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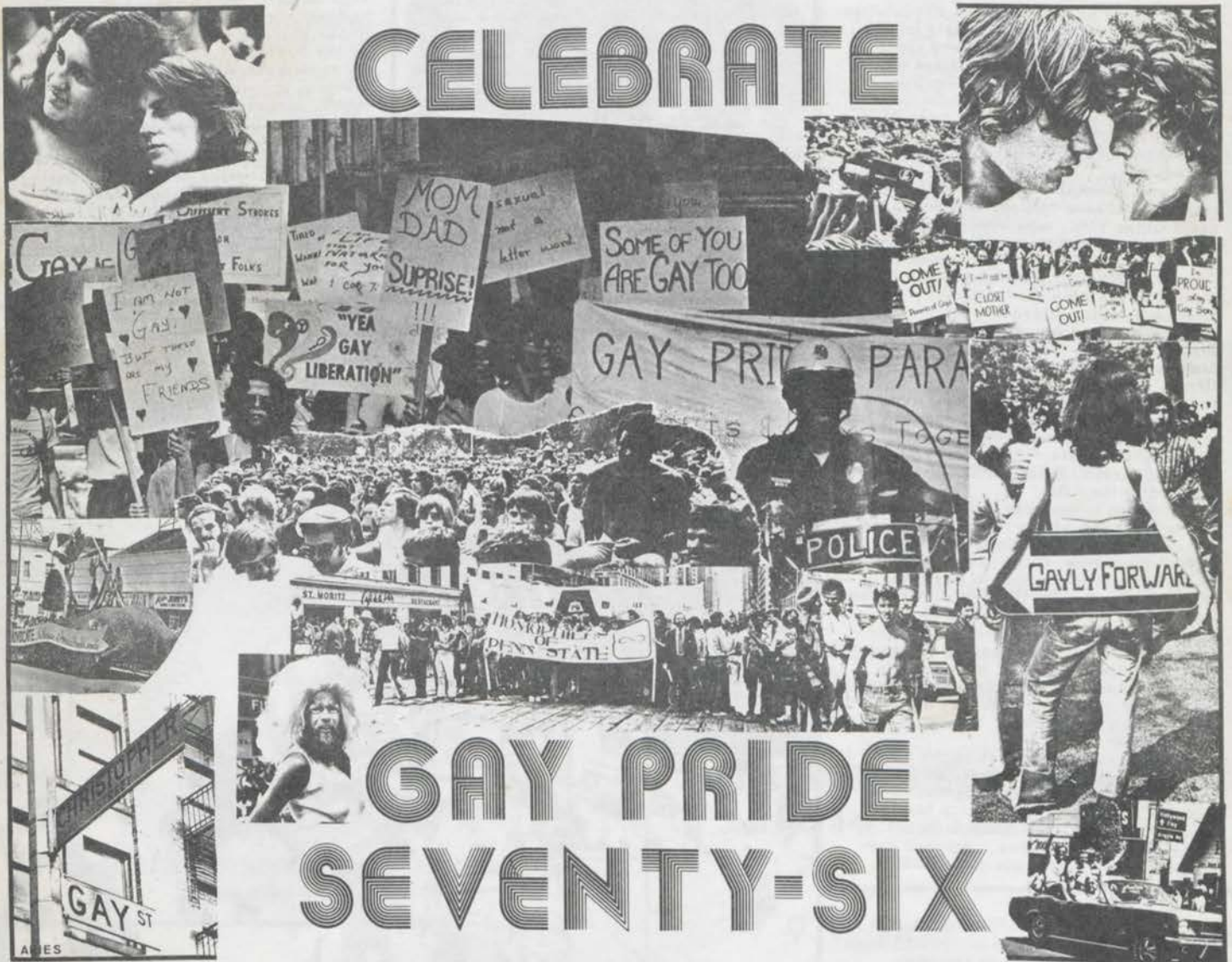
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## GAY PRIDE SEVENTY-SIX



# IN THE NEWS



## Shrinks get homophobia cure

Members of the American Psychiatric Association attending this year's annual convention in Miami Beach were given an opportunity to confront their fears of homosexuals at the National Gay Task Force booth, "Homophobia; Time for Cure." The convention, held from May 10-13, drew close to 10,000 psychiatrists and mental health workers from all over the country.

Booth attendants included NGTF board member Barbara Gittings and media director Ginny Vida, with super assistance from gay men and women from the Center for Dialog and Florida International University in Miami. Members of the Gay Caucus of the APA also staffed the exhibit on Tuesday afternoon.

The booth, designed and constructed for NGTF by the Baltimore Gay Alliance, featured a display of photographs, news items, cartoons, and comic strips collected by Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin of Philadelphia. The homophobia exhibit was divided into four sections labeled "Mild," "Moderate," "Severe," and "Rx for Cure." Space for the booth was donated by the APA.

Although it has been more than two years since the APA's historic decision to remove homosexuality from the list of mental disorders, many psychiatrists are still resistant to the idea of gay love. NGTF staffers noted that the homophobes who visited the booth tended to begin their remarks with, "I have a number of gay friends, BUT..." or "They can do anything they like, BUT..." and conclude with references to the old medical model which describes homosexuality as an illness caused by "fixation" and "arrested development."

However, the response to the booth was overwhelmingly positive, on the whole. One woman was delighted to see that the Doonsbury comic strip had featured a gay character confronting a heterosexual's prejudice. Another psychiatrist appreciated advice on how to

encourage a patient to "come out" in therapy. Many requested literature and other materials for use in educating nurses and medical students. And a number of lesbian and gay male psychiatrists used the booth as a communications center during the convention.

A definite exit from the closet was signaled by this year's meeting of the APA's Gay Caucus, which drew about 80 people, as compared with 20 last year. Dr. James Paulsen of Stanford University came out publically at the age of 50 and did a television talk show with Barbara Gittings on the local ABC affiliate.

Another step forward was the inclusion in this year's convention program of a videotape panel moderated by Dr. Robert Gould on "The Impact of the APA's Removal of Homosexuality from the List of Mental Disorders." The four sessions of the hour-long video program were packed. Taped a few weeks prior to the convention, the panel included NGTF staff members Bruce Voeller, Father Robert Herrick, and Ginny Vida, Congressman Ed Koch, and others who commented on the effects of the APA decision in terms of legislation, religion, the lives of lesbians and gay men, and the APA itself. Dr. Gould observed that although the APA decision had not changed the views of older psychiatrists, there had been a definite liberalizing impact on the attitudes of younger APA members.

In the discussion that followed the second video showing, Dr. Gould stressed the need for creating an atmosphere in which gay psychiatrists would feel free to acknowledge their gayness. He told of two psychiatrist-analysts who had completed 4-5 years of their own psychoanal-

ysis without disclosing their homosexuality. "These are true stories," he said. "Surely there is more we can do to bring an end to this farce,"

- National Gay Task Force

## Television

Recently NGTF was able to attend a shareholders meeting of the Viacom Corporation and present a statement objecting to Viacom's distribution of an unedited version of the made-for-television film, "Born Innocent," in which lesbians are portrayed as rapists. NGTF's presence was made possible because one of their members signed over his proxy to representatives of NGTF, the Gay Media Coalition, and the Gay Teachers Association. It gave them a chance to directly confront the Chairperson of the Board and all the officers of the corporation, including the President, to air their grievances. If you hold stock in a company which is known to sponsor or distribute homophobic shows, please let them know so that they can arrange to have input into the shareholders meetings.

One such corporation is MCA Television, Ltd., which is currently distributing two homophobic episodes of the Marcus Welby series. The NGTF would also be interested to know if anyone owns shares in Columbia Pictures—they own the syndication rights to the "Flowers of Evil" episode of "Policewoman," which



The faces of Gay Liberation on this and following news pages are photos from previous years' Gay Pride Marches.



# IN THE NEWS

featured three lesbian murderers. Also: does anyone own stock in CBS, NBC, or ABC? Please write to Ginny Vida, NGTF Media Director, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011, (212)-741-1010.  
- NGTF

Danny Arnold, producer of the ABC television show "Barney Miller" testified during a producers' suit against the TV networks, the National Association of Broadcasters, and the FCC over family viewing, that ABC Vice-President Alfred Schneider told him that his show could not present any homosexuals to the viewing public during "family viewing time." He also stated that the ABC policy extended as well to prostitutes, adult themes, and "damns" and "hells".

Loretta Lottman, who was until recently the Media Director of the National Gay Task Force, told Gay Community News (Boston), that "Schneider (the ABC Vice-President) often told me--and so did his assistant Richard Gitter--that there were no ABC guidelines barring homosexual themes and characters from the air." However, Lottman asserts that she tends to believe Arnold (the producer) on this issue.

Lottman also noted that "ABC has also done no gay oriented programming to speak of in the last year." "Nothing. As Schneider and Gitter were the individuals raked over the coals during the Welby protest, it does seem that this is their answer."

Anyone interested in writing to ABC about their coverage of gay people should address their communications to Alfred Schneider, Vice-President, Richard Gitter, or Elton Rule, President, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10019.



## March & Rally

There will be a Mass Gay March & Rally in New York City July 11 at Madison Square Garden, site of the 1976 Democra-

tic National Convention.

The New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations (NYSCGO) has announced plans for a mass protest march and rally. The demonstration is being called to raise two demands before the public at a time when popular and media attention will be focused on New York City.

The NYSCGO demands are the repeal of all consensual sodomy laws and the passage of gay rights legislation.

In light of the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision (John Doe et. al vs. Commonwealth State of Virginia) in which the Virginia State sodomy laws were upheld, it is essential that the gay community present a unified, non-violent, militant presence on July 11 in order to firmly impress gay issues upon the consciousness of American politics. This year the news media of the globe will be witness to thousands of proud and defiant gay people affirming their human rights and the joy of their life style. The political impact upon the conscience of the American people will be maximized by a massive gay presence at convention time.

Despite continued lobbying efforts by NYSCGO and other groups around the country, 36 states still maintain barbaric sodomy laws on the books. NYSCGO, therefore, invites support and endorsements from all gay organizations for its demands and encourages participation in the July 11 demonstration.

The time has come for concerned lesbians and gay men to join in solid unity behind the NYSCGO demands in order to demonstrate our determination to take the struggle for gay liberation out of the hands of apathetic legislators, and lay our case before the people.

More information can be had by contacting Jerry Martin or Arthur Goodman, c/o G. A. A., Box 2, Village Station, New York City 10014, (212)-677-6090.

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# JAMES DEAN WAS HE OR WASN'T HE ?

by Ken Burke

(reprinted from the Le-Hi-Ho newsletter)

How does one analyze and define another human being's sexuality without bias? None of us can; whether homosexual, heterosexual, or bisexual, we have undergone society's conditioning; and even someone of an asexual disposition has their prejudices.

I can recall in my early teens, seeing a stimulating theatre billboard advertising James Dean's third picture "Giant" (1957); all I could do was think "wow" as I felt the desire surge. With that memory, and having seen all three of his pictures plus a number of his television performances, I can truthfully write, "I want to believe James Dean was gay!" So, rather than opinionize, I will instead do a reporting of facts, and let you arrive at whatever conclusion you feel is most appropriate.

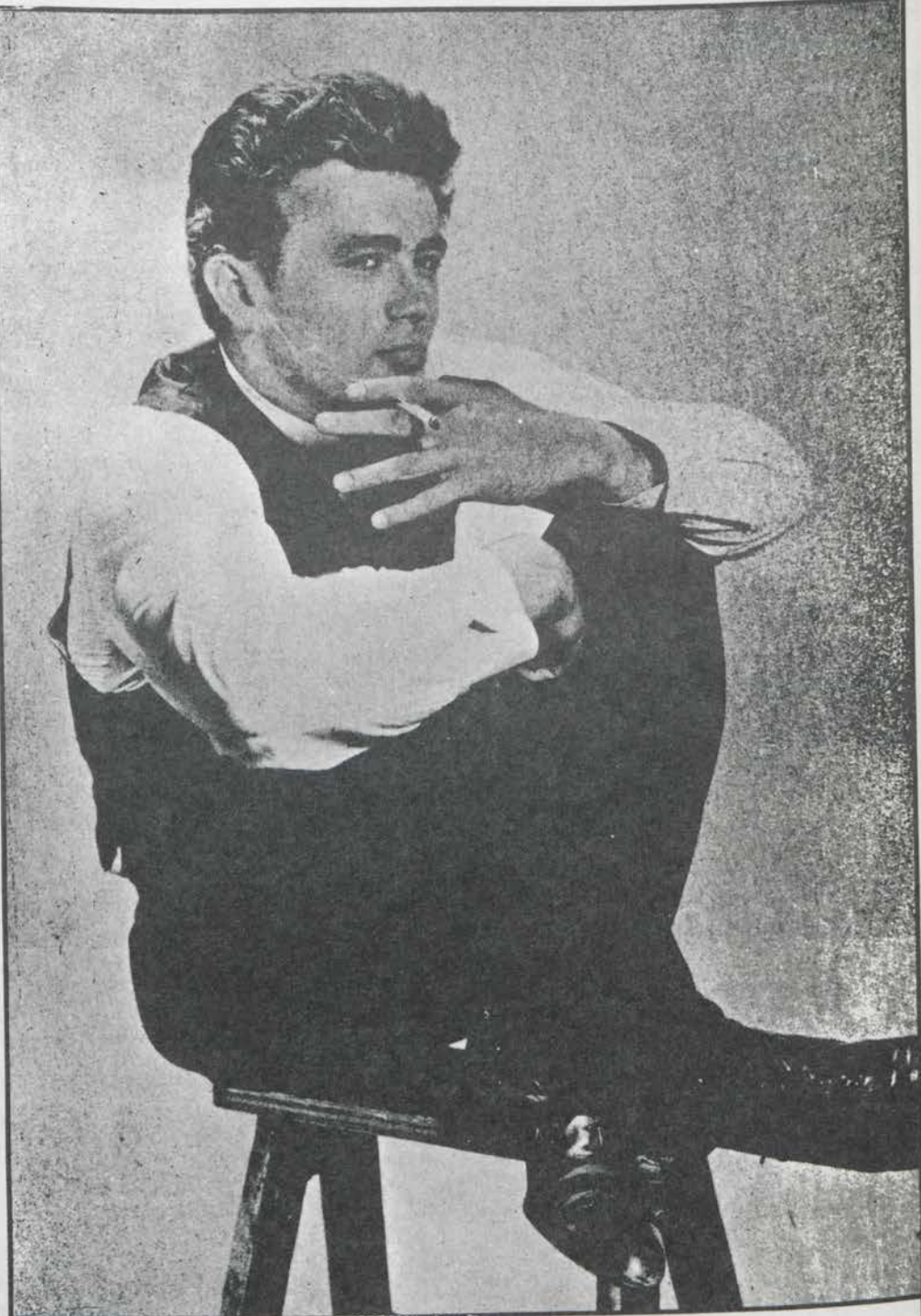
James Byron Dean (1931-1955) was infinitely more than just a rebellious Indiana farmboy who "happened" into the movies. He worked hard and long to perfect an acting ability that could be best termed brilliant. Although acting was his forte, he was a renaissance man in his interests and pursuits. A painter of considerable talent, he enjoyed doing portraits in an impressionistic style (one of his canvases was acquired by the Museum of Modern Art in New York - before he became a star). He always drew enthusiastic applause when he gave impromptu poetry readings; even better than reading poetry, he enjoyed writing it. Jimmy scribbled this poem to an anonymous lover on the flyleaf of a gift book:

Sight is bent to lick  
your heart;  
A liquid mouth dilutes  
my thought.  
Souls knit a nebulea mat  
We live here in every world  
Secret loft in azure habitat.

Another talent of Jimmy's which quickly developed during the filming of "Rebel Without A Cause" was his directing ability. Director Nicholas Ray took the credit, but he gave Jimmy a free hand in directing a major portion of the film. Apparently Ray quickly recognized Jimmy's talents.

James Dean preferred to keep his sexual side rather hidden, except of course for the expected staged dates with Hollywood starlets. He did have an occasional girl friend, but perhaps that was a front dictated by the times. Remember, this was the early 50's of Joe Mc Carthy and "witch hunts" for "comie pinko fags." People of prominence had to be careful, both politicians and movie stars. His High School teachers tell us that, at a time when other boys couldn't do enough dating, Jimmy never went out with girls.

Once in New York, his current girl friend at the time barged in on him one morning and was horrified to find him in bed with a man. And, in Hollywood it was reported that at a party he picked up a transvestite named Dick Devine and retired to the upstairs bedroom. Such incidents started rumors flying. Jimmy's own answer to some one who finally asked



him if he were gay was, "Well, I'm certainly not going through life with one hand tied behind my back." At the very least, in Hollywood, Jimmy was collecting experience and wouldn't be prevented from trying anything. As put by author David Dalton in James Dean: The Mutant King:

"He felt that he was both prey to his latent homosexuality and attracted to it." He wrote, with his usual ironic tone to a friend: "I'm staying in a guy's apartment while he flies to London. No dear . . . . by airplane! He's a TWA purser not a vampire. At least not a full-

fledged one. That's why I have to leave tomorrow. He's coming back. I'm sure he considers me a victim. I do not wish to move to ----'s apartment now. He has been staying here with me. He also considers me a victim. I refuse to be sucked into things of that nature. (pun)"

It is a substantiated fact that while living in New York, Jimmy had a number of homosexual roommates, and it has been insuated that he even got some of his early parts thru these connections, in tel-

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# RURAL CAUCUS

## REPORT

WESTCHESTER, PA — The June meeting of the Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus was held at Westchester State College, Westchester, Penna. in the Sykes Student Union, June 5th, beginning at 1pm. The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Ruth Steck at 1:45pm.

Marti Shane, a student at Westchester, spoke of the problems faced by openly gay students at that campus. The student body is primarily homophobic, athletically-oriented, and male. Flagrant disregard for basic human rights regarding privacy, illegal use of phones by certain students, and outright beatings of suspected homosexuals were the core of discussion.

The meeting hit a lighter vein when Bill Hollabaugh announced a dance following the caucus in Bethlehem, and sponsored by Le-Hi-Ho. Janet Cooper mentioned a screening of a Susan Saxe film in Philadelphia that the FBI is attempting to suppress. It is sponsored by the Susan Saxe Defense Fund and interested persons can contact her for details.

Bill Hollabaugh reported on the lack of Senate support for the sodomy repeal laws and suggests that we examine the legislative conduct of other states that have already repealed their laws to see how they did it. He announced a meeting prior to the Gay Pride March in Phila. at the Dignity Meeting House, 250 S. 12th St., Phila., at 10:00 am.

The report from Sam Deetz on Legislative Committee advancements of the Governor's Council stressed that the caucus has poor communications both internally and externally and that some people are wrongly feeling that Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and the Rural Caucus are not working together. We have to have faith in each other and not be afraid to reach out to each other for support when problems arise. We cannot afford to pass the buck at this stage of the game. This may not be an apt expression.

— A bundle of small sticks for starting a big fire is a bunch of faggots. As long as they are all bundled up and tied together, you cannot break them. After you have untied them and separated them, they are quite easy to break one by one. Are we together, or are we waiting to be broken?

Joe Burns, Ken Burke, and Ray Stickles were nominated for co-chairperson. Ken and Joe withdrew and Ray was again nominated to co-chairperson. There were four abstentions.

A motion was made to improve communications by establishing a Caucus 'telephone tree' and a Communications Committee to seek alternatives to our problems in that area. Ray Stickles is the convener of that committee.

Tim Wing, counselor and advisor for West Chester Gays, and Janet Cooper reported on homophobic reactions at the Student Personnel Conference and concluded that all the state college campuses have greater or lesser degrees of discriminating against sexual minorities.

The discussion tied in with the Campus Committee report which brought out the idea of using WATS line facilities at Bloomsburg State to get feedback on how sexual discrimination affects students on other campuses.

Joe Burns, of the Liason Committee, presented the fourteen resolutions hammered out at the Liason meeting the weekend before they were accepted by the general accord of the membership present. They are still to be ratified by the member organizations throughout the state.

Two motions were accepted by the caucus regarding fiscal responsibility. They are (1) the various caucus committees submit budgets for the coming year to the eventual treasurer and financial committee who will submit a collated budget to the membership and (2) that the Caucus budget be prepared by the first week of September 1976 and presented to the caucus at that time to affirm or disaffirm the expenditures.

A motion was made to establish the permanent mailing address of the caucus at the 'GAY ERA' headquarters which was enthusiastically adopted.

A motion was also presented that since the Gay Pride March was coming up that weekend and since some members of the Rural Gay Caucus were going to be there representing their own home groups, we should have a banner of the Caucus for all of us to march behind to show our support for the organization. Rich Hoffman was to sew the banner with a design and color combination agreed upon by those present at the meeting.

A meeting of the Communications Committee will be announced between now and the July Caucus meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm. The next meeting will be held Sat., July 10 at the Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. at 1 pm.

by Sam Edmiston

## JAMES DEAN

evision and on Broadway. Despite this, one of his former roommates, Bill Blast, who has become a minor celebrity himself (in television writing) and wrote the recent television special "James Dean: Portrait of a Friend", proclaims "Jimmy was a dabbler, he was learning through experiment.....but to say he was gay? That's ridiculous."

I've read the evidence, in the four books I've listed below, and I've pondered for hours. I cannot say with any certainty if James Dean was gay, and without some certainty I will not say. But, I do know which way I lean! Regardless of his preferences, with his talent he propelled himself into becoming one of the most godlike personalities of our time. James Byron Dean, artist.

According to the National Catholic Reporter, May 7 issue, four leaders of TUORI, the Italian gay liberation group based in Turin, Italy, are suing Pope Paul VI, as "Dr. Giovanni Battista Mantini," for \$250,000 in libel damages. They are basing the suit on the Pope's description of homosexuality as "shameful" and "harmful."

The action follows the Pope's denouncement of accusations that he is a "homosexual."

DYKETACTICS, the lesbian feminist activist group in Philadelphia, is bringing suit against the City of Philadelphia for two incidents of brutality that occurred on Dec. 4, 1975. The incidents occurred when DYKETACTICS and other gay and feminist groups joined in a protest over the death of the Philadelphia Gay Civil Rights Bill #1275.

The incidents occurred when supporters of the bill were thrown out of City Council Chambers. DYKETACTICS women were then herded and beaten down four flights of stairs and thrown out the door of City Hall following a guerrilla theater action.

Six DYKETACTICIANS are bringing the lawsuit against the City for compensatory damages of \$10,000 per individual plaintiff and \$25,000 for DYKETACTICS and punitive damages of \$25,000 per individual plaintiff and \$25,000 for DYKETACTICS.

The lawsuit is one of the first to be brought against any U.S. Government authority for police harassment and brutality of lesbians. The trial date is June 15, 1976.

Send contributions to DYKETACTICS, Legal Fund, c/o Free Women's School, Penn Women's Center, 112 Logan Hall, Philadelphia 19174.

## LETTERS

To the editor:

Now the Gay Era has a centerfold! Maybe I can't appreciate the drawing because I'm a woman. But even if the drawing was of a woman, I still would have been offended. Aren't there items that would be of more importance and interest to the gay community than wasting two pages of our paper. If I wanted to look at a centerfold like that I would have subscribed to Playgirl.

Terrie Kenney

Gay Era Staff:

Congratulations to Dave Leas and Harry Long for accurate coverage of the Fiddler's doings. When are we going to learn that gays don't need shit in the guise of "Serving the Gay Community"?

Disappointed to see the centerfold of the last issue. Aren't we exploited enough?? Come now Harry, artistic expression and creativity are fine, but if you're going to liberate us, stay away from the ADVOCATE format and concentrate on getting it together. Remember, we're not straight. With no bad taste, I realize ecology is not a gay issue, but most of us are familiar with the male anatomy. However, few are not so aware of how and why we are killing ourselves and each other off. Not that they care, but we can give them the chance to find out. Then when the world's all gay, we'll be alive and able to keep on living. Now the homophobes can say that I want to turn everyone ... queer.

Bari





### HARRISBURG REFLECTIONS

Friday nights  
city lights  
look so beautiful  
from up here.  
I love you now  
more than ever.  
I'm glad to share  
my wonder  
with you.  
Let's gaze upon the city  
and transcend our values  
and soci-sins  
to make this night  
the most memorable.

Sandy

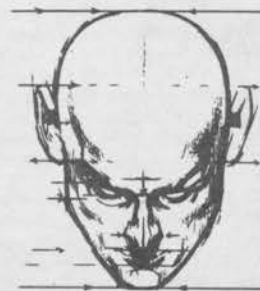


If you erase me,  
And I know that you might.  
Who'd ever trace me,  
An impression so light?

I would give way  
As when lead meets rubber;  
With nothing to say,  
Alone and so sober.

I would rub softly,  
From page after page  
With ideals so lofty,  
Without courage or rage.

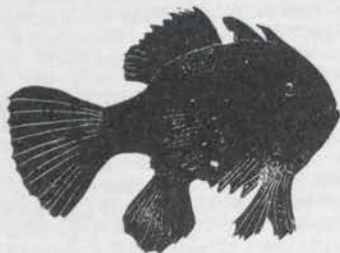
—Joseph Anthony



### CRUISING

Hey,  
come here  
tempt me  
that's right  
tempt me  
a rose  
a wink  
a book maybe  
tempt me  
you can do it  
tempt me  
a movie  
dinner  
soft music  
that's it  
now you've got it  
tempt me baby  
a trip  
a cadillac  
a mink  
Oooh!  
come on big fella,  
tempt me.

"Kiva"





# OPINION!

## Helpful hints for homosexuals ...

1. First, a lot depends on how you feel about being gay. If you think it's the greatest, that helps.
2. Choose the time to tell sensibly— when things are going well, or at least a certain amount of calm prevails.
3. Don't blurt it out during an argument; it will become a weapon instead of a sharing.
4. You may want to tell only your mother, or only your father (depending on your particular relationship with either.)
5. Lead into the telling, if you can, with an expression of your love and concern for your parents. If you don't usually say these things, think up something nice or thoughtful to do or say.
6. Be prepared for the likelihood that the news will upset and hurt your parents, and that one or both of them might lash out at you. Try not to respond defensively and angrily, but 'allow' them this initial reaction.
7. Tell them: "You loved me before you knew this, I'm still the same person I was, and I hope you still love me."
8. Keep the lines of communication open, and remember that your parents are having to change their concept of you and your life — and that they probably don't have an accurate picture of what homosexuality is.
9. Read some of the books on the preceding list, and make them available to your parents.
10. If they cannot deal with this subject rationally, don't force the issue. Don't flaunt yourself or your friends defiantly — but if your parents are willing to meet your friends, make sure they have the chance to do so.

## ...and their parents

1. First of all: LET YOUR CHILD KNOW YOU STILL LOVE HIM OR HER.
2. Be aware that the telling has not been easy for your child, and that he or she is sharing something important with you. REALLY LISTEN.
3. Try to find out how your child is feeling, and what being gay means to her or him.
4. No matter how strongly you feel, try to handle your reactions with some restraint. If you can be honest with your feelings — or some of them — it will help you and your child. For example: "Son, I'll admit this hits pretty hard. But lets talk about it again, soon." "This isn't easy to hear, Sue, frankly I'm shocked. But I'm glad you told me." "Jack, I'm worried that you'll get into trouble with the police or whatever... Please be careful."
5. After the initial revelation, don't consider the subject closed! Your child will want and need to talk about this again, if you're willing to listen.
6. Give yourself a chance to meet your child's friends. It will mean a lot to your child— and you may be pleasantly surprised if you let yourself get to know them. Besides, those young friends need sympathetic parents to talk with, too.
7. Ask your child for some good books on homosexuality. Read them.
8. If there are others in the family who should be told, and that is your task, try to put it off until you feel better about the whole thing. (And you will!)
9. Don't let yourself relate every petty annoyance with your child to "being gay". Keep things in perspective. Try not to start hassling the child about every move. The child should still have his or her customary freedom and privacy.
10. If you ever hug your child, do it now! And once more: LET YOUR GAY CHILD KNOW YOUR LOVE HAS NOT CHANGED OR GONE AWAY.

—Betty Fairchild, Parents of Gays, Washington, D. C.

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# STONEWALL

The Bicentennial clatter is about to start ringing its bells in unison to celebrate 200 years of freedom and justice for all. Let's stop and think of where we have been for the past 200 and plan for the next decade to come.

We have been literally omitted from history books, we have been scorned, jailed, admitted to asylums, beaten, murdered, rejected, frightened, . . . denied.

We have fled our families and friends, rejected the ones that we love, cried a million tears, and worst of all, we have put up with it.

\* \* \*  
Then we rioted, and they think that we're bitter.

Amazingly enough, many gays, even those that are into the social scene (that get around), have never heard of the Stonewall Riots. This was the event that sparked Gay Pride and let us realize that we can fight back, even with force if necessary. The 'Stonewall boys' were not the average looking-acting gay people that many of us would like to present to a hostile straight society.

Then came the annual Gay Pride Marches, celebrating that weekend, letting the world know that we do exist.

"Out of the closets, into the streets!"  
"Two, four, six, eight. Gay is just as good as straight."

"... the homosexual now finds himself in a position where his "public image" is not what it should be. The blame for this lies mainly with those who flaunt their homosexuality in the faces of the general public."

"Blatant is beautiful!" cried a young man with his arm around his lover.

A "freaking fag revolution" was as frightening a specter to the closet queen who carefully polished his armor of righteousness each day as he presented himself to the world, as it was to our ignorant straight society.

\* \* \*  
And they think that we are flaunting our sexuality in their faces.

Who will be the first to object to a straight couple dancing together on a gay-bar dance floor. They're really not flaunting... they're normal. My, how gay people are so understanding!

Approximately 60,000 gay people marched from the Village to Central Park in last year's march in New York. And they still ignore us. They will not admit that we exist. We sometimes will not admit that we exist to ourselves. But yes, Virginia, we do exist. . .

Sheridan Square this weekend looked like something from a William Burroughs novel as the sudden specter of "gay power" erected its brazen head and spat out a fairy tale the likes of which the area has never seen. — Lucian Truscott IV in the *Village Voice*, July 3, 1969.

Though gay liberation efforts were not new, the Stonewall riots marked the beginning of our most concentrated and unified movement determination. After weeks of harassment by police in the Village bars, gays retaliated, demanding an end to their oppression.

When the New York City plainclothes officers entered the Stonewall Inn at 53

Christopher Street in Greenwich Village on Friday night, June 27, they had no reason to fear this raid would be any different from all the others. The police claimed that the reason for the raid was that the bar, which operates as a private club, had been selling liquor without a license. The club was closed, employees arrested, and the patrons ushered out. But instead of dissolving into the night, grateful for having escaped the scene of someone else's crime anonymous and unscathed. . .

Accounts by Lucian Truscott and Howard Smith, *Voice* reporters, give accurate first hand insight to the happenings of that night: (Truscott) . . . as the patrons trapped inside were released one by one, a crowd began to gather on the street. . . Initially a festive gathering, composed mostly of Stonewall boys who were waiting around for friends still inside or to see what was going to happen.

Suddenly the paddywagon arrived and the mood of the crowd changed. Three or more blatant queens-in full drag-were loaded inside, along with the bartender and doorman, to a chorus of catcalls and boos from the crowd. A cry went up to push the paddywagon over, but it drove away before anything could happen.

(Smith) . . . Pine (Deputy Inspector) ordered the three cars and paddywagon to leave with the prisoners before the crowd became more of a mob. . .

"Pigs!" "Faggot cops!" Pennies and dimes flew. I stood against the door. The detectives held at most a 10 foot clearing . . . A bottle, another bottle. Pine says, "Let's get inside. Lock ourselves inside, it's safer. . . Inside we hear the shattering of windows, followed by what we imagine to be bricks pounding against the door, voices yelling. . . The door crashes open, beer cans and bottles hurtle in. Pine and his troops rush to shut it. At that point the only uniformed cop among them gets hit with something under his eye. He holters, and his hand comes away scarlet. It looks a lot more serious than it really is. . . Three run out in front to see if they can scare the mob from the door. . . A beer can glances off Deputy Inspector Smyth's head. Pine. . . gathers himself, leaps out into the melee, and grabs someone around the waist, pulling him downward and back into the doorway. They fall. Pine regains hold and drags the elected protester inside by the hair. The door slams again. Angry cops converge on the gay, releasing their anger on this sample from the mob. . .

(Truscott) . . . It was Dave Van Ronk, who had come from the Lion's Head to see what was going on.

(Smith) . . . Pine is saying, "I saw him throwing something," and the guy unfortunately is giving some sass, snidely admits to throwing "only a few coins." The cop who was cut is incensed, yells something like, "So you're the one who hit me!" And while the other cops help, he slaps the prisoner five or six times very hard and finishes with a punch to the mouth. They handcuff the guy as he almost passes out. . .

(Truscott) . . . Three cops had been necessary to get Van Ronk away from the crowd and into the Stonewall. The exit left no cops on the street, and almost by signal the crowd erupted into cobblestone and bottle heaving. The reaction was solid; they were pissed. The trash can I was standing on was nearly yanked out from under me as a kid tried to grab it

to use in the window-smashing melee. From nowhere came an uprooted parking meter—used as a battering ram on the Stonewall door. . .

(Smith) . . . The door is smashed open again. More objects are thrown in. . . By now the mind's eye has forgotten the character of the mob: the sound filtering in doesn't sound like dancing faggots anymore. It sounds like a powerful rage bent on vendetta. That's why Pine's singling out of the guy was so important. The little force of detectives was beginning to feel fear, and Pine's action clinched their morale again. . . A door over to the side almost gives. One cop shouts, "Get away from there or I'll shoot!" It stops shaking. The front door is completely open. One of the big plywood windows gives, and it seems inevitable that the mob will pour in. A kind of tribal adrenaline rush bolsters all of us; they all take out and check pistols. . . I find a big wrench behind the bar, jam it into my belt. . . Hind sight: my fear on the verge of being trampled by a mob fills the same dimensions as my fear of being clubbed by the TPF (tactical patrol force, sometimes termed the "riot squad") . . . Pine places a few men on each side of the corridor leading away from the entrance. They aim unwavering at the door. I hear, "We'll shoot the first motherfucker that comes through that door." . . . I can only see the arm at the window. It squirts liquid into the room, and a flaring match follows. Pine is not more than 10 feet away. He aims his gun at the figures. . . He doesn't fire. The sound of sirens coincides with the whoosh of flames where the lighter fluid was thrown. . . It was that close. . . It had lasted 45 minutes. . .

Carloads of police reinforcements arrived as Smith exited the Stonewall, finished taking some notes, and went back inside; " . . . all the mirrors, jukeboxes, phones, toilets, and cigarette machines were smashed. Even the sinks were stuffed and running over. And we say the police did it. The courts will say that (they) are innocent."

Truscott in summing up the first night's rioting: "By the time the last cop was off the street Saturday morning, a sign was going up announcing that the Stonewall would be reopened that night. It did."

Saturday brought graffiti on the Stonewall's front: "They invaded our rights!"; "Support Gay Power"; "Drag Power", etc. . . Gays and straights alike gossiped or wandered by to look, get the full story and discuss how, "It was about time", "Isn't it great", and to marvel that they had it in themselves. The retribution was only the beginning and Truscott again writes of Saturday night:

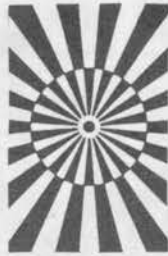
"Friday night's crowd had returned and was being led in "gay power" cheers by a group of gay cheerleaders. "We are the Stonewall girls/ We wear our hair in curls/ We wear no underwear/ We show our pubic hairs!" The crowd was gathered across the street from the Stonewall and was growing with the additions of onlookers, Eastsiders, and rough street people who saw a chance for a little action. Though dress had changed from Friday night's gayery to Saturday night street clothes, the scene was a command performance for queers. If Friday night had been a pick-up night, Saturday was date night. Hand-holding, kissing, and posing accented each of the cheers with a homosexual liberation that had appeared only

# REMEMBERED





I didn't call your name  
 Shouting over waves, thunderous to the ears.  
 Yet disquietingly, footsteps came  
 Making rubble of the silent years.  
 Years where not a soul had lived  
 Save one, now gone  
 The kindest man that God could give -  
 The softest, sweetest song.  
 Still your touch inspires  
 Coloring my everyday;  
 Silent my mind conspires  
 Wanting you to stay.  
 For what strange reason I cannot grasp  
 To help me smile, to make me laugh.  
 - Joseph Anthony



SILENT THRUSH

When was it April?  
 When was it Spring?  
 Did you hear your first song then?  
 Or see your first smile?

Oh yes! After long, bleak and dreary months  
 Of leaning on hopes for soft, cool showers  
 And peering for the arboreals to conceive  
 You finally touched the petals of the first flowers

What did the birds whisper to you?  
 Was it of love?  
 Well then, of hate?  
 Did you even hear the messenger?

You know we Sapiens  
 Lack the sapience of our forefathers  
 We no longer need our world, Maybe?  
 So why hear the song; why take the bother?  
 - JAN

I  
 The night floods over me  
 And washes me with thoughts of you  
 I could drown

I could drown in that tide  
 Without a murmured protest  
 For strong though my will is  
 I know love to be stronger still

II

Love is just a feeling (they say)  
 Of course  
 And sonnets are merely words  
 And music as an aggregation of sounds  
 And painting is only colors and lines  
 And life is merely breathing  
 - Harry H Long



STONEWALL

fleetingly on the street before. One-liners were as practiced as if they had been used for years. "I just want you all to know," quipped a platinum blonde with obvious glee, "that sometimes being homosexual is a big pain in the ass"..... And on and on."

What really started it all is still unsure. Different groups and organizations have been rumored, but general consensus seems to be some gays were tired of the treatment. "The so-called 'straight' looking, manly homosexuals stood back and watched the police hammer the effeminate boys..." No matter how, who, or why, that weekend in June ignited a flame that will hopefully never cease. In the words of Allen Ginsberg as he left the scene that Sunday night, "You know, the guys there were so beautiful - they've lost that wounded look that fags all had 16 years ago.".....



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## IN THE NEWS

## Newspaper Association

PHILADELPHIA - Ten gay newspapers from 8 cities in the U.S. and Canada met for the second time in 3 months in Philadelphia May 8-9.

The newspapers recently formed the Gay Newspaper Association at a February meeting in the offices of Gay Community News in Boston.

The Association with a combined circulation of over 100,000 met to structure the organization and elect an interim board of directors to oversee the incorporation of the Association.

The meeting represented the first time that a joint effort was made by members of the gay press to pool their resources and establish a gay news service.

The ten newspapers represented at the meeting include Gay Community News (Boston), the Philadelphia Gay News, the Philadelphia Gayzette, the Blade (Washington), the Pittsburgh Gay News, the Ohio East Gay News, The Empty Closet (Rochester), The Barb (Atlanta), High Gear (Cleveland), and The Body Politic (Toronto, Canada).

Among the purposes of the Association are: mutual assistance for the improvement of all the papers, a possible advertising co-op, and a news service.

A minimal organizational structure was agreed upon by the participating papers until a more formal structure can be set up. A board of three will convene the next meeting, to be held in Washington, D. C.

If the major papers in the midwest and west accept the invitation to join, the Association anticipates a combined circulation of well over a quarter of a million.

Lyn Rosen, Managing Editor of GCN, was elected chairperson. Joseph Leo, GCN Business Manager, was elected treasurer of the Association.

Joseph DeMarco of the WEEKLY Gayzette and David Stein of the Pittsburgh Gay News were elected to the other Board positions. Tommi of the WEEKLY Gayzette was elected Scribe.

## Supreme Court Ruling

As a part of its effort to obtain a rehearing by the Supreme Court on its recent decision upholding the sodomy statute of the State of Virginia, the National Gay Task Force has solicited and obtained a letter to Chief Justice Warren Burger from Dr. Judd Marmor, President of the American Psychiatric Association. The Court heard no oral argument in the case, and Dr. Marmor requested reconsideration for the purpose of hearing the testimony of "competent medical and legal authority." Dr. Marmor pointed out that the majority of the American population, both heterosexual and homosexual, engages in sexual behavior that is criminalized by the sodomy statutes. "The recent decision of the Supreme Court," he said in his letter, "can only lead to a



disrespect for the law when, in fact, so many people are normally engaged in violating such statutes for much of their lives."

Another letter to the Supreme Court, solicited by NGTF, was sent to Justice Burger by Dr. John Money, President of the Society for the Scientific Study on Sex, and Professor of psychology and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. His letter emphasized the special penalties imposed on homosexuals. "I'm writing to you," he said, "to urge a reconsideration of the recent Supreme Court decision concerning sexual activity between consenting adults of the same sex... it is inhumane and immoral not to extend to the homosexual the same rights of sexual consent and privacy as are enjoyed by the heterosexual."

The American Civil Liberties Union, whose Virginia affiliate handled the case in question, has petitioned for a rehearing, supported by amicus briefs from the NGTF and other organizations. It is hoped that the Court, which may have refused to hear oral argument and declined to issue a formal opinion because it felt that the issue was "too hot to handle" at the present time, will also be influenced to grant a rehearing by the preponderance of editorial criticism from major American newspapers. These



papers include the New York Times, Boston Globe, Philadelphia Inquirer, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Louisville Courier-Journal, Chicago Sun-Times, Chattanooga Times, and Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Congratulations to South Dakota and Indiana on becoming the 14th and 15th states to remove their sodomy laws! Let's keep working on the other 35.

Charles Brydon, from the state of Washington, has informed the NGTF that the Washington Education Association has adopted a non-discrimination policy regarding "affectional or sexual preferences," and will review cases of such discrimination for legal protection and defense funds. This was an achievement of a local organization, the Dorian Group. Local organizations around the country can find many avenues for action in similar cases with local education (and other) associations.

- NGTF

## Church bans Crew

FORT VALLEY, GA - Dr. Louie Crew, founder of Integrity, an organization for gay Episcopalians, has been banned from attending services in this Georgia community which he frequents.

In a letter from the vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Dr. Crew was told, "We respect your right to be a gay liberator but as a body would prefer not to take part in its promotion. We welcome all Episcopalians to our church and other visitors but do not believe that the business of this parish should be dictated and/or directed by persons outside its official membership. For you and yours, continued success with or without blessings, please accept our kindest regards." The letter was signed "Yours in Christ."

Crew stated that he "will continue to worship in St. Luke's in peace and love for my enemies at every communion when I am in town."

In other matters, Crew reported that he has been turned down as a student at General Theological Seminary in New York. The explanation for not being admitted to the Seminary was, "We are not prepared at this time to admit a homosexual couple into regular residence with you as a full-time matriculated student." Crew is married to another man.





# BITS N' PIECES

CHICAGO - Unprecedented in African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church history, two women were elected to high-echelon positions within the denomination during the 40th quadrennial session of the church's General Conference.

In other action, the conference considered the problem of homosexuality in the church. Bishop Arthur Marshall Jr., chairman of the 12-member Board of Bishops which presides over the conference, said, "The conference clearly acknowledges the existence of homosexuality in the church. But the church does not accept homosexuals into the ministry. We view it as a perversion and we try to reach homosexuals spiritually as we would any other person."

"Others have been ordained who were known formally or informally to be built this way... Historically, some of the finest clergy in our church have had this personality structure... it's a condition one does not choose and it has nothing to do with personality—which is concerned only with how you act."

The above quotes are from Bishop Paul Moore Jr. on the occasion of the ordination of lesbian Ellen Marie Barrett as a deacon in the Episcopal Church of New York on Dec. 15, 1975, as taken from CONTACT, the newsletter of Evangelicals Concerned, Apr. '76 issue.

At a town meeting in which 240 people attended in Amherst, Massachusetts, a gay rights ordinance was passed with no opposition. The amendment to the town by-laws was sponsored by the Citizens Review Commission of the town which functions much like a human rights commission.

At the May 10 meeting Amherst became the first town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the thirty-first municipality in the nation to pass a gay rights ordinance. In addition to adding protection on the basis of "sexual and affectional preference" to the town by-laws, the town meeting voted to bar discrimination on the basis of age or life-styles and approved a change of certain provisions in the by-laws from "he" to "he or she."

Demian, the Amherst gay activist responsible for organizing support for the ordinance was quoted in Gay Community News (Boston) as saying, "It's interesting that no one spoke out at the town meeting against the amendment." He added that the amendment to change wording from "he" to "he or she" caused much more of a storm than the gay rights amendment.

Amherst which is the seat of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst College, and Hampshire College, has a generally liberal reputation. "This is a liberal town," said Demian. "It didn't want to blow its cover."

Demonstrators yelled, "Gays have rights, too" in the first gay demonstration in the State of Maryland. The demonstration organized by the Baltimore Gay Alliance (BGA) was spurred by the defeat of two Maryland bills, one which would have repealed the State's sodomy statutes, and a civil rights bill. 35 demonstrators gathered at the steps of the State Capitol April 5 to protest the scuttling of the bills.

The sodomy law repeal had been one of the provisions of a bill modernizing Maryland's rape laws. The bill had unanimously passed the State Senate with the sodomy repeal section in tact, but it was considered likely to be defeated in the

House unless the sodomy section was dropped. Sen. Hayer, sponsor of the bill was quoted as admitting that the sodomy section was included simply to give conservatives "something to delete" so that the rest of the bill would pass according to the Advocate. Hayer agreed to drop the sodomy section during negotiations with Joseph E. Owens of Montgomery County, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, which was considering the bill.

Earlier, the same House committee chaired by Owens voted down a bill which would have added the words "sexual orientation" to the antidiscrimination clauses of the State's human relations code.

"This is the first time we've ever had a gay demonstration in this state," noted Cathy Valentine, president of BGA. "Some of the people out here tonight have never participated in anything political before."



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# BITS IN PIECES

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Also volunteers are needed for the Governor's Council for Sexual Minorities. There are openings on all committees and many advisory groups and sub-groups will also be formed.

The committees include: Corrections, Legislation, State Police, Health, Justice, Human Relations, Employment, Community Affairs, Insurance, Liquor Control, youth, and Special Minority Concerns. The latter of which may become a task force.

Members of sexual minorities other than gays are also asked to participate in Council work. If interested, send your resume to Tony at the above address.

At a news conference in San Francisco Friday, May 21, Democratic front-runner Jimmy Carter was asked if he believes homosexuals are immoral or sinners based on Bible teachings that describe homosexuality as a sin.

"I believe in the Bible. The Bible teaches against homosexuality," he replied.

Then Carter was asked if as president he would sign legislation sponsored by Rep. Bella Abzug, D-NY, to include a persons sexual preference among rights protected by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"If it passes Congress, I would certainly sign it, because I don't think it's right to single out homosexuals for special abuse or special harassment or special prosecution under existing laws," Carter said.

Apparently for the first time, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston has publicly made an effort to admit that gay people exist in Massachusetts. Certainly not in a favorable manner the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, the political arm of the Catholic Church in Massachusetts, sent a representative to testify against H. 2501, a bill to repeal four sections of the Massachusetts criminal code dealing with private homosexual and heterosexual acts.

Gerald D'Avolio, legislative agent for the Catholic Conference, appeared before a joint legislative committee during a public hearing on the gay rights bill at the Massachusetts State House.

The bill was first filed in Massachusetts in 1970. No explanation was immediately available as to why the Catholic group waited until 1976 to appear before this committee.

SAN DIEGO—Military recruiters have been banned from the facilities of the Associated Students Council at San Diego

State University because of the military's discrimination against gay people.

According to News West (Calif.), ASC members are also calling for a commission to consider if the university president should extend the ban to the entire campus.

STATE COLLEGE — Some members of the State College gay community have decided to boycott the Scorpion Lounge because of a change in policy regarding the policy of posting gay news.

According to ZAP!, the community's newsletter, the bar management said the owners of the Liquor License found the signs "unsightly" and asked that they be removed. They also said that they felt it was unfair to their straight customers.

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## CALENDAR

- Sat. June 19 \*Dignity Day of Recollection, 7 pm, Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts. Harrisburg, Pa.
- Sun. June 20 \*LE-HI-HO meeting, 2pm, Unitarian Church, 701 Lechawechi Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.
- Sun. June 27 \*Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade, 12 noon, Christopher St. and Sheridan Square, New York, NY
- Sun. July 4 \*July 4th Coalition Anti-Bicentennial Parade and Rally in Philadelphia. Call Lancaster Switchboard for info.
- Sat. July 10 \*Rural Gay Caucus meeting, Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts. Hsbg. 1 pm.
- Sun. July 11 \*Hike to Glen Onoko (north of Jim Thorpe) 1pm. Sponsored by LEHIHO. Call Ed for info: 215-867-8341 between 10:30pm and 11:30 pm.
- Sat. July 17 or 18 \*Dignity 1st Anniversary Celebration. Hsbg.



NOTE: During the summer months, till Sept., the Gay Coffee House in Lancaster will not be meeting. Also due to insufficient attendance, Gays United Lancaster will also cease to hold meetings during the months of July and August. However, the Switchboard will continue to operate. Volunteers are to contact the Switchboard.

There is a possibility of a small gay men's discussion group forming in July. However, once the group is formed, it will remain closed for its duration. Interested persons should also contact the Switchboard.

It has been agreed upon by various members of the gay community that a coffee-house in the downtown Lancaster area would better serve the needs of the community. Any space for free or available at the cost of upkeep would be appreciated. Again call the switchboard. Thanks LWABGC (Lancaster Workers for A Better Gay Community.)

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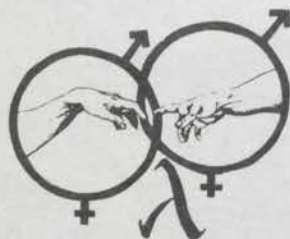
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