

Party Honors Businessmen

On Sunday, August 22, 1971, Gay Peoples Union held an informal cocktail party in honor of the owners and managers of the various Gay establishments which was held at G.P.U.'s former meeting house on Newberry Boulevard. Cocktails and a buffet lunch were served during the afternoon giving G.P.U. the rare opportunity of bringing together almost all the owners of the local establishments that cater to gay people. Business was mixed with pleasure as we explained the aims and goals of G.P.U. The owners were asked for their cooperation in our on-going work. Hopefully they will also establish a spirit of cooperation among themselves.

We are pleased to report that the meeting was a grand success. Almost all the establishments were represented. Even though almost all of the owners and managers know one another, we understand that this was the first time so many had been together to discuss common purposes. A good, solid foundation was laid at this first

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G.P.U. PUBLISHES NEW NEWSPAPER

After several issues of a mimeographed newsletter called "Take us to make the paper newsworthy. In Heed", Gay Peoples Union is proud to present a new format for our newspaper. We are not too happy with the name of this newspaper, but could not decide on one that was neither corny nor too camp. If you have any suggestions for a better name, please send them to us for consideration.

We expect to publish monthly, but if we are to achieve this goal, we will need help. A great deal of effort by a few non-journalistic people have made this paper possible. If you have journalistic talents, typing abilities, artistic abilities, or writing abilities, please volunteer your services for future issues.

In order to make the newspaper represent the views of the entire gay community, we would appreciate your comments and suggestions for articles. We hope to act as a news gathering service for the gay community. If you will report to us any local or

even national news item, it will help us to make the paper newsworthy. In this issue you will see a column called "Homosexuality in the Media." If you see or hear homosexuality discussed on television, radio, newspaper, or in magazines, please note the source and call 962-8611.

Paid advertising supports all newspapers and ours is no exception. Contact us for our advertising rates. We reserve the right to edit or refuse advertising. We will not accept ads which solicit. After all, G.P.U. is not a dating or mating service. While we are talking about advertising, we hope that you will tell the establishments that you have seen their ad in G.P.U. News. It goes without saying that you should support those businesses which help G.P.U.

This issue is being distributed by G.P.U. members who are asking for a small donation for each copy. At the present time we have no set-up for subscriptions, but expect to announce mail subscription rates in the near future. It is our hope that this paper will soon achieve circulation outside the Milwaukee area. After you have read this issue why not pass it along to a friend?

Local Pastor at MCC Conference

The second annual General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Churches officially began on Friday, September 3, 1971 at the MCC Church of Los Angeles. Prior to the opening service there were various committee meetings to draw up the final drafts of proposals for the fellowship to consider. Milwaukee's Prince of Peace Parish was represented on the mission committee which formulated the groundwork for our local, national, and now International Board of Missions.

Pastor Troy Perry of Los Angeles gave the keynote address at the opening service. His charge to us was one of continued growth and of facing the challenges which have been presented

to us in our established parishes and missions. In one year's time we have grown from three parishes to over 14 parishes and six missions.

Saturday began with an 8 A.M. celebration of Holy Communion followed by breakfast and a general worship service. It was after the service that the real work began. Reports and proposals were read and acted upon. The wonderful thing about this aspect of the conference was the unity, in spite of regional, religious and ethnic background. It reminded me of the story of Pentecost in the Book of Acts: "They were all together in one place and in one accord—"

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GAY PERSPECTIVE NOW AIRED 8:30 P.M.

Gay perspective, the unique radio program produced by Gay Peoples Union here in Milwaukee will at last be aired at prime time in the evening! Starting October 7th, WUWM, the student station at U.W.M., will broadcast Gay Perspective each Thursday evening at 8:30 P.M.

The program has been aired weekly

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EDITORIAL

For many years the homophile movement centered around conservative organizations such as One, Inc., The Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis. These organizations rely primarily on fellowship and education to achieve the aims and goals of our minority. One, Inc. published the nation's first homosexual journal and One Institute has a whole series of articles on homosexuality. Daughters of Bilitis published the nation's first lesbian publication, "The Ladder," which is now a separate entity.

Two years ago, after the famous Stonewall riots in New York in June of 1969, dozens of radical gay liberation groups formed throughout the country. These groups believed that the process of achieving freedom for the homosexual was not moving fast enough and they adopted more militant means. Marches, demonstrations, picketing and other forms of direct confrontation are used by these groups. The most well known of these groups, Gay Liberation Front (G.L.F.) follows the policy of autonomous cell groups, some of which have with little success attempted to ally themselves with radical political groups such as Black Panthers and various anti-war groups.

The majority of homosexuals are simply not interested in radical politics and most radical political groups have openly rejected the help of the homosexual groups. For these two reasons, as well as internal bickering and loose structure, the radical segment of the movement is falling to pieces. It has broken for the most part into splinter groups which are ineffective in furthering the aims and goals of the movement.

Today the more moderate groups such as Society for Individual Rights (SIR) of San Francisco, Gay Activists Alliance of New York and Chicago Gay Alliance are attracting those who are concerned about the movement. All such groups are formally structured and all are "one issue" groups, devoted exclusively to furthering the aims and goals of the homosexual community.

Where does Gay Peoples Union stand in the spectrum of homophile organizations? Right in the middle. Gay Peoples Union is not a radical political organization; it is not connected with any national homophile or religious organization. We carry forward the ideas of education and fellowship through our radio programs, newsletter, speaking engagements and personal counseling. We also sponsor social events to help establish a sense of community? Activism? Yes, G.P.U. is and will continue to take an active stand for homosexual rights, but standard political tactics such as demonstrations, publicity, etc. will only be used after all normal channels have been tried and found to be closed. We are a one issue organization voted exclusively to homosexual welfare and equal rights.

It is necessary however to recognize that all groups have their role to play. The militants are particularly useful in raising and dramatizing the larger society that is not captured by quieter more polite approaches. These less radical approaches, however, after the issue has been raised are very effective in eliminating the sources of oppression. A more organized group is needed for example in the

long lasting struggle to change the oppressive sex law.

In the long run these quieter groups may be the most effective vehicles for change. Gay Peoples Union, because it is getting better organized can get things done. A list of some of our accomplishments is published elsewhere in this issue.

G.P.U. AUG.-SEPT. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Gay Peoples Union accomplished the following items this last two months:

- *Spoke to Student A.M.A. Conference on Sexuality
- *Held meeting of Owners of Business catering to the gay community (see news article)
- *Got bulletin boards put up in the bars
- *Mailed 150 letters to Gay Lib groups offering copies of the Gay Perspective Program
- *Mailed letters requesting donations for Auction
- *Received cash and item donations
- *Counseled people with problems
- *Continued communications with Lloyd Barbee about the reform of sex laws
- *Sent tape recording of Paul Goldman radio program to him
- *Investigated movies on the Gay Liberation Movement
- *Received communications from other gay Lib groups and people trying to form new groups
- *Changed meeting to Mondays at the Eastside Community Center, 911 E. Ogden
- *Continued weekly Gay Perspective radio program on WUWM 89.7 F.M.
- *Reorganized the newsletter into this newspaper
- *Marched in the Labor Day Parade
- *Attended Gay Dance at Community Center

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If you wish to place an ad in future issues, write to us at the above address for rates and information.

If you want counseling about a homosexual problem or would like to have a speaker on the subject for your group, contact us at the above address.

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G.P.U. is, of course, an organization for gay people and in return it needs the support of the gay community. The auction is one way in which G.P.U. can raise the necessary funds to carry on its work.

Any items you wish to donate should be left with the bartender at the G.P. Lounge, 141 East Juneau, where the auction will take place as soon as enough items are donated.

Anything saleable you have lying around in your attic or stuck in a closet somewhere, get it over to the G.P. right away. All donations will be

appreciated and you will be helping to make your own place a little less cluttered. That strange lamp that your mother gave you or the book that you have read 1,000 times; or something you really don't know what to do with, but doesn't deserve to get thrown out will probably be something of beauty to another person.

If you really can't spare anything from your closet or drawers, you can also donate services. We mean services like yard work, taking a dog for a walk, etc. Sorry, but services that are too personal will not be accepted.

Watch for our announcement concerning the date.

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since February 1st on WZMF and then starting in July on WUWM Mondays at midnight. Because many people have not heard the programs due to the late broadcast time, the best programs of the last six months may be aired again so they will receive the exposure they deserve.

Many new programs are planned

and much help is needed to keep this unique channel of communications open to the general public and the Gay community. If you are interested in helping write and research subjects for scripts, or in announcing on the air, please contact us at our number, 962-8611.

New programs about transvestitism and transexualism, parental reactions to gay children, bisexuality, the gay marriage, hustling, the bar scene, cruising, the gay and the selective service, and fetishism are all programs that need to be prepared. There will be continuing programs about the homosexual in literature, the progress of the Wisconsin sex laws, adjusting to ones homosexual nature, the new developments in the causes of homosexuality, and many other topics. If there is some topic that you want to have considered for the program, please write to Gay Peoples Union at P. O. Box 90530, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

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Fortune and Men's Eyes Reviewed

Homosexuality in prison is given sensational treatment in John Herbert's screen adaptation of his 1967 off-Broadway play. Some of the more explicit sex and sadism footage has been cut from the original. What is left does shock, but lacks the impact of Jean Genet's homosexual short called "Chant d'Amour", which has a similar theme as well as an underground reputation.

The film's hero, young Smitty, played by Wendell Burton, is sentenced to six months in prison for possessing marijuana. His cellmates are Rocky, (Zoey Hall), a sadistic tough, Queenie (Michael Greer), the jail's "First Lady", and Mona, (Danny Freedman), mild-mannered and sensitive flunky for Rocky. As the plot unfolds, homosexuality and sadism run rampant with the guards participating as well as the inmates. Rocky threatens to expose Smitty to gang rape if he does not submit to his sexual advances. Smitty refuses and Rocky

rapes him. The rape points up the central theme of forced homosexuality in prison.

After a fight, Rocky is sent to solitary, where he commits suicide which is a sensational change from the original play. Smitty then slips to the level of everyone else and tries to force Mona to be his "Old Lady". At this point Mona reveals the meaning of the title of the play "Fortune and Men's Eyes" by quoting Shakespeare's sonnet.

The acting is particularly good in the leading roles even if the characters themselves do not ring true. Especially excellent is Michael Greer who has made a career out of playing homosexuals in films. As the drag queen of the prison he makes the film come alive with a full-bodied depiction of the character. Wendell Burton has the leading role, a part that calls for a toughness not validly present in such a sensitive character. He does quite well with the role, as does Zoey Hall and Danny Freedman, considering the limits of their parts.

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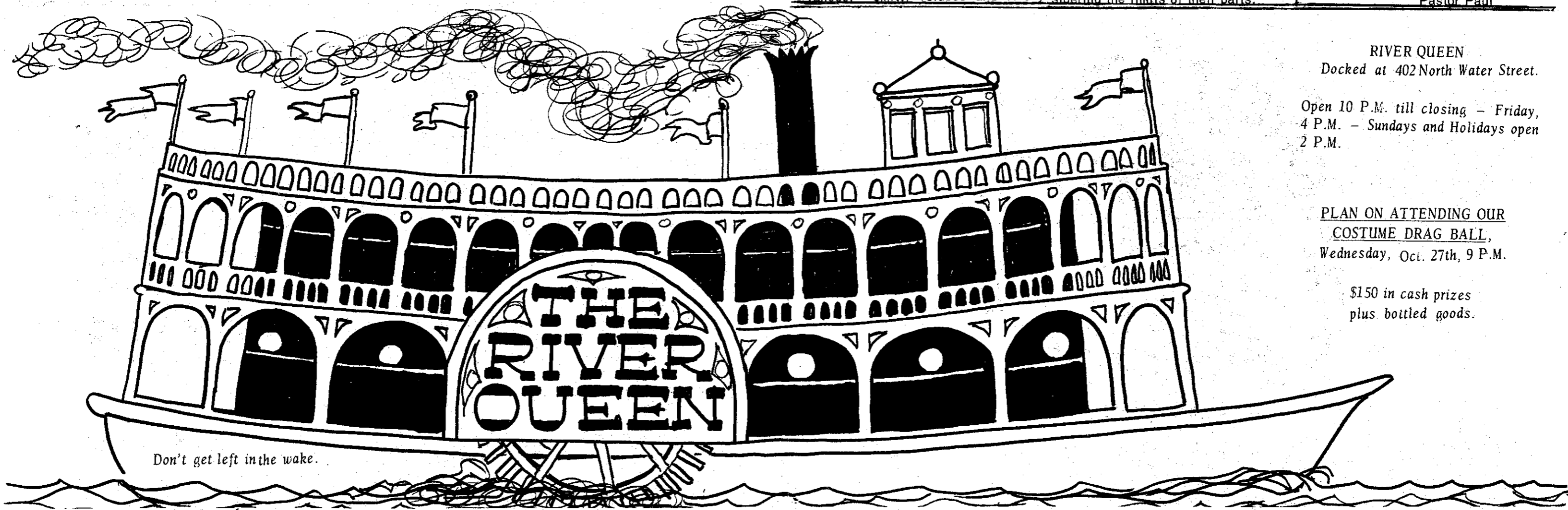
The choirs competed at the evening service.

Milwaukee was honored by having the 9 A.M. celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday. By the time the 11 A.M. service came all of the business had been taken care of and the church was literally packed — standing room only — for the general worship service and communion. There was a colorful procession of clergy, massed choirs, and ordinans.

I have said this from my own pulpit and I'll say it now, "I am proud to be a member of MCC — I am proud of the clergy, of the beginning of the two theological schools — I am proud that 'Gay is GOOD' and that the mission of MCC is to spread the WORD far and wide that we are all children of God, regardless of race, nationality, religious, or sexual orientation."

MCC is here to stay with our message of love and hope for all, and especially for the gay children of God.

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PARTY

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meeting and we are pleased to announce that all establishments present agreed to cooperate fully with our organization.

We asked for the following: A well-lit bulletin board, where we could post notices and posters. Cooperating establishments could also post their upcoming events. Look for the bulletin boards in your favorite establishment. In addition, all agreed to display our news letter and distribute it to their patrons. Many pledged advertising support that makes this expanded newspaper possible.

Could this meeting be the beginning of a Milwaukee Tavern Guild similar to those in other cities? We hope so. G.P.U. hopes that you will express your thanks to those establishments who have taken ads in this issue of G.P.U. NEWS. They deserve your support. Thank them for supporting the organization that supports you by giving them your business.

G.P.U. has agreed to sponsor another meeting of this type in a few months to help further this sense of community.

GAY DANCE

A gay dance was held on Friday, September 3, 1971 as a benefit for the Granfallon. It was sponsored by the Gay Liberation Front. A donation of \$50 was asked of those who could afford it and approximately \$30.00 was raised to help keep the Granfallon open.

Live music was provided by Wind-snap until 10:00 when music went to records until about 12:00. Over one hundred persons attended the event. There were a few straight people mixed in with the crowd. The dance took place at the East Side Community Center at 911 East Ogden.

CRABS

Well gay people, while it shouldn't be necessary to bring this topic up, we'd like to talk about a scratchy problem.

Now if you haven't had the fun of

learning your "crab killer" merit badge, you will sooner or later. These pests love warm and dark areas . . . especially below the belt. At about a sixteenth of an inch they look like a freckle. They feel hard and might move when touched. Up close they can resemble a much reduced marine crustacean. When newly arrived they may be nearly clear in color. If you've been a host for a while they are a bit darker. It is in this latter shade that they may be noticed. Crabs reproduce rapidly and lay flyspeck sized, black in color, eggs which are attached to the body hairs.

If these pests are new to you read on. While we aren't pushing any product, some that work are Kwell, One, and A-200. Simply follow the specific directions.

Crab lice do not carry disease, but they can be very uncomfortable. The source is probably none too clean and you may have been exposed to disease.

Take the remainder of the unused product that you have used to rid yourself of the problem and it will make a lovely gift to the person who gave them to you.

Homosexuality in the Media

- "After Dark" Magazine (August, 1971)
Article: Interview with Tennessee Williams - Admission of Homosexuality
- "McCall's Magazine" (July, 1971) pgs. 32-34 & 35
Article: What makes a Homosexual by Dr. L. J. Hatterer
- "Time Magazine" (Aug. 23, 1971) pgs. 38 & 39
Article: The Gay Church
- "Newsweek Magazine" (Aug. 23, 1971) pg. 45
Article: The Militant Homosexual
- "Newsweek Magazine" (Sept. 13, 1971) pg. 7
Article: Letters to the Editor, The Homosexual and Society
- "Milwaukee Journal" (Aug. 28, 1971) pg. 4
Article: Gay is Good Pastor Believes - Fr. Joseph Feldhauser
- "Milwaukee Journal" (Aug. 28, 1971) pg. 3
Article: Father & Son; Gay Boys in Minnesota appealing District Courts
- "Milwaukee Journal" (Sept. 7, 1971) Part 1, pg. 3
Article: Minnesota Men Married, Leave on Honeymoon
- "Milwaukee Journal" (Sept. 8, 1971) Part 1, pg. 2
Article: All Official (Cutting the Wedding Cake)
- "Life Magazine" (Sept. 1, 1971)
Article: Women's Liberation
- "U.W.M. Post" (Sept. 10, 1971)
Article: Freak Parade for Peace
- "Advocate Newspaper" (Sept. 28, 1971)
Article: Groovy Guy Contest in L.A.
- "Book; The Gay Liberation Movement" by Jack Onge - 1971
- "Book; The Lord Won't Mind" by Gordon Merrick, Avon Press 1970

There has been a recent flood of Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles "instant histories" in whose pages the carefully compiled bibliography. Also not to be overlooked is the past are attempted to be crystallized. It is additionally helpful in setting into some meaningful order. One such history is Jack Onge's "The Gay Liberation Movement" published by Alliance Press of Chicago, a corporation set up by him to publish the book. Along with other current histories which attempt to recount the battle while bodies are still on the battlefield, this book must invariably suffer some defects. The immediate happenings, uppermost in one's mind tend to course to predominate. The long term perspective necessary for a judicious point of view is simply impossible at this time. Naturally this makes it rather tough going for the reader, in constant danger of suffocating under a deluge of unevaluated data. But a book like this has its value. As a detailed account of the activities of the gay liberation movement in New York, activities within the movement. Don Teal's recently published book, "The Gay Militants", put this side of the movement in far better perspective by devoting a separated chapter to it. In summary, I would hope that Mr. Onge will not cease his labors with this book; that he will use it as a springboard for a future work which perhaps will contribute to a better evaluation of the nature, goals, and successes of the Gay Liberation Movement.

And while not being critical, I feel compelled to register my protest at the slight treatment accorded lesbian activities within the movement. Don Teal's recently published book, "The Gay Militants", put this side of the movement in far better perspective by devoting a separated chapter to it. In summary, I would hope that Mr. Onge will not cease his labors with this book; that he will use it as a springboard for a future work which perhaps will contribute to a better evaluation of the nature, goals, and successes of the Gay Liberation Movement. Copies of the book are available from G.P.U. for \$1.50.

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GAYS MARCH IN PARADE

On Monday, September 6th, a parade was held on Wisconsin Avenue from N. 15th Street to N. Cass Street.

It was sponsored by The Viet Nam Veterans Against the War, who opened it to participation by any group.

The Gay Liberation Front headed a gay contingent in the Parade. A large Gay Liberation banner, a gay flag, and two other posters were carried by some 30 or 40 gay men and women who marched arm in arm.

There were only a few catcalls and many supporting comments from the spectators some of whom joined the group.

After the parade ended the crowd walked to the alternate site park where music was provided along with food.

The media noted the participation of Gay Liberation.

CALENDAR

MONDAYS - 8:00 P.M. Regular Meetings at Eastside Community Center, 915 East Ogden

TUESDAYS - 8:00 P.M. Work-Rap Sessions at 1155 North 21st Street

THURSDAYS - 8:30 P.M. Gay Perspective Radio Program WUWM 89.7 F.M.

SATURDAYS - Noon Mass at St. Nicholas Parish, 1155 N. 21st Street

SUNDAYS - 1:00 P.M. Worship Service of Metropolitan Community Church, Prince of Peace Parish at corner of 21st and Highland Streets

SUNDAYS - 9:00 P.M. Mass at St. Nicholas Parish

SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY, October 4th - Speech by Jack Onge, author of "The Gay Liberation Movement" at regular 8:00 P.M. meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 27th, 9:00 P.M. Drag and Costume Contest (see the River Queen ad page 7)

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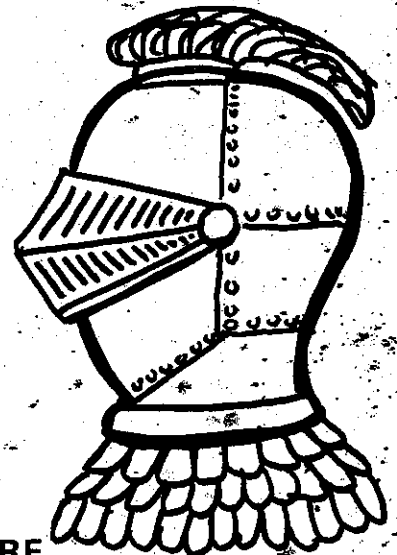
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