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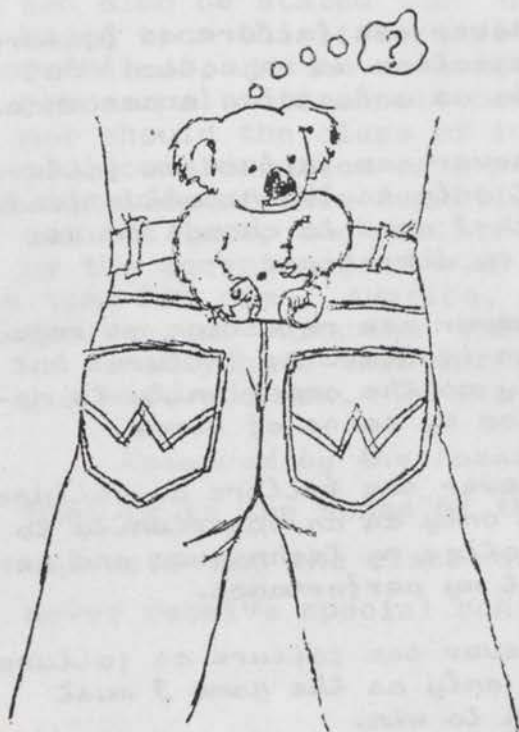
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SWITCHBOARD M'TG.

The next meeting of the Gay Switchboard is May 3, 7:30pm at the home of Steve McCreary, 509 Hemlock Hall (Village of Pineford), on the northeast edge of Middletown. If you don't know how to find it call Steve at 944-2230 after 5pm or the Switchboard.

In an effort to educate the Gay Community concerning our area, the Switchboard has formed an education committee to provide needed information to volunteers. In May our guest speaker is the new leader of the growing Harrisburg Chapter of the Metropolitan Community Church, Gary Norton. Gary will speak to the group following our regular business meeting at 7:30.



INDECISION!

FLEA MARKET MAY 23

The Harrisburg Friends Meeting is planning a Flea Market - May 23 from 9am till 4pm. They have invited the Switchboard to be a part of the selling crowd to raise money for our cause.

If you have completed your spring house cleaning perhaps you will have gobs of goodies for your local Switchboard to take along. So please, do call the Switchboard or a member you know and we will make arrangements to get your contributions in time for the big sale.

May 23 also marks the Arts Festival in Harrisburg and there should be a great crowd on hand. That's SAT, May 23, 9am till 4pm.

MARCH STATS

The data compiler reported the statistics for March to the Newsletter without a new record. March was not as bad as January but not as good as February so we accomplished a little in that month. The total calls were 176, bar information once again led the types of calls with 28.4%. A sharp increase in questions was noted, concerning the Gay Switchboard itself, with inquiries for membership and support of the organization improving from a scant 1% in previous months to 7% in March.

The batting average per month is listed below. April may not crack February's record but there's always hope for May, June, July.....

JAN	82.6%	(19 of 23 nights)
FEB	90.0%	(18 of 20 nights)
MAR	86.4%	(19 of 22 nights)
TOT	= 86.2%	(56 of 65 nights)

M.C.C. of Harrisburg kicks off regular meetings for the Gay Community -

Wednesday, May 27

Bible study: 7:30pm

1622½ North 2nd St., HBG

Sunday evening, May 31

Worship services: 7pm

Friends Meeting House

6th & Herr St., HBG

My 2nd worth

the editor

Today, too unfrequently, do we hear any applaud for the 'good sportsman'. Sportsmanship just isn't as popular as winning. Knock 'em down. Kick 'em. Push 'em. Smash 'em. Just win! win! Win! WIN!

It is refreshing to step out of that dreadful sportsminded world around us and into Tuesday Night Volleyball contests. There, truly there is an applauding of sportsmanship. If there are any bad sportsmen among the crowd, they are so badly outnumbered that they quickly wallflower and the room belongs to sports minded people. It is rare to hear grumbling or ugly confrontations between players. And what is even more dramatic is the lack of serious put downs for players who fail to perform at some other player's standard.

Sports, were intended to be fun! But somewhere along the way someone equated victory with self-worth and disaster struck! Confused brains started thinking something like this: "If I win every time I play, people will think I'm terrific! so, I will really get mad whenever I lose and maybe people will be afraid of me and let me win and help me to keep thinking I'm worth something (however artificial that may be)".

Ever met some of those 'winners'? They are a real treat to be around. They bitch about every infraction of the rules; about everyone else's shortcomings and how they will do better in the next game. Like who cares? It is a game. And that is all it is. Its intend is fun.

The Tuesday Night players aren't interested in breaking volleyball records or in putting each other down. I have seldom witnessed the acceptance for players of all skill levels as found on the floor of the Tuesday Night Volleyball games.

There's a lot of stars on that hardwood floor every Tuesday night of the year.

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GAY PRIDE CELEB'TN

A bus trip to New York City is being planned by the Central Pa chapter of Dignity. The trip is in celebration of the Stonewall rebellion of June 28, 1969. This twelfth anniversary is marked with a "Pride Parade" in which Dignity members are planning to march.

The bus trip is \$15 per person, leaving Harrisburg from behind the State Capitol Building promptly at 6am. The bus will arrive in the 'Village' and depart from a then designated spot at 7pm promptly.

For reservations please send your check to "Dignity/Central Pa. Inc." Box 297, Federal Square Stn. Harrisburg, PA 17108. There are only 41 seats and they will be sold on a first come first served basis. No refunds are offered, you must sell the ticket should you be unable to attend. Your name, address and phone are important to the organizers of this trip.

Five Attitudes Towards -

Rejection and Failure.

- I never see failure as failure (rejection as rejection) but only as a learning experience.
- I never see failure as failure but only as the negative feedback I need to change course in my direction.
- I never see rejection as rejection (failure as failure) but only as the opportunity to develop my sense of humor.
- I never see failure as failure but only as an opportunity to practice my techniques and perfect my performance.
- I never see failure as failure but only as the game I must play to win.

Expressing the sense of the Congress that homosexual acts and the class of individuals who advocate such conduct shall never receive special consideration or a protected status under law.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 1981

Mr. McDONALD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that homosexual acts and the class of individuals who advocate such conduct shall never receive special consideration or a protected status under law.

Whereas homosexual individuals have over the last several years pressed their conduct and behavior strikingly before the eyes of the public in an attempt to gain legitimacy, acceptance, and recognition under law; the need has risen for this great legal body, the Congress of the United States, to finally address this class and their conduct.

A man's abomination against God may well be at times a matter solely between his maker and himself in the pursuit of his eternal salvation.

It can also be stated that no man should ever hold malice toward another based upon this irreconcilable conduct.

Nevertheless, it is unequivocally clear that consensual sodomy and other homosexual acts should never be accepted as legitimate in this Republic, nor should the class of individuals who advocate such conduct gain special consideration or a protected status under law.

The idealism of this Republic that is embodied in its codes, protected under its laws, and emulated by its institutions would be clearly debased by the acceptance of such action.

The time has come, America, to turn our hearts back to God and away from the secular humanism that has led us to this day in our history. Let us finally have this turning take place with this issue and let it begin here and now. Be it, therefore,

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*
- 2 That it is the sense of the Congress of the United States that homosex-
- 3 ual acts and the class of individuals who advocate such conduct shall
- 4 never receive special consideration or a protected status under law.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

As we promised in the March issue of the Newsletter we are printing House Concurrent Resolution 166 by Rep. McDonald (R-Georgia) as it was introduced in the 96th Congress. You will note that the Res. printed herein is H. Con. Res. 29. The Res. reads the same but the number has shifted due to its being reintroduced (quite early on) in the 97th Congress (which may imply the degree of importance the author attaches to it).

As you read this resolution keep in mind the following points:

- 1) Blacks and other minorities have historically "pressed their conduct and behavior strikingly before the eyes of the public".
- 2) Take a moment to look up the word 'class' in your dictionary.
- 3) Give some thought to: the issue of separation of Church and State - which God is being invoked in this resolution and, is this tacit acceptance of alignment of Christian philosophy with the Federal government to the exclusion of all other faiths - what precedent might be set by this?
- 4) As the Bible is very much subject to interpretation, then the use of it as a reference "man's abomination against God" leaves the Res. open to interpretation.
- 5) What determines whether it is "unequivocally clear" that an act should never be accepted as legitimate? Is this a moral issue and how is it to be enforced?
- 6) Notice in the last paragraph (before the numbered text) how the author (subtly!) shifts from addressing the Congress to addressing (perhaps somewhat flamboyantly) America in general. Consider again separation of Church and State along with the implication that 'secular humanism' (read: human rights) has led America astray.

In conclusion, I would like to make two points clear regarding this proposed Res: 1) without "protected status under the law" which is due any citizen it will be 'open season' (particularly

from a law enforcement aspect) for all homosexuals, and 2) note this Res. addresses homosexuals and not just gays, therefore, don't presume that because you are 'happily' married, wearing a wedding band, and occasionally cruising State Street late Friday night in your Continental that you are any less vulnerable than the occasional rabid activist - in this respect we "are all created equal"!!

We hope that you will now take a few minutes to write your legislator(s) and express your feelings about this proposed resolution. **SAM**

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TRAINING - 1981

On March 9th & 16th training classes were held for new volunteers. I am excited to report that those people who participated generally felt the training was beneficial & interesting. I am disappointed to report that out of the eight people who attended only 3 were new volunteers. As I reviewed the evenings I began to wonder what it would be like if each of the current volunteers recruited just one person. At our last meeting there were 17 people who had paid their dues for 1981. That means we could increase our total to 34 people (17 people recruit 17). Then I looked at my calendar and realized if we had 34 people not everyone would be able to work once a month because 23 nights per month is a maximum we have to cover. The possibilities of what we could then consider were very exciting to me. But then my fantasy ended, I remembered that we only had 3 new people in the training class and not 17 new people.

I would like to ask you to help make my fantasy come true. You can do this by recruiting one person for the next training class which will be on May 7th & 14th. Thanks in advance for your help and co-operation.

Frank T.

A BARGAIN NEWSL'T

Newsletters cost money. We are still fighting to keep the costs down. Still only \$3.00 per year. That is a bargain!

The address is Box 872, Harrisburg, Pa. 17108. Checks may be made payable to the Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg or to Tom Basehore (treasurer). Please mark checks made out to Tom with "for G.S.H.."

And thank you.

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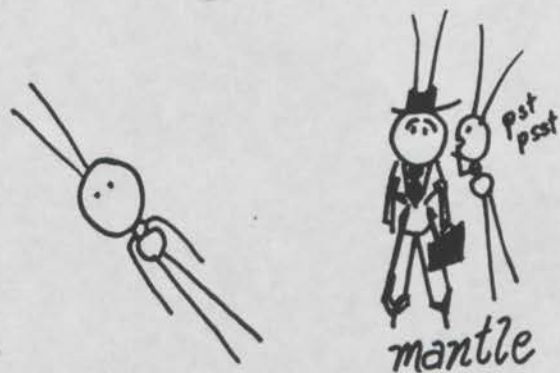
BOOKS

Is the gay movement being coopted by Madison Avenue? How would E.M. Forster's writings have changed, had he been open about his homosexuality? What mechanisms does the State use to control society's sexual norms? These are but a few of the questions that Dennis Altman raises in his new book.

Altman's first book, Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation, appeared in 1971. The Gay movement was in its infancy then, and Altman's work won critical praise in papers ranging from The Advocate to the New York Times. In his second book, Coming Out in the Seventies, Altman looks at the tumultuous decade with wit and insight.

"Dennis Altman has a simple style and a complicated mind. With great clarity and sophistication he is mapping the countless minute synapses between gay liberation and larger political issues - and he is doing this job better than anyone else writing in English." —Edmund White, author of States of Desire.

Coming Out in the Seventies, by Dennis Altman, \$5.95 (February 81).



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