discussions with the standards and practices departments and with the NAB Television Code Authority, culminating in the West Coast meetings with network staff, officials of the Writers and Directors Guilds, and the Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers. Additional pledges of fair treatment were received from all of these groups, and the New York-based NGTF helped organize the Gay Media Task Force in Hollywood, so that consultation on scripts involving gay characters could be provided on both coasts.

Despite these meetings and assurances, and despite pleas from the gay community for greater visibility on television for a wide range of lesbians and gay men, there were fewer, not more, gay TV characters during the 1974-75 season — which was also notable for

the presentation of the three shows which the gay community considered to be the most offensive to date. These were ABC's "Marcus Welby" episode about a male science teacher who rapes his teenage student; and NBC's "Born Innocent" and "Police Woman," which portrayed lesbians as brutal rapists and murderers. With the purpose of protesting these shows and urging sponsors and local affiliates to defect them, the National Gay Task Force organized a nationwide Gay Media Alert Network involving many local groups around the country (this now operates on a permanent basis). Several affiliates and sponsors did drop the "Welby" show, and as a consequence of the protests, all three networks embarked on a regular policy of consulting with the Gay Media Task Force on scripts.

Nonetheless, during the 1975-76 season there were even fewer network shows with gay characters, and the big breakthrough was the success of the gay characters on the syndicated "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" show. The season, however saw protests to CBS for its failure to consult with the gay community on an offensive "Bronk" episode in which a policewoman was "accused" of being a lesbian. And praise was given to NBC for its presentation of "James Dean — Portrait of a Friend."

During the current season, the networks at last seem to have recognized that stories involving gay characters can boost rather than hurt ratings. And the ratings thus far, including those for shows which treated gay themes in their season premieres, have proved the point. As the following letter indicates, gay groups are looking for even a greater television visibility next season, including shows that aren't just about the negative attitudes of society, but about the real lives and loving relationships of lesbians and gay men. (Once again, a breakthrough, PBC's lesbian love story, "The War Widow," has taken place outside the commercial networks.) The National Gay Task Force and other groups have recently brought the issues of fairness and media visibility before the Federal Communications Commission and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Communications.

In addition to their efforts with regard to primetime television, the National Gay Task Force has met and corresponded with representatives of the network news departments, urging coverage of gay-related news of national interest. There has been little progress in this direction to date.



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Mr. Robert Wussel
President, CBS Television Network
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Dear Mr. Wussel:

In the first few weeks of the 1976-77 television season there have been more shows involving gay characters than there were in the entire previous history of network television. For this we can only say that we are grateful. We are also hopeful that this does not represent a one-shot splurge for the producers of network series, but signals an end at long last in this country.

There have been some disastrous failures, but there have been some particularly good shows, exposing prejudices, such as the season premieres of ABC's "Family" and CBS's "Alice" series and, on the whole, we think that the industry deserves praise and credit for fairness and for the variety of gay portrayals on all three commercial networks. We are also pleased to think that the discussions with representatives of the gay community have had with writers, directors, producers and network officials over the past few years have helped to create some understanding of the broad range of gay individuals and lifestyles available for presentation on television.

We think, however, that it would be appropriate at this time to discuss some problems which have become apparent during the current season.

Lesbian Invisibility. Thus far, only one of this season's shows (NBC's "Police Woman") has involved a lesbian character (the first positive portrayal on any network in three years, by the way). We understand that there will be others later in the season, but we want to stress as much as we can that an end to lesbian invisibility is most important to us, particularly since one of the most oppressive peculiarities of our culture is its capacity to think of the gay population as only including men.

The Gay "Problem" This season's shows involving gay characters have almost exclusively dealt with the "problem" of being gay in our society, either for the gay characters themselves or for others they come in contact with. This is, of course, a legitimate reflection of the prejudice and discrimination which still exists in our society, and we suspect that storylines of this sort will continue to be viable for some time. But we would hope that, just as members of other minority groups are no longer exclusively dealt with by television in terms of the "problem" of being who they are, gay characters will be seen in a whole range of human situations in which their sexual orientation is merely incidental. A step in that direction has been taken by inclusion of gay characters as regulars in two series (ABC's Nancy Walker Show and CBS's Bob Newhart Show), but we hope that the focus of these characters and others in the future won't be only that they are gay, but that they are people who just happen to be

gay. We would also hope that there will no longer be, as there seems to have been, a resistance to showing gay women and men in loving and affectionate situations with each other, in exactly the same degree that heterosexual couples are customarily seen on television.

Stereotyped Direction. Due to the increased willingness of the producers and networks to consult in advance with the National Gay Task Force and the Gay Media Task Force in Hollywood, scripts for shows involving gay characters have been much more accurate, and have avoided stereotypes, or the offensive portrayals of gay people as psychopaths and killers so common in the past. But even though most of the scripts have not been objectionable, the stereotypes have persisted — through insensitivity in casting and direction. Two particularly objectionable instances were a two-part episode of ABC's "Barney Miller" and the running character on "The Nancy Walker Show."

We believe that the reason for this continued stereotyping is that directors have been reaching for the "easy solution" in attempting to create gay characters who are also entertaining. Understandably, directors do not want to make their characters so utterly "normal" that they're dull. But this does not constitute an excuse for perpetrating the false and damaging images of the "swish" or "sissy" that are exact equivalents to the false and damaging images of blacks that used to be common in the media. We suggest that the way out of this dilemma is to recognize that gay characters can be oddballs in quite as many ways as anybody else. National Gay Task Force and The Gay Media Task Force can help you to find ways to make gay characters funny without indulging in the stereotypes.

We want to make it clear, as we have from the beginning, that we know that there are some gay people who are something like the stereotypes. But we also want to make it clear (as we have from the beginning) that we will continue to object to stereotypical portrayals on television until such time as the public at large has become aware of the broad spectrum of lesbians and gay men. And we will always object if such portrayals are used as ways of getting a quick, cheap laugh at the expense of gay human beings.

Child Molestation. The gay community believed, after the strenuous and well-publicized objections we made to a "Marcus Welby" episode two years ago, that the producers and networks would never again be so insensitive as not to realize that storylines about men molesting young boys are seen by the public as stories about gay men. Despite the fact that all the research in the field indicates that homosexual men are less likely than heterosexual men to be child molesters, and that most child molesters have histories of molesting both male and female children, a substantial portion of the public continues to believe that all homosexual men are child molesters—and the refusal of CBS to understand this point led to approval of the storyline for a recent "Kojak" episode, which once again did incalculable psychological and political damage to the hopes and aspirations of gay Americans.

Because the airwaves are publicly owned, and the networks are particularly sensitive to criticism from segments of the public, television has embarked on an elaborate system of self-censorship which, among other things, ensures that bigotry is not encouraged through false and damaging portrayals of members of minority groups. It is important to see our objections in this context, for when we ask television, in the climate of today's society, to declare a moratorium on stories about homosexual child molestation, we are not asking for "special treatment." We are asking for no more understanding of cultural prejudice than is required to judge a T.V. script about a black man raping a white woman and see that it is likely to reinforce bigotry, particularly if presented as just one more titillating element in a detective story.

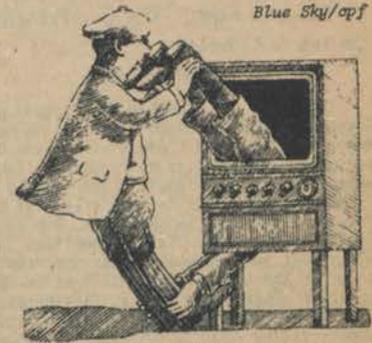
Recognizing Bigotry. We are enclosing an editorial from the Phoenix Gazette about the gay characters in the new T.V. season. We do this for two reasons. First, to illustrate the ignorance and prejudice in our culture, which still persists in viewing a whole range of loving, responsible human beings in terms of "immorality", "abnormality" and "decadence". And second, to acknowledge our awareness of the pressures which are put on the networks to avoid all positive images of gay people.

We hope that you will be able to reach only two conclusions from these facts: that

it is necessary to take even greater care in avoiding unfair, inaccurate, abusive or insulting characterizations of lesbians and gay men; and that it is necessary to ignore the pressures from anti-gay bigots, along with the pressure from those who protest fair and accurate portrayals of other minority groups. To do this, we think, is to recognize at last that the real "pressure groups" which have exerted their influence on television in the past have been those who would censor anything but negative portrayals of gay people, and that the pressure exerted by the National Gay Task Force and the 1,200 other gay organizations throughout this country has been solely directed toward securing the same rights to fair treatment and media visibility as other citizens.

We are sending this letter to you (and similar letters to presidents of ABC and NBC networks) because we know that you recognize your duty and responsibility to take a personal interest in the ways in which CBS can serve the needs of all major groups among its viewers—and do a disservice to none.

Sincerely,
Ginny Vida
Media Director
National Gay Task Force



GAY REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH CBS-TV PRESIDENT

At a meeting held in New York last Friday, executives of CBS Television indicated that they will consult on a more regular basis with representatives of the gay community on programs involving lesbian and gay male characters. Network president Robert Mussler, nighttime programs vice-president Allan Wagner, and program practices vice-president Van Sauter also agreed to arrange for sensitivity sessions with program practices staff on both coasts; and to arrange meetings with programming executives designed to assist them in developing new shows with lesbian and gay themes.

Gay representatives at the meeting included Jean O'Leary and Dr. Bruce Voeller, co-executive directors of the National Gay Task Force; Ginny Vida, NGTF media director; and Dr. Newton Deiter, coordinator of the Gay Media Task Force in Los Angeles.

The gay delegation stressed that, while a breakthrough in visibility for gay men had been achieved in the current TV season, a lesbian image has been almost non-existent. CBS acknowledged the lack of lesbian portrayals and indicated an openness to discuss ways of implementing lesbian characters.

Ms. Vida and Dr. Deiter met with executives from the broadcast standards departments of the ABC and NBC television networks later in the day.

- National Gay Task Force



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"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, There is Liberty"
II Corinthians 3:17

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A Sad Fad On Television

'Tis the season, apparently, to be gay on television.

Nearly every show, new or old, it seems, is featuring a homosexual situation of one sort or another.

Just why there is this particular outcropping of what not so long ago would have been unthinkable programming is hard to fathom. There does, however, appear to be a sort of herd instinct at work in TV entertainment: What one dares to do, they all must dare to do.

It is, perhaps, all a part of the new morality, which pretends to an open honesty with ourselves and says that anything goes. Homosexuality exists, so let it be admitted . . . tolerated . . . condoned . . . and finally — what? — admired.

Working gay characters into TV plots may be entertaining to some viewers, but to most it surely is offensive, or at least quickly unfunny and boring.

The worst feature of this sort of programming undoubtedly is the

extra problem it poses for parents who have some concern about what kind of moral values, or lack thereof, their children may be exposed to. Policing what the impressionable young can watch during prime time is surely becoming much more difficult.

We do not advocate censorship. The general public, we expect, by boycotting the offensive shows, their commercial sponsors or both, will tend to turn off homosexual portrayals.

Besides, the TV gay-ety seems likely to be a sad fad that will quickly fade. The only thing regrettable about that is what might take its place when the program producers plumb for the next depth of sex abnormality to exploit.

To some, the freedom to portray homosexuality on television may represent a wholesome attitude of sexual liberation. To us, what it represents, in terms of the state of our society, may be summed up in one word:

Decadence.

VIEWPOINTS...

SO THERE ARE NO SEXUAL MINORITY MATERIALS IN TEXTBOOKS...

(FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH PANEL: THE GAY PRESENCE IN THE CLASSROOM)

by JANET COOPER

Because I am a member of Pennsylvania's Governor Milton J. Shapp's Council on Sexual Minorities and work closely with state departments and agencies to scrutinize the ways in which they tacitly and overtly discriminate against us, my examples will be from my experience in this work. A positive presentation of the sexual minorities in classrooms and textbooks is as important to us on the Governor's Council as is the positive presentation of gay lifestyles.

Because there is such limited preserved documentation about being a sexual minority member going through the Pennsylvania public school system, kindergarten through state college level, the Rural Gay Caucus collected some. This body of literature became testimony before the Commonwealth's Department of Education. We found that by omitting materials on sexual minorities, teachers make explicit and implicit statements against the worthiness and validation of our existence.

At the Homophiles of Penn State we received a letter from a thirteen year old boy:

I heard about your organization. I would like to join. But as the case is, I don't know where State College is. Could you send me some pamphlets or flyers about the gay movement and there (sic) members? My sexual drives are so great that I am often bored with nobody to love. I'm probably committing a sin in God's eyes, but I'm gay, and that's it. There is nothing I can do. Because I'm homosexual doesn't mean I'm insane. I don't consider myself that. So that's why I need your help. I don't want my parents to know about this. Thank You. P.S. Write back.

A male to female transexual recalls not being able to relate to anybody because from about seven or eight years old she primarily desired to wear women's clothing to school and at home. The school system tracked him into special education for the retarded. As a child he did not have a word for what she was but knew that until she began living with and socializing with people who did not condemn sexual minorities, "Everyone was more interested in making me into a male than in helping me become myself." Neither teachers, school system, nor parents had prepared her to be herself.

From this same collection of autobiographical memoirs, a gay high school student describes a period in English class last spring when the teacher was gratuitously violent about her homophobia.

The group, led by the teacher, was talking about prejudice and discrimination. After

the teacher agreed to replies of discrimination against women, blacks, aliens, etc., I mentioned that gays are also very much discriminated against. The teacher's immediate reply was, "People who choose to act in an immoral manner should be discriminated against." That ended that for she allowed me no room for a response... Certainly a teacher doesn't have the right to determine [what is abnormal and to present it with a negative attitude.]

We also know that there is a great deal of irretrievable material we will never collect. For example on September 15th of this year, just before Labor Day, a 16 year old Lebanon High School Gay youth blew his head off with a shot gun because he couldn't face going to school for another year and endure his classmates taunts of faggot/fruit/queer/cock sucker/homosexual/gay.

What are the teachers saying when this kind of testimony is the everyday reality of their students' lives? What are the textbooks saying?

NOTHING!
Silence if not hostility...

I have no doubt that you will find similar examples about the reality of what your own students are going through in your own classrooms if you only had their trust to ask them. When we omit materials about sexual minorities from our classes, we violate that which we learned from our education which taught us how to be resourceful, which encouraged us to be sensitive to our students' interests and sensibilities, which prepared us to lead good and influential lives in our communities.



If there are no sexual minority materials in textbooks, being teachers gives us the responsibility, like it or not, of locating such materials ourselves and including it in our course of instruction. Considering that there are people in all our communities who could contribute autobiographical accounts about their lives, we are to blame when we continue to omit materials on sexual minorities from our classes because the material is not in our textbooks.

As teachers we all have the access to a fairly large number of people by means of our professional and personal contacts. If we don't use our contacts to gather such literature, no one will ever collect it. Part of our responsibility as teachers is to gather materials we need to teach whether they be commercially available or not. To teach without such materials is to misteach. We cannot expect our students to fulfill their potential if they fear exposure and a negative identity from school system approved curriculum materials.

Yet we abdicate our professional responsibility as teachers about the subject of sexual minorities because of our embarrassment and because of our fear of the politics of the Administration where we work. We can outgrow our embarrassment by informing ourselves about sexual minorities and we can fight politics with politics. We can get our unions to put in affirmative action hiring clauses and our professional groups to pass support resolutions. Once passed, we can take the responsibility to see that the organizations which passed these clauses and resolutions give context to them.

One way we can expect unions to give

contest to affirmative actions hiring clauses for each school staff to have a quota system for open sexual minority people. As with most other minorities, there are two different types of people who experience discrimination: those who do perceive themselves discriminated against and those who do not. All too often minority people tend to blame themselves for other people's discomfort toward them, dislike of, and prejudice against them instead of more realistically identifying with the minority with whom other people associate them and whose association is the cause of the covert and overt prejudice.

When our colleagues and bosses, the parents of our students, the institutions and bureaucracies for which we work are able to use the words by which we identify ourselves politely, instead of as terms of attack, we should not assume that we have career protection yet. Indeed, just because the people with whom we have to communicate don't hesitate, stammer, and pause before using the terms by which we identify ourselves, does not mean that all of them have become compassionate and sympathetic.

We should be aware of the next stage of discrimination which is to say when the bigots have become so sophisticated that they no longer name our sexual identity as the reason they get rid of us. Very soon, because such actions against us are already going on, we should have other kinds of documentation about how our employers find us unsuitable: shifting job qualifications, shifting job descriptions, not having job descriptions, and calling us incompetent because they don't want excellence with our sensibility.

We have to be prepared to fight this more insidious kind of discrimination which creates needless self-blame. Only with quota systems will we see the administration's manipulation by means of high turnover and shifting of especially competent individuals who happen to be members of sexual minorities.

If you are one of those teachers who lives in perpetual fear of the school board's, superintendent's, principal's, department chairperson's, the dean's disapproval and resultant job loss, there is still contributions you can make. You can at least read sexual minority fiction and non-fiction. Whether you are able to use it or not in your classroom, we all still have the responsibility to be aware of the material itself.

At the same time, even if we never found another example of discrimination, which to be sure is highly unlikely, nonetheless a body of literature should exist and we should help preserve and to present it. In order to have affectional and sexual subject matter in the text books, we are dependent upon their survival in primary documents. Much of what we base traditional scholarship on is that material which survives such as memoirs, journals, diaries, letters, paintings, photographs, legal and economic documents in attics, libraries, and archives — the holding places where posterity discovers them. In turn, we are dependent on people writing such documents to include material about affectional and sexual aspects of their lives as we are publishers to publish and to market such materials, as we are upon librarians and archivists to preserve and make them accessible. Therefore it is indeed difficult for scholars who find the content on which textbook writers are dependent to piece together our literature and history.

Nor can we assume that the material that does survive is necessarily immediately relevant to the lives of our students. Even if teachers mention that Gertrude Stein, Emily Dickinson, Oscar Wilde, Walt Whitman, and Virginia Wolfe might have been Gay, their writings are as incomprehensible to many of the people who call our local switchboard in Lancaster, Pennsylvania as the FBI's grand jury probe of the lesbian community has been to most of this country.

There are a variety of ways to find material that contemporary students can relate to besides direct solicitation from

FATE BAIT

Could we start over
from the beginning
forgetting the troubles
and no memories clinging.

Like starting from scratch
that very first meeting
When our faces were strange
and that warm, mellow greeting.

But can it be done
in the face of Fate
And be done all different
by through the same gate?

No, it was meant to happen
and the answer is 'Why!
It would all be the same
so we might as well try.



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EXPERIENCE

Experience is the name
for all our mistakes
Some say, "It's a shame"
others "for God's sake."

Man, do we suffer
man, what a pain
To lose something loving
and not go insane.

To have someone trusting
who loves you the same
Even after what you did
and they're right, "It's a shame."

We can always shrug our shoulders
and say it's all in the game
But remember for all our mistakes
experience is the name.

Total collapse
Collapse into reality
Face first
Feeling the burning, puffing pain
Pressing against the cold floor
Peel me off
Time stopped
Wind the clock
Listen to it tick
Get up and keep going
Keep moving
Moving nowhere
Much more of a pleasure
Than being somewhere
There I was
And I was
Terrifying
Erase it, wipe it out
Wipe off the scars
Peel me off the floor
Lift me into the air
Lift myself
A place for my feet
Not my mind.

Sweet dreams
gather in the box-like mind
Many sides
far-reaching dimensions
Like Pandora's
it is guarded safely
Waiting to be opened
to startle the curious
Revealing the unexpected
the thought of the most obvious
Never opened
never revealed
The key is lost
lost as in never was
The locksmith
will use his
Most precise tools
but to no avail
Locked forever
to return to dust.



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Gil Hustle COMES OUT

Gil Hustle stepped out into the street and slammed his fingers in his closet door.

"I'll never get out of here," Gil moaned as he maneuvered his closet through the lobby and into the elevator and opened the seventeen locks on his apartment door and tripped over his pet iguana and went crashing onto the hallway floor.

"Being a troubled young man sure ain't all it's cracked up to be," sighed Gil as he bandaged his fingers and cleaned up the iguana blood and stuck a knitting needle up his nose to see if he could still feel pain. He could.

"I'm sick and tired (not to mention fed up) with being troubled all the time and I'm going to do something about it," he sputtered resolutely through the blood gushing from his nose. "Maybe I wouldn't be so troubled if I (gulp) came out."

Long ago in Fearflesh, South Dakota, where Gil Hustle was born and bruised, long before Gil's mother died in fist fight, and just after Gil, at the age of three, became aware of his true feelings for Davey Crockett, Gil had locked himself in his mother's closet. And there he stayed. No one encouraged him to come out. Gil's father, Muscles Hustle (the toughest man in the West of South Dakota), noticed the house wasn't as noisy as it was when Whatshisname was roaming around, but Muscles Hustle never asked where Whatshisname had gone. Gil's mother, Mrs. Hustle-Bustle, dutifully pushed meals under the door, made sure things were tidy, and surrounded the closet with overpowering amounts of Love and Devotion. For the most part, Gil was perfectly content.

As he grew older, certain adjustments had to be made. Since Gil Hustle refused to come out of the closet, Muscles Hustle (who was quite a handyman) remodeled it into a portable affair which Gil could take anywhere. For twenty some odd years, Gil traveled the world in his closet. It was Comfortable. It was Secure. There was No Reason To Leave. Besides, shortly after he discovered John Wayne, The Law, and What Is Expected Of Little Boys, Gil Hustle swallowed the key.

On the street again, Gil's closet caught on the awning of a fruit stand and he tripped and stepped into a bushel of butterflies.

"Fruit!" screamed the angry fruit stand owner, his face the color of watermelon. "All day I'm surrounded with fruit and then more of it comes along and ruins the butterfly bushels. I can't stand the fruit stand business!"

In spite of the seemingly protective closet, ninety per cent of the world's population thought Gil Hustle was a screaming fairy. And Gil used to be so ashamed. So very ashamed. How he longed to start wars, and talk incessantly about his car, and drool over big tits. How he longed for the comradeship and playful ass-patting of the football field, the happy towel fights in the locker room, the joyful joking about who was better hung. How he wanted to play with guns, and blast the heads off defenseless animals, and spend his nights getting drunk and chasing chicks. But alas. It was not meant to be. Gil was flamboyant, and used his hands in that sort of faggy way that made everyone want to puke, and well, he was just so much like a woman sometimes. It's bad enough just for women to exist and make demands on men without some men losing their marbles and actually acting like women. I mean really.

So Gil hid his shame in the closet and sat on his hands and tried to lower his voice when talking on the phone. Once in a while he was even heard to say "Fuckin' A" and talk disgustedly about "those queers." It had occurred to him (being the bright boy he was) that since the world wasn't fooled by the closet, he might as well come out for good. He hated the awkward closet.

He hated the way he bumbled around in it, scratching the frescoes on the ceilings of his friends' apartments and stumbling into people and wounding their artichoke hearts and breaking their spider pendants.

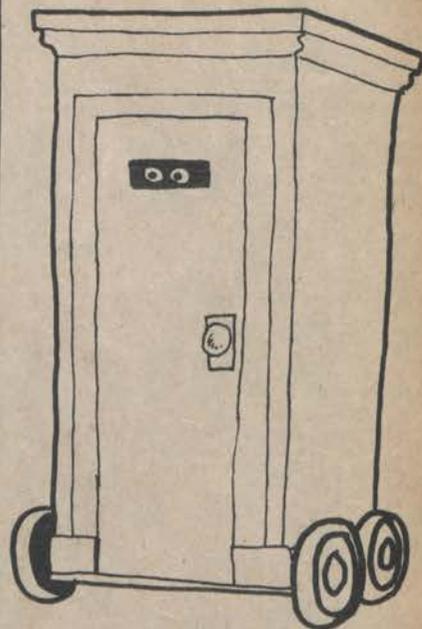
But there were also lots of reasons he shouldn't come out and the best reason of all was that Gil Hustle was scared shitless. That was by no means the only reason. There was Gil's intense Fear of Anything that was In and currently it was In to come out. So Gil would look smugly down on anyone having the time of their life by being themselves and say, "How tacky." Then, of course, there was the ever popular Fear of Rejection (not to mention Downright Loathing). Gil was positive if he came out of his closet and told his friends he liked holding the hands and kissing the mouths and feeling the bodies of boys every bit as much as (and most of the time more than) those same activities with girls, that his friends would promptly throw up all over the dinner table, scream "Unclean, Unclean!" and proceed to kick the shit out of him for being Terrible, Awful, Filthy, and a General Pervert.

These fears were decidedly irrational, for everyone, friend and fart alike, had plenty of advice to give about Gil's Problem. A shrink told him the closet was as convenient as the back seat of a Ford and he should invite a few girls in, lay them, and everything would be all right. A minister told him he couldn't be a Certified Homosexual (and therefore leave the closet) until he saw a doctor. Gil imagined the doctor's test of certification was something like flashing nude pictures of Nureyev on a screen and measuring your heartbeat. (Gil defied anyone not to be turned on by Nureyev.) And once you were Certified Filth, what good was it anyway?

Bedford Elias Awaken III, a friend who had seen it all before (one of his more notable seductions occurring when a college art teacher arranged for him to pose in the nude and then aroused him with a peacock feather) advised Gil to write stories about it. So frequently, when Gil found himself falling in love with some Inaccessible beautiful boy, he would write a clever autobiographical story about himself, such as this one. Since he was far from prolific, Gil could not write a story about every Inaccessible person he fell in love with because that occurred on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternate Saturdays with regularity, to say nothing of all the Inaccessible people he fell in love with just walking down the street.

Gil Hustle had been suffering over Inaccessible people for as long as he could remember. Back in Fearflesh, Gil had considered smashing the closet to pieces in the middle of Fearflesh High's homecoming half-time show and openly declaring his crush on Dan Helloman, the junior class president. Though Gil was not cautious by nature, he wasn't an idiot either, and he kept his ranks in the marching band. Even then his peers taunted him from the sidelines, "Why Don't you join the pom-pom girls, Gilly? Dan doesn't date musicians." And that made Gil very hurt and very angry. But Gil didn't show his anger. He kept his eyes straight ahead, kept staring at the second trombone part to "The Washington Post," and ignored it.

Gil Hustle had been angry since he joined the human race at the Fearflesh starting line. At times Gil was so angry, he entertained the idea of emerging from the closet as a tool of revenge against his parents. He imagined a scene where his father would yell, "No you can not use the car tonight!" and Gil would jump out of his closet and retort with, "Oh yeah, well I'm a faggot and you made me that way." But caution being the better part of parental funding, he would silently storm around his tiny habitat for a while and then take the car any-



way.

And all those things flashed through Gil Hustle's mind as he tried to decide whether or not to come out of his closet.

"On the one hand, if I come out I'll be In in certain circles and on the other hand if I come out I'll be Out of other circles and if I keep things just as they are I'll be sort of in between all the circles everywhere. What a dilemma."

Gil always reacted to dilemmas in two ways. First he got stoned. Then he visited friends. The friends he went to visit were Cindy Sue Sangforth and The Planet Good (who was always in orbit). They kept large supplies of Colombian tea and Sapphian sympathy. Collectively, Cindy Sue Sangforth and The Planet Good were an all-woman musical demolition team called Rubies & Rootbeer. Rubies & Rootbeer traveled the countryside finding down-and-out drunks. They would take brains slightly numb with alcohol, and bash the hell out of them with music, making all the Troubles and Problems fall out on the floor to be swept up by the janitor along with the cigarette butts and inhibitions. Gil followed Rubies & Rootbeer everywhere because he always had plenty of Troubles and Problems for them to beat out of his mind, and even in those rare moments when he didn't, he liked seeing other people relieved of theirs. But Rubies & Rootbeer was another story (not to mention a novel and a short film festival).

To put it discreetly, The Planet Good and Cindy Sue Sangforth were kinky. To put it bluntly, on a straightness scale they would have registered somewhere on the bent side of the crooked man who walked a crooked mile. Though immoral, unnatural and downright disgusting acts had been occurring in their domicile of degradation and shame for some time, they had never come out. (But then why should they when they were having that much fun in.) The difference between their situation and Gil's was that even though they were scared in the same way he was of What Other People Would Think, in their own heads they were at peace. Ever since the age of three when Gil experienced those first fateful poundings of the heart for Davey Crockett, he had been wracked by guilt and self-hate. In fact when he was tired of pink, he had the closet redone in gilt, which better fit his mood.

"Oh moan, groan, and sigh," Gil said as he took the closet off for a minute at Cindy Sue Sangforth's and The Planet Good's. "It's just so heavy sometimes."

"So come out and throw the damn thing away," said Cindy Sue, who was never one to mince words, but did a hell of a job on onions.



Today I saw a woman
Who looked a lot like you
Her hair was just as golden
Her eyes were just as blue.

'Twas then I did approach her
(Or was it her to me?)
"Let's take a walk together
Beside the stormy sea."

So hand in hand together
Along the beach we walked
We stood awhile in silence
Then I began to talk.

"It seems as if I've known you
(I couldn't possibly!)
It just seems so perfect
Your being here with me."

She smiled then, more beautifully
Than anyone I knew
And in that silence then I paused
To stop and think of you.

She must have known what I had thought
She tried to comfort me.
"We all lose people that we love
But look! Now you've found me!"

She placed her arms around my neck
And kissed me on the cheek
I was so happy that I cried
And sobbed 'til I was weak.

It would have been much better
Had you not have died
But you'd wished me happiness
It was for that you'd tried.

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russia sending tanks to rhodesian
guerrillas, thank god, and we're sending
get well cards to the whites
otherwise, the new york times carried daily
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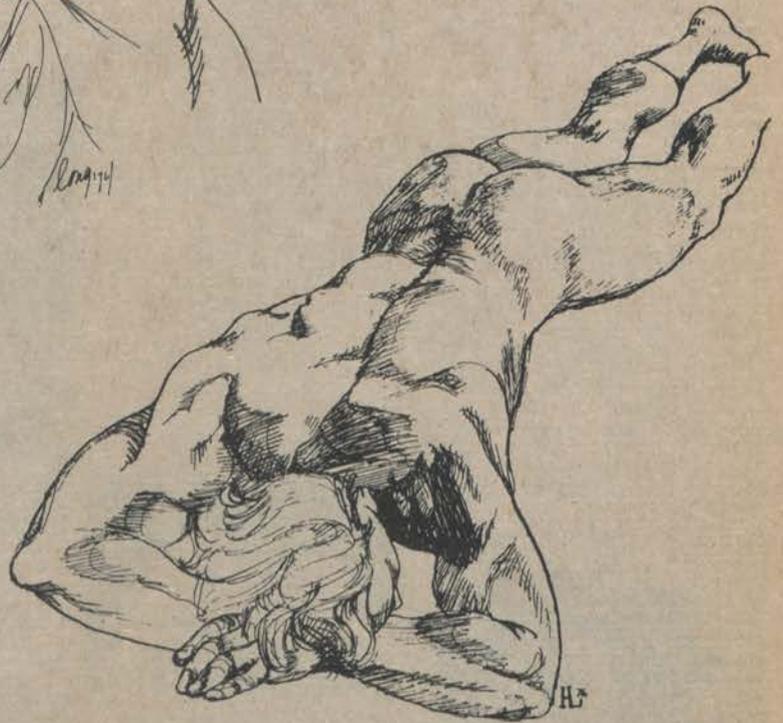
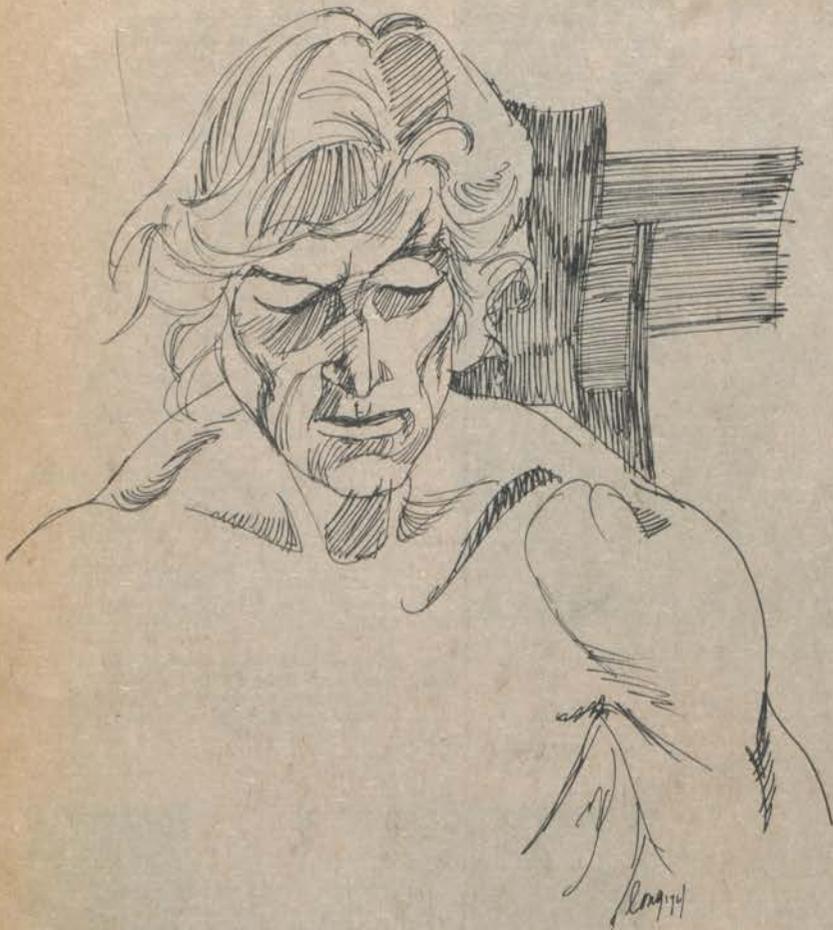
The African Queen

For this is I
the almighty Foe,
the unconquered,
conflictor of Love,
A paradox of feelings
bound in my breast,
lost in an earthy gown.

And you say to me,
who are you now
A question unworthy of answering.
For I am man,
the ruler of all,
unprotected;
the extinct to be.

M. Guttschall





personal and professional contacts. One could place a box in the library to collect such autobiographies, place advertisements, in sexual minority publications, in lesbian and gay bars, and get in touch with local and state organizations. After you have collected material for an anthology, you can make a deal with the local offset to run them off.

Because most of the authors of many of the surviving documents wrote from an assumed white, heterosexual, male identified point of view, few documents exist that describe sexual minority feelings. As we know from other blatant examples of omission in our literature, the most serious forcible act done against minority groups is the variety of ways and reasons we do not participate in history and the world-wide community at large. Only recently have we as a culture become sensitive to the fact that we have had negligible portrayals of strong independent women, successful dark skinned blacks, Chicanos, Native Americans, fat people, and the list goes on.

We have a professional obligation to seek out such information and not wait for it to be presented on Mary Hartmen, Mary Hartmen. Ten percent of all our students are gay and many many more have confusions with their sexual identities.

As we recognize the need for feminist sexual role re-examination and the representation to countless minorities never portrayed in our traditional body of literature, so too do we have to consider teaching about sexual minorities. As we have become accustomed to teaching about the violence in Amerika because of poverty, because of sexism, because of racism against the soul and bodies of its very own citizens every day, so does the information about the violence done against sexual minorities deserve preservation and circulation.

REASONS FOR REPEAL OF PENNSYLVANIA'S VOLUNTARY DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE (SODOMY) STATUTE

The Pennsylvania legislature will shortly be considering a bill to repeal our "Voluntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse" statute, Sec. 3124 of the Crimes Code. This section prohibits anal or oral intercourse between adults (heterosexual or homosexual) unless they are married. (Section 3123 makes involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse a crime, which will, of course, remain a law in Pennsylvania.) Below are several reasons for why it is important that this law should be repealed:

1. The state should not be involved in regulating private sexual conduct between consenting adults.

It is generally agreed that the laws against homosexual acts do not significantly control the forbidden behavior. However, the very existence of sodomy laws discriminates against people by denying them the very basic human right to consensual sexual activity in private. The law increases homosexuals' vulnerability to exploitation and encourages police corruption.

In Pennsylvania, while the sodomy law applies to both heterosexuals and homosexuals, it is only enforced against homosexuals which amounts to unequal enforcement of the law. Many people think that this law is not enforced, but the fact is that there were 45 arrests by two troops of the State Police over an 18-month period ending August 1975, and 43 arrests in Philadelphia during 1974. (Figures are not available for rest of Pennsylvania.)

It costs the state millions of dollars to make the arrests and prosecute the cases through our court system. In Washington, DC, Judge Charles W. Halleck, of the Superior Court, estimated that in 1974 it cost the city \$18,000 for each plain clothes arrest and subsequent prosecution costs, including the judge's and prosecutor's salary, heat, light, and other direct and indirect costs. Consequently, if there were only 100 arrests a year in Pennsylvania (we believe there are more), this would mean \$1,800,000

is expended. Certainly, this money could be better used to fight real crime in our society.

2. The fact that sodomy is a criminal statute in Pennsylvania prevents gay people from having their civil rights protected.

Many law makers in the state and local governments state that they cannot pass laws to prohibit discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations because certain homosexual acts are a crime. It is therefore a prerequisite that the sodomy statute be repealed so that other types of discrimination can be prohibited.

3. Many independent study commissions and other respected groups have called for the repeal of state sodomy statutes. Also there is a clear trend in the United States to repeal these laws.

For the reason cited in 1 and 2 above, organizations including the American Psychiatric Association, the American Law Institute, the National Institute for Mental Health, the International Congress on Criminal Law, the American Law Committee, the National Commission on Reform of Federal Criminal Laws, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Mental Health Foundation, the Wolfenden Committee in England have urged sodomy law repeal. So far 18 states have repealed their sodomy statute including: Delaware, Connecticut, Colorado, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Illinois, Oregon, Washington, California, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Maine, Indiana, Ohio, Arkansas, Iowa and West Virginia.

- Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities



TRUCKER DYKES AND HAIRDRESSER QUEENS

In recent years Gay people, anxious to overthrow the mismatched sex/psyche theory, have hastened to deny that Gay men are any more effeminate than non-Gay men or Gay women are any more masculine than non-Gay women. (Much stress has been laid on Gay people looking like anyone else, or indeed being gratifyingly masculine or feminine.) Inasmuch as this has made non-Gay people realize that Gay people are more numerous than they thought, and that homosexuality is a matter of emotional need quite unrelated to outward appearance, these protestations have been valuable. But the "Gay Education" movement demands a far more radical change than this.

We should not be arguing about the placement of Gay people in one or another gender role but questioning the validity of gender roles. We should totally reject the concepts of masculinity and femininity with the accompanying associations of dominance and submission. Talk of biological males who are psychologically females (and vice versa) becomes meaningless when these categories are discarded.

By attempting to gain acceptance within heterosexual society by disassociating themselves from the stigma of effeminacy (males) or masculinity (females), Gay men and women only support the rigidity of gender roles. In doing so they unfortunately confirm a definition of Gay people from

which their homosexuality automatically excludes them. They must realize that the men and women they hope to resemble are not much given to hopping into bed with each other! Gay people should attack the idea that there is something wrong with effeminacy in men or masculinity in women instead of trying to pass the buck of their oppression to those who are usually referred to derogatorily as the stereotype. Remember, those tacky queens and bull dykes came out and bore the brunt of heterosexual hatred long before law reform. And the Gay organizations gave their more discreet counterparts a platform from which to denounce them.

Whereas a majority of out Gay people try to achieve a respectable image of men who behave like men and women who behave like women, we should realize that the only way for Gay people to come out that will make any real impact on the gender role definitions which underlie Gay oppression is by adopting a lifestyle and appearance which explicitly reject the masculine/feminine distinction and all that it implies.

- by Peter Nazar

NEW YORK RELEVATIONS

by Tony Russo

Since the withdrawal of the Women's Caucus from the New York Chapter of the Gay Academic Union (GAU), the group has gone through a major structural change. The change is due to the needed re-evaluation of needs as seen by its members. Although a large proportion of women formerly with the GAU are now working on the formation of a new organization, many have remained with the men to map out new directions which the New York Chapter might pursue.

The resurgence of energy came about at the 1976 Thanksgiving Conference at Columbia University. The Women's Caucus made their long awaited decision to withdraw from the GAU due to a general feeling that their needs were not being met in the organization. As in most family situations, their decision was probably for the better. Immediately after, the Men's Caucus met and decided to disband, and the remaining members began to re-evaluate the GAU goals and form what might be the most viable chapter ever.

The group decided to restructure the New York Chapter into 6 major subgroups. The subgroups are: (1) Speakers Bureau, (2) Publications Committee, (3) Scholarship Committee, (4) Consciousness Raising Group Formation, (5) Gay Studies, (6) Social Committee.

The Speakers Bureau will operate mainly in the New York City area. Speakers will talk on academic topics within their discipline. Topics will concern such areas as: art, history, literature, psychology, and health.

The Publications Committee will publish a quarterly journal beginning sometime in mid-1977. The journal will be a collection of GAU conference proceedings, research papers, book reviews, gay studies, information, GAU news, and campus news.

The Scholarship Committee will continue to meet and will discuss scholarly papers and subjects.

The Consciousness Raising Group Formation Committee will continue to form consciousness raising groups for people connected with the GAU.

The Gay Studies Committee will attempt on a small scale to duplicate the West Coast Lavender University. The group plans on starting its first class on gay history sometime next spring and if successful will begin other classes in other disciplines.

Social events will be planned mainly by the Social Committee. Already planned are two concerts scheduled for next spring in addition to the usual dances and parties.

Although grandiose in its plans, most of the groundwork has been laid and each committee is now working on its goals. The energy is there and with four national conferences behind them, the members of the GAU know they can produce.

CLIPPINGS



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The Gay Way?

Horn & Hardart's pending deal may be unorthodox, but a tax credit is a tax credit.

HORN & HARDART, of Automat fame, the 65-year-old New York-based restaurant chain and mail-order house (1975 sales: \$50 million) is a financial shambles. It is stuck with properties in deteriorating Eastern cities and deeply in debt. Its \$5 cumulative preferred stock is \$23.75 in arrears. H&H has lost \$6.3 million since 1966, the last year it paid dividends.

Chairman Frederick H. Guterman, 55, has been trying to upgrade the company's properties since he left International Telephone & Telegraph's aerospace operations in 1972. First Guterman rounded up several Burger King franchises. Then he signed on with South Carolina-based Cedric's, Inc., a fish 'n' chips fast food chain. Last year, Guterman decided to put discotheques into some of his New

York properties (FORBES, June 1). Now he is seriously considering opening gay (i.e., homosexual) clubs.

Last month Guterman and *Blueboy* magazine (a kind of *Playboy* of the gay world) publisher Donald N. Embinder formally agreed to open their first gay club in Miami early next year. If this test club succeeds, a dozen or so could follow. Wharton-educated Embinder will select staff and sites; H&H, says Guterman, "will merely take over the back-of-the-house operations—management responsibilities, in other words."

Guterman hopes the deal will produce some fast profit to throw against H&H's rapidly expiring tax-loss carry-forwards. He also hopes the move will boost H&H's stock. Guterman hasn't made a dime on his 80,000



Horn & Hardart's Guterman: The homosexual market is a big one, too. Guterman's rapidly expiring tax-loss carry-forwards, all priced at \$8; the stock is at 7.

FORBES asked Guterman if he thought H&H's founders, Joseph Horn and Frank Hardart, might be spinning in their graves at the thought of their once-proud company being in the gay business. "I don't think so," replied Guterman. "It's a good market and we don't think it should be overlooked."

Adversity makes some strange bedfellows. ■

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

For 18 years I have lived in Marietta. I was raised and am employed in Marietta. On Sunday, December 5th the Marietta Restoration Associates held their annual Candlelight Tour.

When this event occurs, not only are the streets of Marietta crowded, but a certain group that attend this tour are disgusting.

My philosophy is to each his own, but when I see two men walking down the

street showing affection to each other it turns my stomach.

It was also said that Marietta now has a gay bar. What's next? Is this why we have a Gay Street? Anti-Gay

WALTER SCOTT'S Personality Parade

Q. It was well known in theatrical circles for years and years that the late British playwright Noel Coward was gay, gay, gay. Why, then, did Queen Elizabeth knight him?—F.T., College Park, Md.

A. Homosexuality does not exclude a talented person in Great Britain from receiving royal honors. Homosexuals have made outstanding contributions to British culture.

Christopher Street

The Murder of an Anatomy

While some of us think that the major news in biology has been making the front page of *The Times* lately, it has come to our attention that the really major new biological insights are to be found in *The Times'* film criticism. On August 13, 1976, Richard Eder, the number two film man at *The New York Times*, presented us with the following breakthrough in his review of *The Riss*:

To have a tolerance, or even an acceptance of homosexuality doesn't rule out having an underlying physical distaste for it. Inevitably perhaps, the camera emphasizes the physical element far more than it was emphasized on the stage. To put it bluntly, it shows up too close—for most of us, I think—too much pale flesh organized around unshared intentions. There are simply too many male homosexual stomachs (italics ours), arms and faces at too short a range.

We have put calls into Johns Hopkins and we've sent researchers scurrying around the country. We wanted

to know what in all-that's-fit-to-print's name a homosexual stomach is. Mr. Eder's breakthrough has raised the question of whether there is a cause-effect relationship between the homosexual and the homosexual stomach. Does a homosexual stomach look a little pinker, a little more fey, perhaps, than the average stomach? Do homosexual stomachs have a way of recognizing each other in the street, and finally, in the interest of behavior modification, if one is transformed from homosexual into heterosexual, does the stomach go along for the ride?

While we were indeed amazed at Mr. Eder's power of biological insight, a friend who is very familiar with Mr. Eder's opus wrote us: "Mr. Eder's film criticism has always turned my stomach."

We assume he meant homosexual.



BITS 'N' PIECES

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AT TEMPLE: AN UPDATE

by Frank Raffa

PHILADELPHIA—On October 22, the President's Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action voted to recommend to President Marvin Wachman that the term "sexual orientation" and "marital status" be added to Temple's affirmative action plan, thus ensuring a grievance procedure for all gay employees who are victims of discrimination.

Since that time the proposal has been on the President's desk awaiting his signature. President Wachman has met with University Counsel David Randall, Affirmative Action Director Robert Ruffin and Committee Chair Philip Schaeffer to discuss the proposal. The *Temple News* quoted Ruffin as saying, "Randall has presented some laws that he's concerned about, relative to the terms in the Affirmative Action plan."

"The President has indicated to Robert Ruffin and me that he's sympathetic to the changes the committee recommended," Schaeffer said to the *Temple News*. Schaeffer does not appear to see any legal issues involved with the Committee's proposal, but he could not estimate when a decision will be reached."

The *Temple News* has been very supportive of this proposal. It has run several editorials supporting this and other issues concerning equal rights for gays at Temple University.

- Gayzette

H.O.W.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA—H.O.W., Homophiles of Williamsport, is a newly formed organization open to any interested gay woman or man. Officers were elected at the organization's January 6 meeting. Those officers include: Gary Norton, Linda Salpino, Co-ordinators; Mike Waltz, Treasurer; Dan Maneval, Corresponding Secretary; and Gerry Brown, Recording Secretary. These officers will serve a one year term according to the group's recently adopted charter.

The original function of H.O.W. was discussed as being a social and "fraternal" organization as opposed to a political group. There will be discussion at their meeting on January 20 on whether they will become involved as a political group and if so, to what extent.

Long-range plans tentatively call for the establishment of a local gay hotline or establishment of a local gay hotline (depending on the eventual size of the group), and a social place for recreational purposes of gays in the area. For more information about Homophiles of Williamsport you can call (717)-322-7987, or write to P.O. Box 1072; Williamsport, PA 17701.

GAY BLASPHEMY

LONDON, ENGLAND—A British anti-pornography campaigner is charging the *Gay News*—the British gay newspaper—under the Blasphemy Act of 1697. The woman, Mary Whitehouse, has persuaded a High Court Judge to allow criminal proceedings against the *Gay News* because of a poem that allegedly blasphemes the life of Christ. The poem—a fantasy in which the speaker imagines a series of homosexual acts in which Christ is accused—was written by James Kirkup. Kirkup has been published by *Fag Rag* and *Gay Sunshine* and is presently a poet in residence at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts. It is the first such case in 54 years in England. The crime carries a possible maximum life sentence.

- Gay Community News



PIONEER SUPPORTS GAYS

BOSTON—The *Gay Community News* of Boston reports that one of the country's most influential psychologists, Dr. Carl Rogers, made a supportive statement on the rights of gay people.

After delivering a lecture at Harvard University here, Dr. Rogers stated to a student from the University of Massachusetts that "The lifestyle of a person is his or her business." The student, Tom Phillips, initially called Rogers' attention to the firing of gay teachers and the responsibility of counseling and education institutions towards gays. On the matter of the privacy of one's lifestyle, Rogers commented that "I have no illusion that this will happen overnight. It is a difficult time for new lifestyles and for old lifestyles which have recently become visible. We are seeing a whole tendency of accepting people as they are and I hope that tendency grows."

Rogers was a pioneer of "person centered" psychology and is considered the father of encounter groups. His comments on gay rights occurred following the 10th Anniversary Burden Lecture at Harvard.

- Gay News

GAY "RISK" A LA BIBER

NEW YORK—The *New York Times* of Oct. 15 carried a story blandly affirming what many gays contend to be the homophobic "research" of psychiatrist Irving Bieber. The tenor of the interview with Bieber and others on the "family" page of the *Times* was that "homosexuality is heterosexuality derailed." A "natural" sexual growth thwarted by a flawed family structure produces, said Bieber, a "homosexual risk" among offspring. Fathers being the key to Bieber's view of male homosexuality, the necessity for "a warm, loving father" was the best safeguard against the "risk."

Paternal coldness, according to Bieber.



No Henry, I'm not going straight. John here just had to see if he could make it into the Regimental Ball in drag.

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produces a timid child who retreats into "safety" of homosexuality. What the *Times* called "more complex views" by other psychiatrists were reported under Bieber's remarks, including those admitting the possibility that "some individuals feel different from the earliest childhood."

- Gay News

LESBIAN LAW

The Eighth National Conference on Women and the Law will be held March 24-27, 1977, at Madison, Wisconsin. A feature of the conference this year will be a one-day Lesbian Law Section, to begin Thursday, March 24 and continue through Friday when other events of the Conference begin.

Initiated by the Lesbian Law Caucus of the Seventh National Conference on Women and Law, the Lesbian Law Section will explore the current status of case law with special emphasis on surveying remedies and strategies. The focus is on providing legal services to lesbian clients, and the Section is designed for all attorneys, law students and legal workers (both gay and straight), who work with or have an interest in lesbian legal issues.

Anyone interested in the conference should write Women and the Law, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI 53706.

- Gay Community News

GAYS ON PEACE CALENDAR

The founding of the Syracuse Gay Freedom League, in 1971, is one of 12 subjects to be featured on a "People's History" calendar for 1977, issued by the Syracuse Peace Council. "People working to make the U.S. a peaceful, just and liberated nation have been systematically separated from their heritage of struggle," reads a statement of the Council. "School texts, histories and the mass media all choose to focus on wars and 'notables.' 'People's History' attempts in a small way to confront this serious problem."

Other subjects featured include the founding of the utopian Oneida Community, the suffragettes' 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, a 1961 Quaker vigil against nuclear warfare, and the Syracuse Peace Council's 1936 founding. The calendar is available for \$3.25 from SPC Calendar, 924 Burnet Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13203.

- Gay Community News

PRIVACY REJECTED

WASHINGTON, DC—The U.S. Supreme Court last week refused a request from the American Civil Liberties Union to consider whether a Virginia statute which outlaws oral-genital contact between husband and wife is unconstitutional. The court's decision not to hear the case was taken with no justice recording a dissent.

- Gay Community News

DAVIS' VICE \$ DENIED

LOS ANGELES, CA—The Los Angeles city police commissioners voted on Dec. 2 to reject Police Chief Ed. Davis' request for increases in vice operations expenditures in the 1977-78 budget. The five-person civilian review board unanimously rejected Davis' request for 17 vice enforcement positions, an administrative vice position, as well as 16 new automobiles requested for undercover work.

Nine days before the report was issued, a large group of gay taxpayers urged a public hearing on the additional vice money to reject Davis' request.

Davis has been under heavy criticism from the Los Angeles gay community both for last spring's "Slave Auction" raid at a gay night-spot and for a recent report on child molestation in Los Angeles. Many gay activists charged that the recent child molestation report was an attempt by Davis to aid him in his requests for more vice enforcement monies.

- Gay Community News

ANTI-GAY POLICE CHIEF GIVES "SERIOUS THOUGHT" TO GOVERNORSHIP

LOS ANGELES—Edward M. Davis, police chief of Los Angeles, is reportedly giving "serious thought" to a race for the California governorship in 1978. According to NewsWest, Davis appeared before the Granada HITTs Women's Club to tell the clubwomen that he had been increasingly frustrated over the administration of Gov. Jerry Brown. Davis charged Brown, who recently signed a bill repealing the California sodomy laws into law, with permissive attitudes towards sex, drugs, and crime.

- Gay News

That's the most ridiculous thing I've evah hoid!



Can nuclear power give you whiter teeth?



WHAT WOULD ALL THOSE JEWISH MOTHERS SAY?

Men and women across the country and abroad are now making plans to attend an international gay Jewish convention in New York, set for April 21-24, 1977.

Members of 13 gay synagogues and social groups in the U.S., Canada, Britain, Israel, and Australia, and unaffiliated gay Jews will gather for three full days of discussion and celebration at the home of the Congregation Beth Simchat Torah (BST), New York's gay synagogue.

Sabbath services, communal meals, social events, and a full schedule of workshops are being prepared, all in keeping with the convention's goals: to encourage the growing commitment of gay Jews to a Jewish life; to enable the existing groups to serve their communities in more and better ways; and to help form new gay synagogues and social groups.

Workshop members will discuss the problems and achievements of the first five years of organized gay Jewish life, especially as they relate to new groups. Discussion topics include the planning and conducting of religious services and holiday celebrations, relations with the gay and Jewish communities, administration, Jewish education, homosexuality and Judaism, gay liturgy and ethics, and mutual assistance among the various communities.

Further information and application blanks may be obtained by writing to: Convention, Cong. Beth Simchat Torah, Box 1270, G.P.O., New York, NY 10001.

N.J. HOUSE DROPS SODOMY LAW

Trenton—On November 22 the New Jersey Assembly voted 42-35 for a Model Penal Code that repeals the Consensual Sodomy statute. The vote was only one more than the necessary majority of the 80 person chamber. The Penal Code also decriminalizes fornication, adultery, public drunkenness, and social gambling.

The bill has been sent to the heavily Democratic State Senate where it may be voted on by Dec. 13. A bill could be signed before the end of the year, but if not, the Senate will have all of 1977 to deliberate on it.

Passage of the Penal Code probably depended on Gov. Brendan Byrne's statement in the fall that he would not veto a reinstatement of the death penalty if the two bills arrived on his desk at the same time. The death penalty was passed by the Assembly on the same day by an overwhelming 58-16.

Most of the opposition to the Penal Code came from the Republicans who objected to the reduced sentences for many crimes. They nearly succeeded in recommending the bill to the Assembly Judiciary Committee where they hoped to attach seventeen amendments.

According to Eldridge Hawkins (D. Essex), a sponsor of the bill, a majority of the Assembly probably would not have voted for the Penal Code without the one year waiting period during which it will still be possible to amend it.

The sodomy issue was not raised in the Assembly hearings on the bill, and did not receive publicity in the straight press until the *New York Times* gave the bill's passage front page coverage. There was no overt gay input or support for the bill because local activists feared that focusing attention on sodomy repeal would simply lead to defeat.

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INFILTRATING UNIVERSITIES

The Gay Academic Union/South Central Region has compiled a booklet called, "How to Infiltrate Your Own University: Organizing University and Para-University Gay Groups." The work is a practical guide to people involved in the process of forming and/or maintaining a university gay group. The booklet offers sections on initial organization, legal rights, legal precedents, and a listing of gay student groups in the GAU/South Central Region.

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Memiors from ... Somewhere

Day I: I arrived here at 0900 hours. My memory is gone, and with it went any idea of where I'm from or for what purpose I am here. I know the place I'm from is beautiful, peaceful and loving. I have memories of being there, but no knowledge of how to get back. Oh well, I'll just treat the people here like I did back home. I was well loved back there. Even Assigner Thomas and his mate Stephen liked me.

Day II: My memory returns. I was sent here to help these people grow emotionally and mentally. My first impression is that this is unnecessary. They seem logical and very friendly. Where I'm from we mate for life. My mate, Andrea, wished to accompany me on this journey. She was not permitted to; only one woman (or man) is sent per mission.



Week II: There is something inherently wrong in this system. Their philosophy, like ours, is "Love One Another." They have incorporated a strange twist into it: only members of the opposite sex are permitted to love one another. Apparently there is some sort of block. I shall work on this.

I have also noticed that they have an inclination to kill one another. I find this odd. Our studies indicate a high level of technology. Usually this is accompanied by an even higher sense of awareness of one's neighbors. As I stated before, apparently there is a block somewhere.

Week III: I am beginning to feel uneasy here. Just yesterday I showed affection to a woman by placing my arm around her waist. She was startled, and with a great deal of fear in her eyes, muttered "Lesbian." I looked up this word, and I feel very flattered. The Lesbian culture on this world was noted for its writers and scholars. I cannot figure out the element of fear displayed.

Week IV: Just today I saw two people attack each other for no reason at all. What is worse, no one cared! They just stood around and watched! I attempted to give the one man first aid, and I was attacked!

It seems my mission is going to be next to impossible to complete. I will attempt to contact someone here who can help me.

Week V: I am writing this in a prison. They put people away here for loving one another! The police broke down the door and took both myself and the woman I was with to a place they called the "Station." I asked them if they had a teleportation device so that I might contact my "Station." They laughed and locked me up here.

Week VI: I lay here dying; they beat me today for showing affection to a woman here. They preach love and practice hate. The love they show is only a power play for the purpose of furthering their own personal ends with no consideration for others. With much regret, I must term Operation Armageddon incomplete.

Assigners note: Barbara was sent back today from the Third Plane. Apparently the people there are bent on destroying themselves. It is a shame, but we must term this mission as impossible.

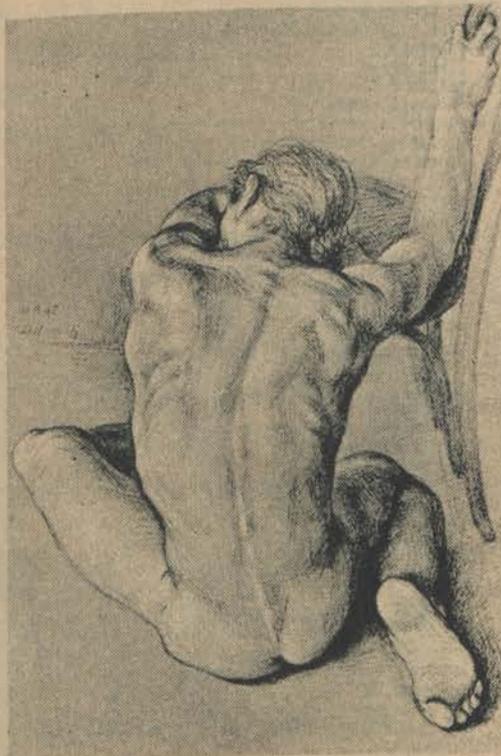
- by Dale Masters



a quiet night
alone, together
he surprised me
with a golden necklace
and tenderly placed it on my neck.

tears filled my eyes
and he kissed them away.

greg hull



i looked at my love
sadness in his eyes
pain in his heart

i reached out
and touched his lips
and held him close forever.

greg hull

DISH DEMONS

Mad things batter inside the shell
Demanding release
To work their violence
Their pounding is relentless
The unceasing hammering
Does not break the shell
They find an exit by chance
And the mad things crawl and swoop
And titter and cackle and screech
Ripping at faces
and tearing at minds
and shredding at souls
The mad things are hardly craftsmen
Though their work is exact
The mad things fade away when their task
is complete
But their handiwork transcends time.

Harry Long



KNOW

Know
That you have the ability
To make me laugh
And remember
That talent should not lie fallow

Know
That you possess the power
To make me miserable
And remember
A wise man uses power cautiously

Know
That you were a sunbeam
That pierced the gloom of my life
And remember
I thought it very dark then

Know
That you are not difficult
To fall in love with
And remember
You are almost impossible to touch

Know
That at that inevitable time
When we part
I'll remember
For what you've given me
For what you've shown me
For what you've brought into my life
For what you've taught me about myself
For what you've lamented your inability
to do

Know
That I find inexpressable joy
In saying the word "lover"
And remember ...

Harry H Long

LOOKA DAT (A BAR POEM)

i.
He moves—my God! he moves
like a coiled steel spring
undulating
A wet dream
set to a disco beat
An erotic cobra
(symbolic, eh?)
ululating with the music
(Does he move like that in bed?)
That incredible man
reeking sexual gratification
in a blistering aura -
icon of lustful wish fulfillment
(Think of him in my bed
softly, slowly, sensuously slithering
across the sheets)

ii.
Is there a technique he hasn't mastered?
Probably not
Is there a position he won't try for kicks?
I doubt it
Has he ever been exhausted before his
repertoire?
Impossible
Is there a man here who hasn't panted for
a returned smile?
Can't be
Is he for me?
Nope

iii.
Is there anyone here who gets into Victor
Hugo, Henrich Kley, H. P. Lovecraft, Frank
Frazetta, Rachmaninoff, Maurice Sendak,
Borodin, Warner Brothers musicals, Jean
Cocteau, Dr. Strange, Iris Murdoch and
dope, or should I just order another gin
and tonic and forget it?

Harry H Long



NGTF WOMEN COOPERATE IN LESBIAN SOURCEBOOK PROJECT

Women of the National Gay Task Force are cooperating in the preparation of a lesbian resource book being edited by NGTF media director Ginny Vida. The book will be published by Prentice Hall in the fall of 1977 or spring of 1978.

The volume will include about 35 articles on a variety of subjects, including coming out, therapy and counseling, monogamy and alternate lifestyles, legal problems and remedies, lesbian mothers, activism, lesbian culture, lesbian feminist theory, race, class and age. Anyone who wishes to submit brief personal testimonies (3-5 typewritten, double-spaced pages) on any of these subjects is encouraged to do so. Also, clear black-and-white photos are being sought of lesbians who are willing to be pictured in the book.

An appendix listing groups which have an active, significant lesbian membership or which offer services to lesbians is also being prepared. Any organization which has not already received an application to be listed in the appendix may send for a Lesbian Sourcebook Survey Form. For information, contact Ginny Vida, NGTF, 80 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY 10011; (212)-741-1010 weekdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

- National Gay Task Force

MALE RAPE STUDY

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Male Rape Studies, a San Francisco project, is interested in interviewing male rape victims. The project's ultimate goals are to educate both gays and straights as to what male rape is, how it happens, what it means to both the victim and the rapist, and to create means both to combat and to overcome its effects.

If you have been a victim of male rape, the project needs your help.

Please write to: MARS, 537 Jones Street, #400, San Francisco, CA 94102. Male Rape Studies will send a numbered questionnaire on which the recipient's name never appears.

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COURT SUPPORTS STUDENT GROUPS

RICHMOND, VA—Gay Community News of Boston reports that a federal court of appeals has ruled that public colleges and universities cannot refuse registration of campus

student groups. The Fourth U.S. Court of Appeals in Richmond ruled that an association of students whose objectives are legal must be accorded the same status as any other campus organization. The court thus over-ruled the U.S. District Court ruling that refused to order Virginia Commonwealth University to allow registration of that university's Gay Student Alliance.

In the Virginia Commonwealth University case, the gay group's application was not handled through the regular channels but was brought to the university Board of Visitors, which rejected the registration request. The board claimed that registration would imply university sanction of homosexuality, increase gay contacts, and encourage other gay people to flock to the university.

However, the appeals court made it clear that there was no evidence to indicate that the gay organization was engaged in any illegal conduct. The court observed that while acts of sodomy are illegal in the state of Virginia, homosexuality in itself is not illegal.

According to the court, the gay student group was simply a political organization "seeking to generate understanding and acceptance of individuals whose sexual orientation is wholly or partly homosexual."

ENGLISH PROFS SUPPORT

CHICAGO—The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) narrowly passed a resolution on discrimination against lesbians and gay men at the organization's business meeting in Chicago on Nov. 27. The resolution—offered from the floor by Louie Crew, gay activist who teaches at Fort Valley State College in Georgia—passed by a close vote of 102-96.

The resolution reads:

"Whereas lesbians and gay men are now and have always been present in society and members of our profession, both as students and teachers, we the members of the National Council of Teachers of English urge the immediate end of all discrimination against them wherever it may exist, specifically in the hiring and firing practices of our profession, in the textbooks of our discipline, and in our own classroom practices and exchanges with students. We further urge that NCTE establish an appropriate group charged with both investigating problems faced by lesbian and gay male colleagues and students in the discipline of English and the formulating of recommendations to the Council concerning their welfare in the profession."

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GAY PRIDE '77 REVVING UP

NEW YORK—The Interim Committee of the Christopher Street Liberation Day annual march and rally met Oct. 27 to begin planning for next year's activity. Nov. 22 was set as the date for the election of the new CSLD Steering Committee, which will in turn schedule the Town Hall meeting at which the New York metropolitan area gay community will band together for the purpose of hosting the East's largest gay gathering. Last year's march and rally—which drew around 15,000 persons—was at daggers drawn with 'CSLD, Inc.,' a loose association of bar owners and conservative interests whose plans for an opposing parade collapsed and which eventually sponsored the street fair on Christopher in conjunction with the CSLD march, a fair that drew over one hundred thousand gays.

Echoes of the dispute still persist, and the CSLD Interim Committee hotly discussed whether 'CSLD, Inc.' should be officially invited to the upcoming Steering Committee elections and whether that Committee will have the right to exclude elements it considers disruptive. Also discussed in this connection was the Gay Walk group that refused to take part in the CSLD march on Sixth Avenue and staged one of its own, drawing all of 25 persons up Fifth. The Interim Committee—consisting of Tony Duice, Rene Ruiz, and Father Leo Joseph of the Church of the Beloved Disciple—came to no conclusion on these issues.

Treasury confusions were also straightened out and tentative plans adopted for fund raising and publicity.

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CHURCH MAY LOVE, CARE FOR GAYS, NOT MARRY THEM, SAYS BISHOP WHO REFUSED

The Rt. Rev. John T. Walker turned thumbs down when he heard of the plans of two homosexual men to marry at the Episcopal Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation in Washington, DC.

But when the couple, Wayne Schwandt, 27, and John Fortunato, 29, continued to plan for the big day, with the sanction of the vestry, Bishop Walker said he would ask the diocese to cut off \$7,000 in annual financial aid to the parish if the couple persisted.

The Rev. William A. Wendt, rector, said the "wedding" will probably take place at another local church and he plans to participate in the ceremony.

The dispute is over the interpretation of a resolution adopted last September that said homosexuals are entitled to "the love, acceptance and pastoral concern and care of the church."

But as Bishop Walker sees it, "That resolution cannot be construed to mean that the church gives approval to marriage of homosexuals or anything that looks like a marriage."

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SENATOR LYNCH REFUSES GAYS

PHILADELPHIA—State Senator Frank Lynch (D), who represents Center City west of Broad Street and probably has the largest gay constituency in the state, has refused to meet with the two openly gay Democratic City Committee persons in his district to discuss repeal of the sodomy law and enactment of civil rights legislation for gays. He relayed this message through his secretary who told Committeeperson Harry Langhorne that the senator was "unable to sponsor your bills because he's not on the Judiciary Committee where they would be assigned, and he doesn't think there's any reason to meet with you."

Last year Lynch voted for both of the anti-gay bills that came before the state Senate.

Lynch has been refusing to meet with two other gays as well, who have written and telephoned repeatedly since last spring. Lynch, who is chair of the Transportation Committee, claimed he was too busy to meet, first because of hearings he was holding on a new state motor vehicles code, then because of hearings on the Concorde, then because of vacation, elections, and last but not least, the top priority he is giving his attempt to extricate himself from the dental school scandal. He has been accused of taking a \$10,000 bribe to get a young man into dental school. He refused to return the money even though the student ended up getting into school on his own.

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NO MONEY, NO MARRIAGE

WASHINGTON, DC—A threat of a financial cutoff of funds from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington to a local parish has ended the wedding plans of two gay men here. The planned Nov. 20 nuptials of Wayne Schwant and John Fortunato had been announced as a "holy union" in a parish newsletter but were called off six days before the wedding date.

The bishop co-adjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, Rt. Rev. John T. Walker, had attempted to persuade the church rector, Rev. William Wendt, to cancel the ceremony but Wendt had refused. The two men quarreled over an interpretation of the Episcopal Church's Sept. 1976 resolution stating that homosexuals are entitled to "the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the church."

However, when the diocese threatened to cut off \$7,000 in funds, Rector Wendt backed down and cancelled the marriage ceremony.

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CANADA'S GAY BAN

OTTAWA, CANADA—Canada's long-awaited immigration legislation to replace the present immigration act has been prepared for introduction in Parliament. According to the Body Politic, the new act—which has the backing of the Trudeau government—contains no reference to homosexuality.

The present immigration act on the books bars entry to Canada to homosexuals, prostitutes, epileptics, and those said to be "living off the avails of homosexuality or prostitution." The act also prohibits

entry by those who have committed an illegal act involving "moral turpitude." Boston gay activist John Kyper has been in the lead of those testing the Canadian immigration act. It is not known at this time when the new legislation will be introduced.

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DIGNITY SWAMPED AFTER ANN LANDERS ARTICLE

BOSTON—Syndicated columnist Ann Landers, whose advice to the lovelorn reaches readers throughout the United States, recommended in a recent article that Catholic gays in need of counseling contact the international office of Dignity here. Result: Dignity was inundated with over 1,000 inquiries during the first week alone.

Dignity reports that requests varied from simple inquiries about information to "long and heart-rending letters, some hate mail, and some beautifully inspiring notes."

Landers' suggestion that gays contact Dignity surprised many gays because her position on homosexuality has been far from acceptable to many gay leaders.

Dignity's home offices are located at 755 Boylston St., Rm. 413, Boston, MA 02116; phone (617)-267-5646. Philadelphia gay Catholics may also contact the Philadelphia chapter of Dignity at 425-4440.

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"PRISSY" OFF-STAGE IN MARIETTA

MARIETTA, PA—Patrons of the Railroad House in Marietta were a bit surprised by a spontaneous performance presented in the basement bar of Pennsylvania's latest addition to the gay bar scene.

The patrons were a bit taken back in the commotion and quite astounded when a person who calls himself "Prissy," at the urging of the patrons, retreated into the storage room and reappeared while the juke box was playing "The Stripper." Dressed in a red table cloth, a wig from the bathroom closet, and palm branch in hand, Prissy proceeded to entertain them on her way down the bar to collect the basket full of \$ that had been collected in his behalf.

The Railroad House has recently discontinued entertainment which was in the form of blue grass bands. When Prissy was asked if his performance signaled the reinstatement of entertainment of another form at the establishment, he replied, "You certainly don't think anyone would pay me for that!"



FRENCH COMMUNISTS

PARIS—The Central Committee of the French Communist Party will soon hold an internal workshop on homosexuality. The workshop will be chaired by Central Committee member Pierre Juquin and feature psychoanalyst Dr. B. Mulworf. Other participants in the workshop will include gay members of the party, but no gay activists outside the CP have been invited to participate. The CP Central Committee has not ruled out their participation, however.

The "Association pour la liberte des pederastes et des homosexuels" reports that this workshop represents an important change in the CP attitudes towards gays. In the past the French CP has seen gayness as a bourgeois perversion. The party's new evaluation should be made public before the end of the year.

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Wednesdays

7:30 pm, midweek communion, MCC, Eisen-
hower Chapel, State College.
7:30 pm, prayer meeting, MCC, Middletown.

8:00 pm, consciousness raising, MCC,
Middletown.

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7:00 pm, Christian Awareness Discussion,
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SPECIAL EVENTS

January

- 20 - 8:00 pm, Homophiles of Williamsport
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- 21 - 7:00 pm, Dignity monthly Mass/meeting,
Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts,
Harrisburg.

February

- 3 - 8:00 pm, HOW meeting, 1500 High Street,
Williamsport (Mike Waltz & Rick Smith
home).
- 4 - 7-10:00 pm, PA Council of Sexual Minor-
ities meeting, 320 Hetzel Union Bldg.,
State College.
- 10 - 9:00 pm-12 midnight, Homophiles of
Penn State (HOPS) coffeehouse, 415 E.
Foster Ave, State College.
- 12 - 9:30 pm, HOW Party, Carpenter's Union

Hall, E. Third St, Williamsport. \$5.00
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ferred, call 322-7987.

- 17 - 8:00 pm, HOW meeting, 1005 Packer St,
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- 25 - 7:00 pm, Dignity monthly Mass/meeting,
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Bundelion Tree (bar), 600 N. 7th Street,
Dignity, Box 297, Federal Square Station 17108.
Gay Community Services, Box 272 17108.
Golden Coach (bar), 4309 Linglestown Road,
Harrisburg Gay Switchboard, (717)-224-0528.
Integrity/Greater Harrisburg, Box 3009 17108.
MCC/Central Pennsylvania, 1001 N. Spring Street, Middletown
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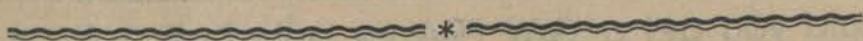
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