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HOUSTON, TEXAS

STARS OF HAIR ARRESTED

AT BAYOU LANDING LANDING FILES SUITS

The Bayou Landing, one of the largest and plushiest gay clubs in America, presented HAIR on Jan. 17th and 18th. Dallas' City Fathers had never allowed this show to play Dallas previously.

Reliable sources informed OUR COMMUNITY that 4 plainclothes police officers were in the audience opening night taking pictures of the show, especially of the famous "nude scene."

The owner of the Bayou Landing, Dennis Sisk, was advised by his attorney to cancel the show for Tuesday the 18th, or at least cut the "nude scene", since it was known that there was a number of plainclothes vice squad in the audience.

Before the nude scene Mr. Anthony, the producer of the show, announced over the public address system that police were in the audience and that the show would go on uncensored. The gay patrons, rather than rushing for the doors in panic, greeted the announcement with cheers and applause.

The show continued with interruptions. After the performance, Mike Anthony and Gay Crystal were arrested along with Joe Anthony and the bar's manager, Lynn Hudspeh. No patrons were arrested or harassed.

According to Dennis Sisk, a federal injunction and a six million dollar suit is being placed against the city and state police as well as against the Texas Liquor Control Board. HAIR, with the same cast and production, has played Houston for eight months without interference from the police.

A lawsuit against the nine or ten uniformed policemen as well as against the five plainclothesmen for illegal search and seizure has been filed.

Had this happened two years ago, there would have been mass flight from the bar. Now that "we are no longer afraid" 250 witnesses have signed a pledge to testify for HAIR in the event they are needed.

The Bayou Landing was not closed and excellent business has continued. Mr. Sisk has promised Dallas that HAIR will return as scheduled February 9th -- uncensored.

One radio newscaster was very critical of the arrest and said of the police of Dallas "The All-American City" as Dallas likes to call herself, have done it again. With this arrest, the police will never be able to ask for respect again."

FRISCO POLICE HEAD MEETS WITH GAYS



From Left: Zack Mansfield (Gay Sunshine); Rev. Ray Broshers (GAA); Winston Leyland (Gay Sunshine); Elliot Blackstone (Police liaison officer to the Gay community); and Dennis Kruszynski (Emmaus House).

"Well, I'm here to listen, so just go ahead," said Chief of Police Thomas M. Scott. And listen he did for one and one-half hours to the grievances and demands of the San Francisco Gay community, as ex-

pounded by five members of several of the city's Gay Liberation groups.

The January 12th meeting represented a considerable broadening of the official recognition

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VIOLENCE IN AUSTIN

Later Saturday night a young Negro man found that he could not get into the Pearl Street Warehouse without paying the dollar cover. He stepped outside and spoke with a friend who then walked down the alley. A few minutes later the man walked back in, grabbed the money box at the door and ran off down the alley after his friend who was waiting in his car. They then departed at a high rate of speed carrying with them the money. The owner of the bar, Marie Terry was not available but the man working the door estimated about two hundred dollars was taken.

Later that night I returned to the place I was staying to find that someone had thrown a brick through the bedroom window. It was evidently an act of harassment because there was no other reason for this action. Austin is one of the most liberated towns in the state, with people being as free as they wish. As far as dress and behavior there is almost total freedom. Violence has become a plague in the modern community with the least violent feeling the force of some sick individual bent on releasing his own hostilities on physically weaker people. We hope the situation in Austin is short-lived.

PSW ROBBED

Austin, Texas - It started out as a very beautiful Saturday in Austin, with fun in store for everyone. The elements were perfect and the people were just wonderful but something was wrong and this reporter soon found out what. I was sent to Austin to obtain a story on Austin Gay Liberation's suit against the University of Texas. Acts of violence against Gay people in Austin was something that just didn't happen but here it was the horror of someone being beaten by "rednecks" in the parking lot of a drive-in grocery. It was not until later that I found that this was the person that had the information for my story. Unable to find anyone else who could act as a reliable source I decided to go to one of the local Gay bars. As I arrived I was attacked by a young man who found that he was in the wrong place, and started tearing the "joint up." The Austin police removed him and the majority of the customers who filtered in later never knew of the violence.

GAYS SUE GOVERNMENT

On December 21, 1971, the first class-action suit brought by homosexuals against the U.S. Civil Service Commission, was filed in U. S. District Court for the D. C. affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, on behalf of four Plaintiffs; two living in the Washington, D. C. area, employed by the National Bureau of Standards (one as a Probationary employee, the other as a Temporary employee), and two Post Office employees (both Probationary), one in Nashville, Indiana (not Tennessee) and the other in San Francisco.

The suit was filed by the four named plaintiffs:

"----- on their own behalf, and on behalf of each and all other persons similarly situated, namely all citizens of the United States who presently are, or hereafter,

become or apply to become, employees of the Federal Government or any agency thereof; and whose sexual preferences are or may be homosexual, or who have engaged, or may engage, in acts of private, consensual homosexual conduct, or who are reputed to be, or are publicly known to be "homosexual" or who have or may associate publicly or privately with persons whose sexual preferences are homosexual; and who are otherwise satisfactorily performing the duties connected with the employment position to which they have been appointed or for which they have or may make application."

In the past, such suits have been filed by individual Plaintiffs, solely on their own behalf. Efforts have then been made to extend the impact of favorable decisions to other homosexual employees. The Civil Service Commission has strongly resisted such efforts and ives of the courts in such successful cases as Norton V. Macy, on

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S. F. POLICE & GAYS

accorded the Gay movement in San Francisco, since this occasion marked the first time any police chief here has met with representatives of any but the most conservative homophile groups. However, the chief held out little hope for substantive improvement in the harassment of San Francisco gay people by the forces of law and order.

The radicals opened the exchange by questioning the chief about the illegal entrapment of gays being practiced in Captain Kylie's Mission District, particularly in the Castro St. and Dolores Park areas. The Chief smiled mysteriously and replied, "News to me; I personally doubt it. I'll check into it, what the hell." Not content with the chief's assurances, the Gay Libbers spoke of personal incidents of such harassment and insisted on immediate action. However, the chief blamed such incidents on shakedown artists trying to blackmail homosexuals by posing as vice officers. (It will surprise many gay prisoners to learn that their arrests are the result of over-zealous shake-down artists!)

The Liberationists pointed out that Capt. Kylie has admitted in print that plainclothesmen are utilized in the area, whereupon the chief spoke warmly of Capt. Kylie's virtue! "One of the best men in the city. Been in the business for years. Yer going after the wrong man when you blame Kylie for this."

Dennis Kruszynski, of SF's Emmaus House inquired if it was really necessary to use plainclothesmen in Dolores Park when uniformed personnel would prevent unsightly cruising just as effectively and prevent the necessity for embarrassing, often ruinous, arrests. The chief, forgetting that he had just denied that entrapment takes place, defended Kylie's right to use his own judgment as to how "best to respond to the complaints of citizens."

The militants asked if all such police actions were the results of citizens' complaints and the chief assured them that they were. Zack Mansfield, of the Gay Sunshine Collective, asked if records of such complaints were made available to arrestees, and the chief mumbled something about the need to protect people's anonymity.

Ray Broshears of Gay Activists Alliance discussed Capt. Kylie's action in denying dancing permits to Castro St. bars. The chief defended Kylie again, and spoke vaguely of community complaints against noisy bars. Ray countered by asking why, then, had Capt. Kylie approved a dance permit for The Shed - an establishment whose financial backing has been considered dubious - with the same peace-loving citizens opposing it? The chief spoke of the many factors which might sway an officer's judgment besides public opinion, to which Ray replied, "I should say so."

Winston Leyland, of the Gay Sunshine Collective, spoke of the need to cease hassling arrested gays in city prison, and Rink,

also of the Collective, cited incidents of officers deliberately instigating straight prisoners against gay prisoners. The chief grew misty-eyed and lamented that his men at city prison were too overworked to have time to bother the prisoners. Then, apparently not noticing the contradiction, he said that "training is the answer to incidents of this sort. He elaborated on the need for training to eliminate bigotry and discrimination against minorities by the policemen. Officers must be taught, he said, not to call Blacks "boy" and things like that; he pledged that his administration "would sink or swim" according to the success of its accomplishments in the field of training, but he was dubious about the possibility of Gay Liberationists addressing new recruits during their training, and he was forced to admit that in-service training for the more bigoted older men is prohibitively expensive.

On the question of police surveillance of militant activities, the chief seemed confused. "Not that I know of. What would they want to know anyway? I'd have to check." According to Scott the Intelligence Unit is also overworked, with a mere 19 men. Here the chief told just a little lie and only mentioned the 19 officers assigned to the unit. Actually, these officers get plenty of help from others who are temporarily detailed to Intelligence Unit. These poor overworked officers "Have to keep tabs on all you subversives," the chief said. So watch out, brothers, now we have it from the chief himself.

Shown a news photo of a member of the Intelligence Unit at a Gay demonstration, Chief Scott lectured on the need for dignity for "everybody in the universe."

Broshears questioned the chief about the Bluecoats, an association of Birchite policemen, and their funding of a lobbyist in Sacramento, one of whose duties was to lobby against the Willie Brown Bill. The chief tried to laugh this one off. He said, "Do you have any idea what a lobbyist costs, ha ha? For not only are the officers too overworked to do evil, they're too poor!"

"\$17,000 per year," said Ray. This made the chief angry and he started shouting: "Do you think I'm going to tell my men they can't be John Birchers or Democrats or whatever they want to be or lobby or whatever they want? Maybe that's their constitutional right... So what if they subscribe to that theory? All I require of my men is that they follow Department rules and regulations."

Every American's got the constitutional right to want to persecute Gays --- long's they follow the rules.

We here in Houston are not bothered in this manner and feel fortunate in having a man such as Chief Short. In all fairness to the Houston Police Department so far as we know any action against the Gay community has been necessitated.



Several less camera shy Gays at the GAY FESTIVAL sponsored by Womens Gay Lib
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STONEWALL

"To be nobody-but-yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else -- means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting."

-- E. E. Cummings

Stonewall, a non-profit Corporation, is a residential treatment center for parolees and probationers, drug abusers, alcoholics, and those with other behavior problems. The unique feature of this program is

GAY SUITS

the general ground that the circumstances of each case are unique and do not apply more generally.

In all four cases, the government's contentions as to homosexuality and homosexual behavior by the Plaintiffs are being explicitly admitted or tacitly granted by a refusal to discuss them at all on the ground that, true or untrue, they are irrelevant to a valid assessment of eligibility for Federal (or any) employment.

In the case of the Bureau of Standards employee, however, the Commerce Department, which is over the Bureau, refused to permit retention of the employees during the appeal period.

One of the Bureau of Standards cases is unusual in that it has been taken to the courts before exhaustion of administrative remedy and while the administrative appeal is in process (in fact, in its earliest stages) on the ground that:

"... prosecution of such administrative rights as do exist would be futile in that --- the facts --- are not in dispute --- and the Commission is applying a standard of qualification --- which is in flagrant disregard to the decisions of the Court of Appeals --- and is patently unconstitutional."

The administrative appeal is being undertaken concurrently with the judicial appeal. A 150-page administrative appeal was submitted early in January, 1972.

The administrative phases of all four cases were (and are being) handled, largely or totally, by Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, President of the Mattachine Society of Washington. The judicial phases are being handled by Robert H. Knapp, an ACLU volunteer attorney with the Washington law firm of Hogan and Hartson.

that both the staff and residents are homosexual men and women.

In our belief, sexual orientation is a primary element in one's personality, which, when denied, often leads to neurotic and anti-social behavior.

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If you can't be yourself, why be anybody?

dear dick



After a real busy month it's great to take time out for answering letters. Most of you know I'm sure we have a new motorcycle club in town and appears to be doing real well. Pick up a copy of "The Cauldron", no charge for the first issue, however I'm told the publication will be on sale beginning next month. Reports that the Motorcycle & Accessory Trade Show was well organized and a real success. By now I hope everyone has gotten put back together from the Holidays but no time for rest as a lot is going on in the community.

We had several letters very early in the month and answered all immediately because of their importance. If you have a question a problem or an idea, write Dear Dick %The NUNTIUS, 4615 Mt. Vernon, Houston, Texas 77006 for a personal reply enclose a stamped return envelope.

By the way we are still discussing the T.V. show.

Dear Dick,

My dear, when in Houston where do the "chubby chasers" go? I've traveled the country and most large cities have "chubby chasers" bars! What's wrong with Houston?

A chubby that want's to be chased.

Dear Chubby,

I know who you are because you told me you were writing this letter, so as you know I gave you in person a serious answer, however for our readers to enjoy I offer that you try all the bars and find one that FITS or lose weight.

Dick

Dear Dick,

I have been in Houston on vacation for about three weeks, and after going to the Gay night-clubs and theatre here, I would like to know one thing. Are there any groups or organizations here in Houston that encourage Gays of different races to meet, date, or maybe just sit down and talk with each other. It appears to me as though little if any of the above action takes place. There should be rap sessions to find out why the color of a Gays skin should stop one from meeting and possible make a lasting relationship. Not all the Gays of Houston are up-tight about race and interracial dating, so it should be up to these people to turn on their friends to the fact that - Gay is groovy no matter what shade it comes in, it only adds to the fun.

Yours very truly,
S. S.

Dear Stanley,

Home base is the starting point, your bar on Austin Street. Make one or two friends here of the race you desire - they will surely know others with the same tastes.

Dick

Dear Miss U.S. Male,

Thank you for the card and good luck in the Army.

Dick

Dear Abby,

In answer to your question, I am a member of the "BAR", all of them.

Dick

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HOUSTON

Marriage Can Last Despite Homosexual

A study of married men who are homosexual shows that the marriages exist under great strain yet hold together in many cases.

The chief reason for not divorcing was the children, enjoyment of a common home and social responsibility.

H. Laurence Ross of the University of Denver College of Law, who was able to get the interviews through the offices of an informal organization of homosexuals, found the main reason for the heterosexual marriage was a conscious flight from homosexuality.

They felt their attraction to members of the same sex would disappear with the opportunity to have regular heterosexual experiences. They had little sexual experience of any type before marriage. Most had come from moralistic and puritanical families.

Their decision to marry was often suggested or encouraged by counselors.

Why did their mates accept them? Most wives said they did not know of their husband's homosexuality prior to marriage. Those who did thought he would change his sexual orientation.

While husbands reported their wives had relatively little need for sex, the wives when interviewed strongly denied it.

Casual homosexual relationships were sometimes condoned by the wives but deep and intimate relationships were resented.

For some couples, the problem of sexual conflict was solved by the abandonment of sexual activities within the marriage and concentration on the business or profession by the husband, the children or household duties or a job by the wife.

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GOD AND THE GAY

How great is our need as individuals for a personal relationship with Christ through His Church! Faced with myriad problems peculiar to homosexuality in addition to the problems we all face as humans, a firm faith and trust in Christ can be the difference in our total adjustment to life-or lack of it.

The number of us who hold ourselves back from this relationship with Him because of the reluctance of the Church to admit its lethargy is tragic. It brings to mind the point Rev. Wood makes but unfortunately does not develop: "An under standing of what the Bible does and DOES NOT say on the matter will go a long way to opening minds and establishing a moral theology toward homosexuality."

What to many of us fail to realize is that a great bulk of our theology is NOT based on Christ's teaching, but rather on mendacious influence on the human minds attempting to establish guidelines in accordance with His teachings. And once those guidelines are established, change is an interminable process, even when the fallacy of long-accepted "thou shalt not's" can be shown.

Until the Church can acknowledge the fact, we as homosexuals must individually come to understand that the Church's law and God's law are not always the same—certainly not in the matter of homosexuality expression.

What does the Bible actually say about homosexuality? Let's not check the Old Testament references, for in with the few comments on the subject there we will become distracted by such sins as eating rabbit (Leviticus 11:6), lobster, clams, shrimp, oysters (Leviticus 11:10-12), or rare steak (Leviticus 17:10) - or of wearing garments "of divers sort, as of woolen and linen together" (Deuteronomy 22:11, KJV).

There are but three references to homosexuality in the New Testament. The most widely quoted of these for damning overt homosexual expression is Romans 1:26-27 (KJV): "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into which is against nature; and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another."

Note these key words: **change, leaving.** In order to change from, or to leave heterosexuality, one must first be heterosexual.

What we have is an account of bisexual lust-and St. Paul does say **lust**, placing this behavior out of the higher realm of love and devotion. It is interesting to note that this is the only Old or New Testament scriptural reference to sexual relations between females.

In I Timothy 1:9-10 (KJV), St. Paul lumps "them that defile themselves with mankind" into the same condemnation with murders. Here the word **defile**, used also in deploring lustful heterosexual and bestial practices, is open to question. Does one defile oneself through the actual act-or through the motive of lust and carnal desire separated from all higher emotional plane? Not that St. Paul does not clarify the gender of "them" or the usage of "mankind" as meaning men or the totality of human beings, thus leaving this oft-quoted condemnation of homosexuality quite open to interpretation.

We must keep in mind that the Bible does not now say precisely what it once did-through centuries of transliteration, translations and interpretations it has been vulnerable to human error. Were we to go back to the ancient Greek (with an understanding of the vernacular of the day) and trace the references to homosexuality from the original language down through the years of revision, we could begin to appreciate the effect of social mores and taboos on the interpreters. Thanks to the Revised Standard Version, we now have the word "homosexual" (I Corinthians 6:9) directly in the Scriptures!

We must also keep in mind that even the original Scriptures were recorded by men-men influenced by Mosaic law and the accepted social views of the day as well as by God.

In considering the effect of social pressures on the Church's teaching in modern days, let us look at some of the things forbidden in the New Testament (KJV quoted) but practiced widely in or sanctioned by our Churches at the present time.

In I Corinthians 7:10-11 and 39, St. Paul spells out what he terms as God's law against divorce and remarriage. Here we notice he places priority on this law over many teachings, which he clarifies as being his own judgment -- and rightly so. Read Christ's own words in Mark 10:11-12. Yet how many ministers today unite divorced persons with new partners in the sacrament of marriage--or accept such couples joyfully into their congregations without so much as a

parishioner involved in court proceedings against one who had injured him? Or I Timothy 2:9-10 to a woman who wears gold or pearls or a stylish hairdo? Or Hebrews 5:13 to the family serving milk at dinner?

How many ushers would turn the hatless woman from the church door with I Corinthians 11:5-6 and 13? Or the boy with long hair with I Corinthians 11:14? In fact, why do we never question the fact that Christ is always pictured with long hair while St. Paul says "If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?"

How many female Sunday School teachers and missionaries, women preachers and evangelists would the Church lose if it followed I Corinthians 14:34-35! Even the nuns would find convent life vastly different!

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What would happen to our educational system (or to the Church) if the Church began to crusade against women teachers based on I Timothy 2:11-12?

The list could go on and on--and few of us would disagree with the Church's lack of strict interpretation of the Scriptures in such instances. Yet we do wonder how the Church can overlook entire passages which pertain to the majority, while seizing upon a few scattered verses to condemn the homosexual minority--especially when those scattered verses are often much more open to different interpretations than are the verses which go against the grain of currently socially acceptable behavioral patterns.

In observing these discrepancies I am not attempting to berate the Bible, but rather to point out that it was originally written by man, translated and interpreted by man, its doctrines supplemented by man into the broad base of Christian theology. And man is fallible. Even St. Paul, recognizing this, often states that he is giving his own views rather than vommandments of God.

We need the Bible as a source to understanding Christ--but we need to spend more time observing His spirit as related there rather than the "letter of the law" given by His followers in attempting to spread His message.

Pick up an edition of the Bible with Christ's recorded statements printed in red. Study only His words, comparing His positive approach with the often negative approach found elsewhere throughout the Scriptures. Notice His emphasis on love--His silence on the means of sex but concern only with the motives behind it.

Can we actually believe a Christ of such love, a Christ who recognizes the human need for mortal love and its physical fulfillment as well as for His divine love, can ask that legions of homosexuals either live a life of celibacy or else face eternal damnation? Not the Christ I know!

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HOMOSEXUALITY

What The Bible Does And Does Not Say!

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GO TO THE BARS AND SUPPORT GOV. SMITH

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's report came out last month on the amount of alcohol consumed in the state of Texas for one year and the total of gallons were amazing. It stated that the average brew consumed in 1971 totaled to 21.47 gallons for every man, woman and child in the state. Other data stated that 1.2 gallons of distilled spirits, seven tenths of a gallon of wine, and four tenths of a gallon of malt liquor per EVERY MAN WOMAN AND CHILD IN THE STATE, were sold last year.

All of the report was not totally bad for it went on to state that \$77.2 million in liquor license and taxes were collected. And that \$14 million dollars went to school taxes. Plus a total of 1.9 million

dollars was collected on liquor by the drink license from May of 1971 to August 1971, with a 10% tax on mixed drinks which brought taxes up another 1.6 million.

Some people thought they could pass the liquor taxes and make their own brew. The report went on to state that 144 stills were seized and that 55.25 gallons of moonshine was destroyed with over 2,971 gallons of mash taken. All the moonshiners were located in East Texas except for one still in Coke County and one in Bexar County.

So just think next time you have that scotch and water and you are helping educate the young as well as finance the state government in its other functions.

GAY LIB. PROTESTS S.I.R. SPENDING

Money could be better spent

San Francisco - About 35 Gay Liberationists turned out Saturday night January 15th to protest a dinner being held at the San Francisco Hotel by the Society for Individual Rights in connection with a statewide conference of homophile organizations to discuss plans for aiding the passage of Willie Brown's consensual sex bill. The picket was organized by the Gay Peoples Action Committee to protest both the Willie Brown Bill and the SIR's policy of including only "safe" (conservative) gay organizations among the invited guests.

Inside the hotel, Assemblyman Willie Brown shocked the assembled homophiles as they gobbled their \$12 minute steaks by declaring that he agreed with the demonstrators' contention that his bill is analogous to the anti-lynch laws.

Outside, leaflets handed out by protesters declared that the state has no right to regulate sexual activity at all and that the Brown Bill only alters the law to the extent of permitting sex between consenting adults over the age of 21 - something which is already permitted de facto due to the restrictions on unreasonable searches by the police. The dissidents maintained that since there was almost no hope of passing the bill, it would be more suitable to devote available funds and energy to promoting community and social services for the gay community -- particularly for gay juveniles and gay convicts.

A number of women carried signs protesting SIR's male chauvinism and sexism, while other marchers carried slogans directed against the exclusionary police of the conference's organizers. No invitation was extended to the West Coast's Gay Liberation Newspaper Gay Sunshine, to San Francisco's Emmaus House, or to the SF

Gay Activist Alliance. Morris Knight, long-time LA activist, castigated the opening session of the conference, saying he felt "unclean" participating in a conference where Gays excluded one another.

Knight, John Platania, and other LA Gay radicals honored the picket lines at the San Francisco, while others of a more conservative cast did not, notably the Rev. Troy Perry, the "gay pope" of LA Metropolitan Community Church; Kim Kempner, Editor of *Spree*, a gay nudie rag based in LA; Dick Egan of the Orange County Focus; and Dave Glascock of the LA Gay Community Alliance. San Franciscans refusing to honor the picket included liberal Sheriff Hongisto; SIR president Bill Plath; Linda Wesley, president of Daughters of Bilitis; Father Bob Richards and other local luminaries, mostly associated with the organizing group.

The protest's organizers said they were interested in promoting a dialogue between conservative and radical sections of the gay movement, which have become estranged here in recent years. The radicals disapprove of the conservatives' habit of maintaining a "low profile" and begging for largely symbolic favors and gestures of "acceptance" from Sacramento. They accused the conservatives of ignoring street gays, the poor, radicals, and others and of attempting to co-opt leadership of a community they do not truly represent. The radicals were also displeased with the conference's sponsors' paying Michael Greer \$500 to entertain at the event, something they maintained the actor should have been willing to do free.

Zack Mansfield

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the NEW IMAGE

IS, under new management
IS, creating a NEW IMAGE
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SCENE I HAS NEW IMAGE

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A New Image was needed for Scene I, so - the new name was projected into reality by the owner, Walter Baxter so now its New Image of Scene I.

Pick or choose your favorite name - we've kept them both - but the New Image is simply a new state of mind where you can come

meet new friends or gather with long-time friends. Walter has been associated with this bar from its inception --- but now has become sole owner and he says "I'm interested in creating a dance bar if the people want it."

New Image of Scene I is a small intimate bar with gobs of next door parking - so come do your thing and spend your fun time with them!

Your bar-host is "Dee" and he will be looking for all at the Sunday Keg Party from 5 to 7 each week.

HOMOSEXUALS IN POLITICS

Below is the NEWSLETTER #21 from the Homosexual Information Center in California. The Nuntius feels that the work done by this organization should be brought to the attention of all who are interested in the Homosexual Movement.

Editor

The social force known as the homosexual movement in the U.S. has existed for a little more than twenty years. It is composed of loosely connected and separately run organizations with no set tactics or ideology. The common objective has been to establish equal rights for persons who perform socially non-conforming sex acts. It has been essentially a movement of free minds -- completely unstylized -- operating within the existing social structure because of the large number and diversity of the people it serves. It is this diversity of race, religion, economic position, educational background, etc., of homosexual persons which is so difficult for the general public to comprehend. Anyone who tries to lump this aggregate of individuals into an identifiable class is saying: "They all look alike to me." The sexual revolution, of which the homosexual movement was the catalyst and is still the vanguard, has made astonishing progress in the last two decades.

In June of 1969, there occurred the event of the Stonewall Uprising. It was a defensive reaction by a group of jaded, role-playing bar queens who had rejected society in favor of visions of their own private gay world. The struggle at the Stonewall was a momentary, unplanned confrontation between the emotionally immature, self-ashamed patrons of a gay club on Christopher Street in New York City and the police. For those

homosexuals who live and act out a gay role, reason and logic have always been the devil's instruments, inhibiting their total, spontaneous, unstructured response to what is happening. The action of this bizarre element of New York's gay population was held up to glorification by latent liberationists as the first attempt of homosexuals to wage heroic struggle against police oppression. It was the signal for other guilt-ridden homosexuals to come out of their closets. They could finally relate. The incident came to symbolize gay power, gay militancy, and, ironically, gay liberation. The anniversary of the Uprising has been twice celebrated when the followers of gay revivalism on both coasts gathered to conduct elaborate rites of self-deliverance.

To the "Children of Christopher Street" the actions of earlier homosexual groups looked like efforts at quiet accommodation with a fundamentally hostile society. They blamed the government and the law for their personal unhappiness. Their frame of mind was easily made a political tool. They were especially susceptible to the ideology of the New Left. The main thing the New Left has been saying is that the US is intrinsically evil, and repressive in its treatment of Negroes and Mexicans, and other minorities, and that the Indochina war is an immoral imperialistic aggression. The ideas and attitudes of the New Left were absorbed into the mainstream of gay liberation thought. The Gay Liberation Front became the Left insurgency of the national homosexual movement.

The homosexual movement as a part of the sexual revolution was thus diverted (or subverted) to political and counter-culture causes with a factional party line. It was asserted as established truth that homosexuals are a class

of people, that they should think alike politically, that there is a homosexual identity and "life-style" common to all homosexuals, that homosexuals should not seek to integrate but should have their own separate institutions -- a rhetoric that has been about the same for the last 2,000 years. It was further asserted that in order to liberate themselves homosexuals should help liberate an oppressed American society at large by joining forces with other protest movements that are challenging basic cultural norms.

By December, 1969, there were gay lib groups in San Francisco and Los Angeles, and by the middle of 1970, there were groups in Chicago and Boston. In these places the same scene was re-enacted. Homosexuals who had been in hiding and who for one reason or another despised themselves -- like a stream of pentecostal witnesses -- appeared to confess their guilt and affirm their salvation -- and then to exorcise the "pre-revolutionary" homosexual leaders who persisted in contending that homosexuals should not be organized into an anabaptist sect and that the "concern of the movement," as the Mattachine founders had perceived, "is with the problems of sexual variation." The movement might include women liberationists at one extreme, right-wing nuts at the other, and in between everything from Democratic radicals to Establishment liberals and Goldwater conservatives. The homosexual leaders operated on the principle that it would be a violation of the right to individual opinion if they were to invoke the name of the movement a party line on Vietnam, or Israel, or the ABM. The reaction of gay Leftists to these heresies was somewhat like American Legion posts reaction to the news that the US was going to recognize Red China.

Gay lib groups, particularly those in New York and Los Angeles suddenly had money to spend on the printing and distribution of leaflets, pamphlets, elaborate posters whose message had less to do with gay rights than anti-war propaganda, etc. Gay Liberation Front groups formed collectives and started community centers (separate ones for men and for women) meant as social and political focal points where they raped with recruits about gay power and "gay-awareness" and tossed around slogans like "gay is good," "buy gay," "I am gay and proud," in order to build a gay revolutionary consciousness. Many of the collectives were doomed from the start. They suffered from the inevitable ghetto mentality of the members. And the sense of suspicion, of alienation and intolerance common to so many gay chauvinists made working and living together difficult. "Gay identified" counter-institutions were established to give homosexuals an outlet for the "paranoia that society forces on them." In this regard, of course, gay ghetto bars and baths have existed for a number of years. But gay churches, gay health services, gay employment agencies, gay flop houses, gay yoga classes, a Gay Growth Center, and a Gay Task Force contingent of the National Peace Action Co-

alition have not -- and they are the result of the new gay consciousness program. To try to impose the party line on as much of the movement as possible, gay lib groups in three large cities sponsored special "gay pride" observances including Gay Day picnics, a Gay Solidarity Day, a Socialist Workers' Party "Forum on Gay Liberation," a Gay Thanksgiving ritual, and a Gay Pride Week that culminated in a "book dumping" of anti-homosexual writings and a frenzied "closet smashing" ceremony. In April, with a growing "consciousness of how the myth covering up the truth about sexual behavior is linked to the myth covering up the truth about 'Vietnamization,'" gay pacifists assembled to participate in the Peace Action Coalition March on Washington. At the same time Third World gay people wishing to escape the anti-homosexual persecution of Fascist North America joined the Gay Committee of Returned Brigadistas and went to Cuba -- the land of their inspiration -- to work in the cane fields. Other gay Leftists attended the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention to attempt a coalition with the Black Panthers. As the sponsors unequivocally stated, these events were designed to put the homosexual movement on record against US imperialism, repression, etc. Groups or individuals who resisted the program or criticized the rigid ideology of the party line were branded as traitors to the cause of gay liberation.

The Gay Liberation Front, considered as an organization or as a group of organizations, has virtually collapsed in the last few months. Splinter groups have reformed -- more on the order of the earlier Mattachine Society, One, Inc., and the Society for Individual Rights. But they remain a faction of gay separatists and supremacists -- a promising source of converts for the New Politics.

Now the one question to ask must be: Is it the purpose of the movement to try to assert sexual rights for everyone or create a political and social cult out of homosexuality? If homosexual persons have to create a "gay consciousness" that rivals a "heterosexual consciousness" in order to assert their sexual rights then nothing is gained. The result is a sexist society. The most compelling argument in favor of homosexual acts and relationships (outside the pleasure of their performance) is that they have never become the foundation for a culture or community or style of life. Persons who perform homosexual acts, or persons who perform other non-conforming sex acts, are sexually free. They want others enlightened. They want hostile laws changed, but they resent the attempt to organize their lives around homosexuality just as much as they resent the centuries-old attempt to organize their lives around heterosexuality. Men of free minds will not and ought not support the homosexual movement if it tries to make a cultural standard out of homosexuality. Homosexual persons should integrate and live, each in his own manner, not as a group.

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The homosexual movement must continue to have room for difference and diversity. To permit a posse of New Left militants to pressure the movement into putting all its eggs in the radical basket is a tactical mistake, especially since no politically radical group or country has shown the slightest inclination to be more tolerant of homosexual behavior than middle class America. There can be only one fighting reaction to partisan pressure.

There are plenty of sexual revolutionaries (maybe the majority) who firmly believe that the US is one of the least repressive societies in human history, that

the war in Indochina is not immoral and imperialistic, and that war related to research is not necessarily wicked. Differing views on these questions need have no quarrel with each other as far as the homosexual movement is concerned. They are issues utterly irrelevant to sexual freedom. What is important is that the individual should be able to survive in the movement, and retain his own mind, manners, and political beliefs and not be drawn off into the visionary gay world of the "Children of Christopher Street."

RR chatter

Back again "Hooter-lovers" with some more RR chatter. Where do we begin? On the 9th of January, the lovely face of Mr. Kitty Key entertained the beautiful residents of Corpus Christi at Hadrans. Thank you, Fred, we understand the show was well received.

The Fabulous Four were chased from Houston to do a "gala show opening" at the new Bayou Landing in Dallas. Dallasites received this show with warm feelings and tense excitement. Mr. David was reported as being well on his toes. The Fabulous Four send a "tips of the wig" to Dennis for choosing their show.

The Delightful Delinquent was the Fabulous Fours guest for a week. A fine performer and one beautiful person. RR customers loved her.

While Stephanie Carr, the delightful delinquent was at the RR, The Bayou Landing and Ron Sue's (Dallas) played host to RR's Mr. David. The RED ROOM was extremely proud of Mr. David for a job well done. Our loss is Dallas' gain. Mr. David gave his final performance at the RR on January 23. Best of luck - Houston and the RR will miss you.

January 14th and 25th was designated Customer Appreciation night. A special show, a-go-go boys and \$275.00 in door prizes was RR's way of saying "Thank You" to their beautiful customers. Thanks B.G.

The 1st Tuesday in February starts amateur night again. All of Houston is invited to perform and be entertained. Under a new title "Talent Nigl:", Tiffany and Kitty will play host to new and upcoming drag talent. 1st prize of \$15.00 and 2nd prize of \$10.00 will be offered for four Tuesdays. On the fifth Tuesday - the 8 - 1st and 2nd place winners will compete for

\$150.00 in cash prizes. Anyone who has entered Tiffany's Amateur night before is eligible.

Another special with Tiff and "the Torch" was the hi lite of the month. A standing room only crowd witnessed a super-colossal night of entertainment with these two exceptionally beautiful and talented performers. The climax of this evening was quite a surprise to RR customers. A pie-throwing contest between Tiffany and Torch brought the crowd to its feet and the roof down. Once again Tiffany and Torch outdid themselves.

Among her many titles which include The Virgin Queen (from memory). Miss RR has still achieved another. That of Miss "Cobra Motorcycle Club" for a day. January 15th saw this newly formed club meet and go to Galveston. We understand that after being well broke-in, the ride wasn't as uncomfortable as Tiffany had anticipated.

Hooters to Ya All!

There was once a word
I knew so well
It escapes me now, for
I have no one to tell.

It's a simple word
Heard from time to time.
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HOMOSEXUALITY

MARTIN HOFFMAN, M.D., staff psychiatrist, Center for Special Problems, San Francisco Health Department; author of *The Gay World: Male Homosexuality and the Social Creation of Evil*. Basic Books.

After addressing myself to a general discussion of homosexuality, I will discuss a few of the problems educators may face in dealing with homosexual students. I will confine my discussion mainly to male homosexuality, because almost all of my research and clinical experience has been with homosexual men.

A serious study of homosexuals will quickly dispel the following common misconceptions: All homosexual men are effeminate; all homosexual women are very masculine; both can be recognized--with at first glance or after getting to know them. Not so. It's very common for a person to be completely startled by the discovery that a close friend or family member is homosexual.

Another stereotype is that homosexual men are especially fond of sexual relations with children, hang around schoolyards, and seduce little boys. The fact is that the average adult homosexual has no more interest in sexual contact with children than does the average heterosexual. There is a premium on youth in the gay world, but this is also true in the straight world: The late teens and twenties are considered the years of greatest attractiveness. (Do you ever see women in their forties featured in the centerfold of *Playboy*?) Along with the stereotype that homosexuals are fond of sexual relations with children is an analogous one--that homosexuals are unusually prone to violence. Statistical studies of sexual crimes indicate that this is simply false.

Another, more complex stereotype is that homosexuals are necessarily unhappy. Of this, two things must be said. First, many homosexuals lead comfortable, productive lives. Many settle down to a dyadic relationship with another member of the same sex. Homosexuals are to be found in all socioeconomic, racial, and religious groups, and many hold positions of eminence and great responsibility in business, government, and the professions. Nonetheless, because our present society makes it difficult for homosexuals to be happy, many of them are not.

Many of the phenomena of gay life are understandable if we look upon homosexuals as an oppressed minority group. Many homosexuals are preoccupied with being homosexual; some engage in protective clowning; some identify with the dominant group and attack their

GAY GADFLY

Thanks, largely, to television, our may go down in history as THE AGE OF OVER-EXPOSURE. No thanks to television--at least, not yet--one of the phenomena of our age which may end up suffering (?) from over-exposure is Gay Rights.

So far as television is concerned, Gay Rights is still a phenomenon--in the popular, rather than the philosophical and scientific sense of that term. So Gays have not yet suffered from a back-lash. That has become part of the sad heritage of that other discriminated-against minority, whose cause has been harmed rather than helped by the clarion call for Black Power. Still, one wonders whether there are not a number of Gays who will be satisfied with nothing less than over-exposure.

Such Gays may be banded together into groups which are genuinely concerned about the future of the Gay Community. But already GLF seems to have been repudiated. And GAA, in some of its tactics, furnishes object lessons in how to lose friends and alienate people. A proliferation of the more regional groups should be left to the tender mercies of local judgment.

Or such Gays may be action individually--and individually. Indeed, one sometimes questions the sincerity of their quest for liberation, so libertine is their behavior. They are availing themselves fully of the permissiveness of our day. And what they are doing to themselves and their relationship with their fellowmen fairly clamors for Hamlet's comment on life and/or the world:

'Tis an unweeded garden,
That grown to seed; things rank and gross in nature
Possess it merely.

"Lord, make me a saint--but not just yet." With this expression of hope attributed to the great Saint Augustine, many of us may find ourselves in amused agreement, remembering him as a so-called "sinner saint." Another and more reliably reported statement of his is more relevant to our subject: "We readily believe what we want to believe."

From the first moment of his manifestation of a more than passing interest in Gay Rights, the Gay person maintains that he has more than himself in mind, that he is acting unselfishly. But personality conflicts, differences of opinion, and disagreement concerning priorities cause a gradual erosion. The result may very well be a deeper split among Gay groups, all seemingly striving for the same thing, that is the gap which separates Gays from those who ignore their legitimate demands.

Then there is the individualistic Gay person who seems to be intent upon doing his own thing, to the exclusion of everything else. Even he, when persistently pressed, may confess to a degree of concern about his Gay brothers. But too often that concern happens to be no more than the mood of the moment--especially when that mood serves to satisfy the sexual need of the moment. Surely it is the rare Gay guy who will concentrate in thought and word and deed on the REAL needs of his brothers and sisters at the expense of his own MANUFACTURED personal needs!

"He doth protest too much." This comment by one of Shakespeare's characters deserves a new and less immediately obvious application to the Gay Community. The Gay Activist, for example, might think about it as he witnesses--or even presides over--the imminent shipwreck of a worthwhile cause upon the rock of his own intransigence. And the Gay libertine might measure his motives against it. Finally, as for one who signs himself GAY GADFLY, he might weigh the speck in his brothers' eyes in contrast with the log that may be in his own.

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January may have been the slow month for the Houston Arts Scene but not so in February. The town will be jumping with fine attractions from light comedy to musicals to the best in dramatic fare. Not to mention three delightful evenings with our own symphony orchestra. Let's take a look at the events of the month.

Ricki Shevac has found a winner with the production of **Forty Carats** continuing through the 12th of February. Although I've not seen the show reports are very good to excellent. The Windmill then does an abrupt about face from the light comedy to the classic with the February 15 opening of **Bus Stop**. As most dinner theatres shy away from the heavy plays, this should be a most interesting evening. **Bus Stop** will play through March 19th at The Windmill.

The Dean Goss Dinner Theater steps out with the somewhat obscure but genuinely warm and funny **Enter Laughing**. It's the somewhat autobiographical story of Carl Reiner. The brilliant man behind many of the fine situation comedies seen on the tube. (Both the old and new Dick Van Dyke Shows.)

Enter Laughing is set for an indefinite run. Congratulations to Mr. Goss and Mrs. Marrich, they've picked a fine show this time.

The Alley Theater continues with their production of the stirring **Spoon River** through the 20th of February. It's one of those rare productions that is happy and sad and very moving throughout. It's said that the original music has been augmented for this particular performance. The arena stage comes alive with **My Sweet Charlie** on February 3rd and **Charlie** on February 3rd and continues for the three subsequent weekends. Since it opens close to deadline we might mention **Hadrian VII** on the large stage March 2nd. **Hadrian** happens to be one of my favorites and if handled with the professionalism the Alley is noted for it should be an excellent production.

The Houston Symphony Orchestra brings us three evenings of the finest in symphonic music this February 6, 7, 8, with Garrick Ohlsson the guest artist. Selections will be from Bach, Listz, Ives and Janacek. We should also mention the concerts March 5, 6,

and 7th with pianist Peter Frankl and Lawrence Foster Conducting. Primary selections that evening will be from Mozart and Ravel.

The Society for the Performing Arts brings the American Ballet Theatre to Houston for seven performances this month. The dates for those evenings are February 9 - 13 with two matinees. Plan an evening at Jones Hall with this fine dance troupe.

Run, do not walk to the nearest available ticket agent and get your seats for one of the two performances of **Company** on February 19 at the Music Hall. Pace Productions has arranged for this one day stand of Stephen Sondheim's absolutely incredibly brilliant contemporary musical. **Don't miss it!**

The same might be said for the appearance of Lauren Bacall in **Applause**. Southwest concerts and Foley's have teamed up on this critics choice playing February 9 - 13 at the Music Hall. Tickets are already scarce so get on it folks. If you miss this and then get frustrated when everyone starts elaborating on its merits, don't say Michael didn't tell you.

That's February in Houston. There's Lot's to see and all of a very fine or promising nature. Get off your wallets and attend some of these events. Remember, you don't miss them until you don't have them. And the box office determines that alone.

Drag shows, almost without exception, bore this critic to death. Seldom do I see what can be called exceptional talent in a show of this nature. It is not to be understood that I dislike or condemn this form of entertainment. It provides work and a creative outlet for some performers and there are those who find the drag shows extremely entertaining.

Yet a few weeks ago I chanced to see an exceptional young man who works under the name of Saji. An invigorating personality on stage, he also has talent. Not only in his impressions, but in his patter with the audience. Saji is warm, real, and seemingly most sincere with his admirers. A quality somewhat lacking in most people engaged in this profession.

His stellar moment comes with the impression of Diana Ross. Saji has obviously studied this very talented woman and has absorbed the very minutest of details. Beyond the gestures and stance, the gowns and attitudes, he looks like Miss Ross. Totally, completely, and irrevocably. This extends to the magnificent smile and that very special sparkle in the eye. Little else can be said, it must be seen to be believed.

As to performance on stage, Saji is a true professional. He clearly loves that he is doing. It is most evident at all times. And more than that, he works on stage. A true professional, no matter how talented, always works when in the spotlight. He or she sweats and strains and gives something of himself to the audience. Not only that but he receives in return. Not just the tips stuffed into cleavage and thrown on the stage. There is an audible thing present. Applause, whistles, cheers. They were all there that night I was present. That and much more.... love. Love of an audience for a performer and love of a performer for an audience.

Saji, like the incomparable Pearl Bailey, is a most talented an exceptional ambassador of love.

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own group; some will develop close ties only with other homosexuals. All these characteristics are typical of groups that have been victimized by a hostile majority culture and can be found in blacks, Jews, and many other minority groups all over the world and throughout recorded history.

Since so many homosexuals are made unhappy by social pressures, they are frequently found in psychiatric consulting rooms. Agreeing with Freud that sexual orientation can rarely be changed, many psychiatrists encourage the homosexual to make the best possible adjustment to this situation, to throw off his guilt, and to try to develop healthy relationships, both personal and sexual, with other homosexuals. A few feel therapeutically more ambitious than Freud and claim that they can "cure" homosexuality.

I have no doubt that some individuals, if really desperate to change, can be induced to give up what they regard as their sinful ways and go straight. What I object to is the claim several of these psychiatrists have made (implicitly or explicitly) that the average homosexual can be made heterosexual or that this procedure could solve homosexuality as a social problem. In my opinion, such claims would be as farfetched as suggesting that the way to solve the problem of a Jewish state in the Middle East would be to convert all the Jews in Israel to the Islamic faith.

My conviction is that we are going to have to accept homosexuality as a valid way of life and remove the social and legal stigmas that are now attached to it. Unless we do so, the suffering will continue. I say this because my professional experience and reading indicate that very few homosexuals have a real wish to change and because even if they did, most couldn't be changed by any method known to modern science. Therefore, the best means—indeed the only means—of dealing with homosexuality as the serious problem it clearly is would seem to be to deal with homosexuals in the same way that we should deal with other minority groups.

This brings us the interrelated questions of the cause (or causes) of homosexuality and of whether it is a mental illness. A number of psychoanalysts advance a reasonably consistent theory that psychological trauma at an early age causes homosexuality in an individual who would otherwise have been heterosexual because of an inherited predisposition towards "normal" sexuality.

While the theory of "traumatic homosexuality" undoubtedly applies to some homosexuals, I have found no good evidence indicating that it applies to all. For example, it may be true that a certain homosexual man suffers from a sense of chronic emasculation and thus

is driven to perform fellatio upon another man in an attempt to incorporate their imputed masculinity, but it does not follow that all homosexual men are attracted to members of their own sex because of this or analogous mechanisms.

In my view, homosexuality as a descriptive term covers a number of different types of people whose routes into homosexuality may be quite dissimilar. Some may be homosexual because of biological determinants, some because of the kind of traumatic childhood that analysts describe, and some because of learned but nontraumatic childhood factors. Furthermore, even when we speak of experiential (as contrasted with genetic) determinants, we should certainly not rule out the possibility that the crucial factors in one's sexual orientation may occur not during childhood but later, e.g., in adolescence. We should also not assume that experiential and genetic determinants are necessarily mutually exclusive.

The truth is we really know very little about the origins of homosexuality. Speculation abounds but hard data are difficult to come by.

Actually the question of why people become homosexual is part of a larger question: What are the origins and mechanisms of sexual identification and sexual preference? Until we know how certain symbolic objects or other triggering mechanisms act upon sexual-arousal centers in the central nervous system, we won't know the answer to the basic scientific problem.

When we do find the answer to this question we will know not only why homosexuality exists but also why individuals become heterosexual. While we don't inquire sexuality a social problem, it is as legitimate a scientific question as the one about homosexuality.

Any psychiatrist who subscribes to the view that homosexuality invariably originates in trauma would certainly consider it to be an illness. I am unaware of any evidence for this theory, however, and I do not believe that homosexuality per se is an illness (and neither did Freud).

In a classic study, Evelyn Hooker, a research psychologist at the University of California, Los Angeles, compared 30 homosexual men not in psychiatric treatment with 30 heterosexual men of the same age, education, and IQ. She gave these 60 men a battery of psychological tests and obtained considerable information on their life histories.

Several of her most skilled colleagues then analyzed the data without knowing which of the test results were from homosexuals and which were from heterosexuals. These clinicians were unable to distinguish between the two groups, and the homosexual group showed no higher degree of pathology than did the heterosexual group. As a result of these findings, Hooker wrote: "Homo-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Att: Mr. Phil Frank, Editor

Dear Phil,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your help in my appeal to get my job back with the U. S. Government. As you know, I had asked you to publish my story in your paper (THE NUNTUS) to ask for financial help from the Gay Community. As is typical of most Gay's (since most of them are hypocrites) not a single one of them helped. (Mr. Phil Frank and his staff excluded.)

I only wish every Gay had to go through the ordeal that I have gone through, then maybe a few more would be willing to help someone in need. I would be ashamed of myself, if I couldn't give up the price of two or three beers to help a fellow Gay who was fighting to make it possible for other Gay's to obtain Government jobs. But as I stated before, it is so typical of Gay's (when you get down to the Nitty-Gritty) to run and hide.

Well, I have succeeded in getting my job back with the U. S. Government. It is also a shame that all the organizations (Mattachine Society, ONE, Society for Individual Rights, American Civil Liberties Union, Playboy Foundation, etc.) all tout the addage, WE WANT TO HELP, but again when you ask for their support, they could care less. It was almost the same with my attorney. If you remember Phil, I had to turn him into the State Board Grievance Committee, so therefore, I cannot and will not recommend him to represent any other person.

I was re-instated to my former position, which means I get to keep my seniority, all raises and promotions, and partial back-pay. From this partial back-pay, I will have to pay my attorney 50% -- Income Tax -- and re-imburse all monies to my retirement fund. If I realize any monetary gain at all, I will be lucky, as it will have cost me almost \$8,000.00 to win this case. I thank God this didn't get into the Courts. No telling how much it would have cost me then, although if it had, maybe I could have made the Government pay the Court Costs and Attorney Fees.

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Editor

Dear Editor:

This is in reply to one letter from page four of your December issue. The author of the second letter in the article apparently feels that (1) a gay marriage is impossible, and (2) who would want it anyway? I have found my gay marriage both possible and eminently desirable.

I do not think "it would be so nice to have a man around the house." What I do think is that it is so nice to have my particular man around the house. Of course we've learned a lot of quirky things about each other in the last two years--you were expecting maybe Pollyanna?

Why is it foolishly weak, as you sat, to like the familiar? Some people just plain wear well. And why is it undesirable to never give up? Like him or lump him, Richard M. Nixon is most glad today that he did not give up after 1960.

A marriages come to an end--unfortunately, sometimes by divorce--eventually by death. Death waits for all of us; let's face it--no one has pulled the old Elijah trick in the last 3000 years. So if you want marriage, take it while you can; why trade the fleeting happiness of today and tomorrow for the permanent unhappiness of today, tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow? Anyway, don't knock it till you've tried it three times.

Thank you for the forum.

lwj

Dear lwj,

Letters such as yours make me feel "GAY IS GOOD." There are too, too many of us gay that do not know the difference between "any man," and "my particular man" but obviously you do. Bless you and we hope that some of the "Hungry Hannas" will take heed.

Editor

sexuality as a clinical entity does not exist. Its forms are as varied as are those of heterosexuality. Homosexuality may be a deviation in sexual pattern that is in the normal range, psychologically."

Psychiatrist who claim that all homosexuals are sick presumably engage in a simple sampling error by assuming that their homosexual patients are representative of the homosexual community as a whole. They apparently forget that members of any group who go to psychiatrist are there because they are troubled people rather than a random sampling for the general population. As these psychiatrists have never studied homosexuals not in treatment, they overgeneralize about homosexuality on the basis of what they know about their patients. If they were to do this with members of a different minority group, they would be immediately called to task by that group's antidefamation committee."

Only recently have homosexuals begun to believe that they have any civil rights. Hence, they are slow to respond to what really amounts to an attack on their human dignity. However, such response has started and will, I think, increase in the days to come. Since the scientific evidence is actually against the illness theory, it will hold sway just so long as those psychiatrists who propose it are supported by a portion of the general population who find it hard to believe that homosexuality is acceptable sexual behavior. For them, the illness theory proves a good exit from their own dilemma in being unable to accept differences in sexual preference.

Finally, I'd like to say something about a few possible problems that might confront the educator in dealing with homosexuals. It is essential here to make a distinction between the effeminate boy and the prehomosexual boy, who are not necessarily the same. An effeminate boy may or may not be prehomosexual. He may develop into one of a number of sexual categories: He may become a heterosexual who also has a fetish for female clothing or he might even turn out to be "normal."

It simply isn't possible to describe here all the permutations and combinations of problems associated with cross/gender behavior in children (i.e., tomboyishness and sissiness). In this regard, however, it is interesting to note how much more tolerant we are of tomboy girls than of sissy boys. This may very well be a causative factor leading to the higher incidence of male than of female homosexuality (about twice as much).

It's hard for a teacher to keep an effeminate boy's peers from making him feel like a worthless human being, but if it can be done it should be. Certainly, when grade school children show signs of serious, persistent cross gender behaviors, teachers should refer them to the appropriate school authorities for psychological evaluation. I want to emphasize, however, that most prehomosexual students are not identifiable as such. They seem quite normal, and some prehomosexual boys are (contrary to stereotype) very good at sports.

When students have passed puberty, the matter becomes more complex, and the older the child gets the more I would question the value of a psychiatric referral (unless the student himself is troubled by his situation). Probably by the time senior high rolls around, sexual matters are settled for most homosexual students. In the majority of cases, I believe that a teacher or any other educator can do nothing to affect a student's sexual preference.

Nevertheless, if the parents seem troubled by the student's behavior, the entire family should probably be referred for counseling. In many of these late adolescent cases, it is the parents who need help and not the student. I believe that what the student really needs is acceptance from the family, and in many cases this is only possible if the parents are told (by someone they will listen to) that they cannot change their child's sexual preference. The only choice they have at this stage is how much guilt they will burden the child with.

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PART II

a homophile novel
by William J. Lambert, III

Escape! This sure as hell wasn't escape. It sure as hell wasn't even one iota like the word. The minute I stepped into that closed little room and that fairy-looking thing in white had slipped a rubber on his finger and shoved it up me, I knew I wasn't escaping to anywhere. This was the same thing all over again. It was just in a different setting. There wasn't any hope of escape along this route. I wondered really if there was any hope of escape along any route. Once one came to realize there wasn't any getting away, no real road to freedom, one just learned to take everything for granted. One had to take things for granted. This was a different road to disaster, anyway. That made it unique for the minute. If all pathways led to oblivion, the only thing to do is to choose which road to take. I

had chosen a road all right. Whether it was the right one or not was quite another matter.

I sure as hell couldn't have gone back to college like my mother wanted. I couldn't have taken that. That road was no different. For two years I had carried my books to classes, marched off to pledge weeks, fraternity dances, cocktail parties, football games. The Sallys, the Marthas, the Pearls, the me's, were all there as they were everywhere. They had different faces and different voices but they were the same old people. They were all searching for the same damned cock. Only the bars along this road were the homes of the wealthy, fraternity houses, sorority houses, apartments, weekend trips to the mountains. On skiing trips, no one skied and on swimming parties no one swam. Everyone f----- everyone and then tried to f----- everyone else. The thing wasn't an erection but Maudie who was a real girl with a candlestick.

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She was, in turn, being candlestick-
ed by Mark who was a drag with
a pair of balls like a horse. Maudie
nor any other girl would ever really
get Mark because he only liked to
plug boys.

Raymond, with his wife and kids,
had been at college. I wondered if
he were still coaching football. I
doubted whether the move had re-
formed him. Raymond needed it too
damned much to have ever been
able to quit with boys. It was
too bad his wife couldn't realize
that she wasn't enough for him.

I knew. I had been that extra
something he needed for six mon-
ths. I had taken the ring he had
given me and I had worn it.

He had a hard, tanned, athletic
body, dark, black eyes, light, brown
hair, large cock. He needed sex and
I gave it to him. His wife found
out, caught us in the gym one night.
His clothes had been off. He was
standing, legs spread like some
Greek god. I, like his vassel, was
on my knees before him.

She told him she loved him. It
was her fault and not his. She
hadn't given him something he had
needed. She would try but so must
he. If he didn't try, there would
be a divorce. She couldn't afford
to be known as the woman who had
been jilted for another man. He
couldn't afford a scandal. He was
an assistant coach who was showing
great promise.

He finally said he was thinking
of me. This was one my parents
might not even be able to cover
up for me. There was only the one
alternative. He would go with his
bitch of a wife and his two snot-
nosed kids. He had a job offer
elsewhere. It was still an assis-
tant coach position but had possi-
bilities for quick advancement. He
might make full coach in another
five years. That would be good. He
was still young. It would be better

this way for everyone.

Raymond was best forgotten.
However, he was one of the faces
which weren't forgotten. He was
one of the bodies still clear. I
knew every inch of it from the
appendix scar almost hidden by his
body hairs to the small mole in
the crease of his ass.

I felt sorry for Raymond. There
was a need there his wife couldn't
satisfy with her hair/covered hole
and her overly developed tits. He
was probably making it now with
one of his football players.

No, not back to college. I didn't
plan on staying home, either. Home
was the least desirable solution of
all. I really couldn't figure out
what was going on in my mother's
mind every time she looked at me.
Outwardly, she hadn't changed.
There was something else: like
the way she never mentioned that
morning she had come in and found
me covered with caked semen and
numbed by a bottle of sleeping
pills. She had covered the attempt-
ed suicide so well that I wasn't
even sure my father knew the truth.

I like football better than the
ballet. I would rather go to a basket-
ballet, I would rather go to a basket-
ballet game than to a museum.
I love both my mother and my father
but love my father more. I am
not overly fond of any type of music.
I crave competitive sports. When
I draw a picture of a house, it's
an ordinary looking house. When
I draw a picture of a tree, I
draw it nice and fluffy with roots.

I did very well on my tests.
The recruiter called my home.
A Captain Somebody would like to
have a talk with me at the re-
cruiting main station. Could I
come?

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WE'RE SLOWLY RECOVERING FROM the effects of the Holiday Season, luv, and it's been difficult, really it has. One has so many obligations socially, too true, that one must devote SOME time to getting the juices flowing properly after so busy a Season. We know you have just been deluged by all the invitations to all the exciting parties and mating sessions and whatever, too. Now isn't that so? Of course.

EVERYONE IS JUST atwit over the arrival soon of that darling hunk, Ryan O'Neal (who so lovingly bounced it around in "Love Story") along with Warren Oats and Charlotte Ramping, luv. They're to be in Houston for the filming of a new movie production, "The Thief Who Came to Dinner." And we know just scads of Beautiful People who would adore having dear Ryan for dinner! Anyway, luv, the flick is to be filmed all over our better neighbourhoods and in the residences of some of our Most Beautiful People, including the nookery of that dear old pudgy Arthur Talk right in the middle of the Colony! There will be some really charming parties given while the stars and crew are frolicking, sweets, and we'll tell EVERYTHING we can just as soon as we can, and you know it! Now get yourselves all worked up for it. There's a dear



Tiff after a trip to Galveston with the Cobra's M. C.

THERE ARE SOCIAL CLUBS and there are social clubs, dearie. Among the latter is the Cobra Motor Cycle Club, which is undergoing some internal revision it seems. We understand their president is not turning out to be the noble leader originally thought by the members and a new election is being called. Seems that one of the events leading to this historic decision was a recent bash by the boys at LaFittes in Galveston where members and their guests re-created the Rape of Berlin all over the place, thereby cheating the local baths out of considerable commercial attendance. Shocking, luv, and not a camera in sight! So thoughtless, actually

DO TROT OVER and get a fix on the 2 San Francisco types running the spiritual life at the Mid Towne Lounge, ducks. So hunky. And be thrilled beyond words to know that this oasis is changing its name to Dickie's Dug-Out soon. That will make your day. the tooth fairy and the witch of the west have been making scouting expeditions in Dallas recently, sweets, and no one doubts why. In addition, that dear boy Bob Cappell and his sidekick Jim Sisk are very cozy these days, and we hear they will all be involved in a new fabulous operation locally soon. It's all like a fairy tale, actually. And just wait until you hear the next installment from us! Mad!

FOR AN EXPERIENCE rivalling an emergency room at Ben Taub for sheer physical sensory overload, do, DO take in the old Entree under its new management and policy. You will not believe it!

DENNIS SISK, that dear boy, is going great guns with his new and truly delightful Bayou L'nading in Wee D. It's everything you heard and expected, and more, luv. Well worth a trip to Dallas (sans treks through their parks, of course). We understand Dennis and associate Big Lynn are also going to open a similar operation in Houston and one in Denver, and we couldn't be happier about it, really.

DO TRY TO CATCH the pleasant entertainment provided by Kathryn Tate at the utterly divine Courtlands, luv. You need to tune up occasionally.

SHIRLEY ANKLES IS giving it the old college try after all the financial reverses, luv, comforted by that comforting herd in residence. Hold the happy thought for her, see, because one would think a curse was working.

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The captain stood there in his little green uniform with its shiny brass buttons and spit-polished shoes and gaudy insignias and war decorations. I wasn't impressed. He greeted me like his long-lost brother. He took my hand in his and squeezed -- and I SQUEEZED back.

"Hello," said Captain Weston, picking up a dossier and motioning me off to a table in the corner. "I've been checking over your files."

He sat down in the chair, crossing his legs the right way. Not knee on knee. That's perfectly all right but it looks too effeminate. Not calf on thigh because that's all wrong. He placed the ankle just above the knee.

Paula enlisted three months ago. It was the same recruiter minus the captain. She signed the papers -- she took the oath -- she thought no one knew that she had done it: pulled off her masquerade. SGT Patston passed her in the hall. "You'll have to butch it up more than that little lady to make it through the Army," he said to her in passing. He knew she was queer but didn't care. He needed to fill a quota. Any live and breathing body would have done, any piece of flesh to stick on a roster. Rumor had it that Paula had already been discharged. A "209". There were always rumors.

"Good background," Captain Weston was saying. Who was he kidding? No background really. There had been nothing but a whole series of schools. No practical experience.

"I see you took two years of Air Force ROTC."

It had been a drastic mistake. It had been boring and uninteresting. Playing Air Force: left face, fall on your face, about face, to the rear march.

"Why did you quit?"

Quit what? ROTC? School?

"Ah, of course," he smiled. That was the correct answer to give him. As far as he was concerned, there was no other conceivable answer. Who could possibly like an Air Force program? There was only the one program: THE ARMY PROGRAM.

"Have you thought about Army OCS?"

"OCS?"

"Officers' Candidate School."

"Yes, I thought about it."

His eyes lit up like little beacons. He looked like a ghastly caricature of a jack-o-lantern. I felt no physical attraction for him, no curiosity even about what he would look like stripped. He was just a middle-aged captain, swelling out his chest like a bullfrog.

"Then I disregarded the idea," I added.

Out went his lights and shut banged his mouth. I had apparently stuck a pin in his ballooned chest and caved in his lung cavity.

"Why, may I ask?"

"To be quite frank, I want in and I want out. I want no active reserve commitment hanging over my head."

"There are great possibilities," he said, sounding like a propaganda machine rumbling off pre-programmed information. "More money. . . more persons on the intellectual level you are accustomed to. . . Now that was really a good argument! 'You can command people twice your age. Sergeants,' he whispered, 'who were born only to serve.' The whisper wasn't low enough. Sergeant Patston sneered. "Surely

you couldn't have eliminated the possibility of OCS entirely?"

I had!

He gave me a shocked expression to register his disbelief. He followed it with a small laugh. He was an ass. If this was an officer then, what in God's name was I getting myself into? All shiny brass buttons, untapered pants, polished shoes, and green, Green, GREEN.

He gave me four pamphlets. There were all bright and colorful and chocked full of lies. They were like all those misleading travel folders: smiling faces, clean uniforms, welcome to Hawaii, happiness, joy. Sever God and your country. Uncle needs you -- that is, if you're good enough.

Captain Weston couldn't understand. Someone had programmed him, turned him into a perfect machine. He spilled out more bilge about OCS.

"It's just not what I'm after," I said.

SGT Patston smiled. The Captain couldn't smile.

"I'm afraid you're making a mistake," he said. He shut the pages of his dossier -- he was hardly programmed for defeat -- he merely rejected plan one and put plan two into effect. "I'm quite serious. I can tell that you're one who is used to the finer things of life. You won't have the best life. You won't have the best things as an enlisted man. Let's face it, man, the enlisted men are the dregs. They're striking rock bottom: the high-school dropouts, the bums, the poor white trash and the niggers. And since they're the dregs of society, they are treated like that. They're treated like scum, like children. Can't you see that, man? You'll be just one more number indistinguishable among the masses."

I wanted to be just one more number, indistinguishable, lost in the masses. I wanted to be absorbed, swallowed. He couldn't understand that I wanted to escape, somewhere to go. I was searching for somewhere to hide.

A poster glared down from the wall: THE ARMY MAKES MEN. If that were only possible.

"It will be hell," he raved. He had an almost unexhaustable supply of information and arguments. "It always amazes me when a person of your intelligence fails to grasp the situation."

The room was becoming oppressive. Sergeant Patston was talking to another kid -- a blond one with a pimple-covered face. Sergeant Patston had a quota to fill. He had to requisition another human body.

Pimple-face was given a pencil, paper and test booklet. We had a whole class in college on just such tests: how to fool your employer when he hands you a battery of psycho tests. Everyone should take the college course. Then

would know the right answers to put down even before the test. Then they would all get invited to the office by a middle-aged captain who would try to persuade them to go to OCS.

"A commission," he rambled. "Second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain."

"I don't think so," I replied. Even the pimple-faced kid sensed the following silence. He quit writing to turn and glance our way.

"But thank you for giving me the opportunity," I said, getting up.

I walked back to the door and passed Sergeant Patston's desk, stopping to shake his hand. I made sure my grasp was firm and not limp like a fish or a queer. I walked out into the hall and headed for the street and suddenly realized that Sergeant Patston was following

me. "Listen," I thought he was probably going to say, "if you're going to make it in the man's Army, lady, you are going to have to butch it up more than you've been doing."

Sergeant Patston smiled, put his arm around my shoulder, headed me toward the door of the coffee shop.

"Let's have a cup of java together," he said.

A pick-up? It wasn't in his eyes.

"You made me feel great in there, he said, sitting down. 'I'm sorry I had to put you through the ordeal but this man's Army needs officers. He came around here and insisted on checking the prospects personally.'"

The sergeant was sorry about the captain. While Patston thought all officers were wise bastards, this one was especially one because he thought all the brains were in OCS. He thought only the dregs of society went into the enlisted ranks. Enlisted men weren't all duds like that dumb bastard was trying to tell me. That's why Patston felt so good in seeing me stand my ground. Whether I believed it or not, it was not those bedecked bastards with their silver and gold bars or even stars who ran the Army.

I had sat in like places with other cups of coffee time after time.

Yet this time it was different. I wasn't out to score or be secured. I was just sitting and talking to a real man for a change: not a half man or a question mark. It was a strange feeling. How long had it been since I had sat down and talked to someone who wasn't queer? It was just a conversation, a simple exchange of words before parting. We wouldn't exit to his apartment, strip down, tumble on the bed. SGT Patston wasn't gay. He was talking man to man without the sneers or silly little smiles or touching of knees underneath the table.

He looked at his watch, hurriedly finished his coffee and excused himself. He had to get back to the office. The bastard, he said, was probably boiling. He gave me an affectionate pat on the back as he left.

The kid was at the corner table -- alone. He had dark hair and an athletic body. He had been watching us. He saw my glancing his way and smiled.

I finished my coffee, got up and left. I glanced back through the door. The boy was paying the waitress. I hurried around a corner and stopped. I really didn't want this to happen now. I waited until a few minutes had passed before I walked back around the corner to the coffee shop. The kid was gone.

I should have waited. After all, he had been really good looking. It looked as if his body had possibilities. I suddenly felt I had been a goddamned fool. To hell with SGT Patston and his pats on the back! I had passed up an excellent score, so I started walking, knowing he couldn't have gotten very far. He hadn't.

The air was warm so we stayed on top of the blankets, our bodies almost touching.

"I thought I had lost you," he said.

"You almost did," I replied. "I looked for you. I couldn't imagine where you had gone so fast."

I rolled to my side, sliding my fingers over his chest. He was as muscular naked as I had expected him to be when I had first seen him in the cafe. He was a gymnast on the UCLA varsity ...

I looked up through the lace-work formed by the intricate scramblings of the tree limbs on the one oak with the other oaks that stood to its sides. This was an oak grove. It was the type mentioned in ancient legend as being sacred to the primeval gods of the forest. The oak his cocoon: a beautiful butterfly, soft, delicate. He wore his boxer shorts. He took them off.

We were naked and alone beneath the sheltering oaks. It was to be profane love beneath the leaves sacred to the profane gods of the past. The sunlight flickered, drift-correction

past. The sunlight flickered, drifted downward on a way paved with infinite particles of dust. The belt buckle still attached to the blue Army belt on the hastily disregarded Army fatigues glittered in its own glory.

I took him.

"God," he muttered. "God." Which God, I wondered? Surely not the Christian God with his carpenter son. Surely not that one with his morals, his repentances, his definitions of sin.

When it was over, we were silent in the quiet. Sun still filtered to us. The breeze still blew up above us in the tops of the trees. I felt suddenly weak, exhausted, hopeless. The Army builds men: what a bunch of horse shit!

END OF PART II
(continued next month)



GREEK WRESTLER TRYING TO FORCE HIS OPPONENT TO HIS KNEES

I wonder whatever became Of large, strong, gentle hands That touched the secret parts of me with tender, searching, child-like gestures.

I wonder j whatever became Of bright, white summer smiles That made the sunburned face of him Seem God-like, painful, touching, perfect.

I wonder however we two Grew mean, curt, sullen, snide And fought and stopped it, weepingly

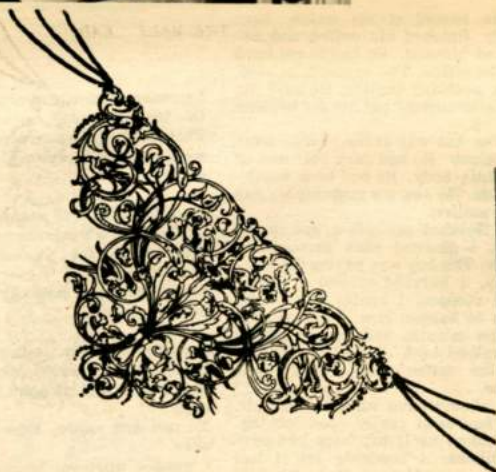
To nod and smile, then part forever.

I wonder whatever became of him And I suppose, most of all, I wonder if he Ever wonders whatever became of me.

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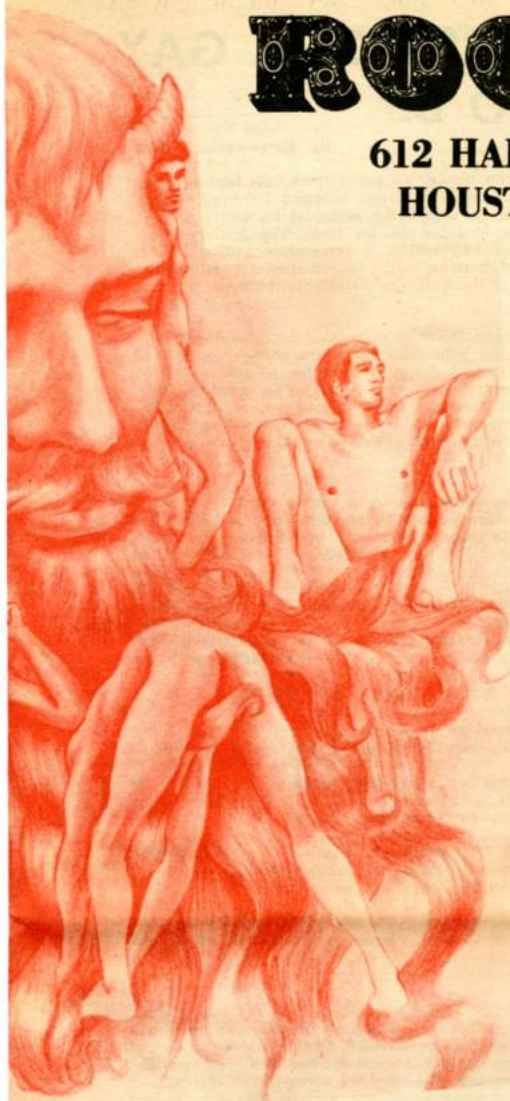
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AND NOW FOR A little drama in your drab lives, luvv. It seems that two of our local lovers, who are deeply involved in the drug scene, were recently visiting one of the bookstores when one of them wandered into the viewing room and the other staggered into another cozy nook. While there he passed out from the effects of their latest chemical experiment and was then relieved of his pants. (Loosening tight clothing is required, no doubt, in such situations, luvv.) Presented with such an opportunity it seems the patrons still conscious decided to gang-bang the unconscious freak. For about half an hour, too. Finally his lover came in and rescued the dear thing from the unwanted attentions of their fellow literary buffs. Hospitalisation was required, making the evening a memorable event for all concerned. Tasteless!

IT'S BEEN JUST TERRIBLY French these past few weeks, luvv, what with all the fetes honouring the departing French Consul General Georges McClanahan (it's truly his name, pussy-cat! Irish ancestors, see) and his charming wife Monique. One of the more posh was given by those dear things Count and Countess de Marigny at their lovely home, with just everyone there, followed by another charming boozing hosted by that dear social couple Andre and Elise Crispin (he's the Honorary Begian Consul here and we know that's important to you), high above the streets and well into the murky air at the Petroleum Club, which is so gay and fun and such.

one of the major moments in the life of our dear sister Betty Ewing, the country girl from the Panhandle who arbitrates Houston's social scene so unusually, will come when her darling pooch, Gypsy Rose Lee, makes her telly debut on Mary Jane's Channel 39 show. We knew you'd want to know about THAT historic event, luvv, and now you do.

POLITICS ARE THE big topic these days, my darlings, and we were just thrilled when Oveta let Billy do it, too. Aren't you? Sure.

THAT DEAR OLD GAL, Eleanor Hughes, so well known and often thought of by the Community, has left her position at Sloans to start her own decorating firm. Again. Naturally, we all wish her the very best and will want to give her all the business we can. Look out, Don Bolen, the competition is marching on to glory!

THAT DEAR AND WARMLY remembered Glenn Sanford was recently pictured wearing the latest fashions in one of the dailies mags devoted to men's fashions. Such a dear boy, he just sparked out there under General Sam Houston's equestrian statue! And that's just one of his many, many talents, luvv. Take our word for it. He's really a delightful companion and has talents the likes of which are not seen often in this troubled world. An upstanding young man, luvv, and sweet.

AND WERE WE NOT, also thrilled to see the adoreable David Campbell all splashed over the cover of the same magazine? You know we were! And you surely remember seeing him less fulsomely clothed in our last issue of THE NUNTIVUS, luvv, when he was a Runner-Up in the Mr. Red Room contest. Of course, OUR picture of him was more impressive.....

BIG DAVID is now appearing all over Dallas, luvv, and the US and foreign pharmaceutical industries are thrilled. And only we know where some of the funds to support the habit came from!!!

MR. FRISBY's is doing so well these nights, luvv, and we're all too happy about it. The week-ends (and the strong ones, too) have been phenomenally active there recently and it's just the thing for the tired spirit. Try it; you'll love it!

SO THAT's it for the nonce, cuddles. Keep it up, history waits.

SCHOOL IS NOT A GAY PLACE TO BE

by Warren Blumenfeld

As the clock drew nearer to ten o'clock, my fear became almost unbearable. I had long since stopped listening to my professor's lecture even though the material he was covering would undoubtedly be included on the final. The anxiety I was feeling made attention impossible. I remember sitting in the classroom shaking and dripping wet. I stared almost hypnotically at the second hand of the wall clock—suddenly the bell rang and class was over.

Now I had to make the most important decision of my life. Was I going to keep my appointment with the unknown woman in the college union or was I going to stand her up and retreat to the security of my apartment? As I made up my mind to carry through with the appointment, I found myself walking out of the room ignoring my classmates, trying to be as inconspicuous as possible. I was worried that someone would ask where I was going.

I approached the union, trying to regain my composure. I knew that I couldn't face anyone in the condition I was in, and if I continued to look so agitated, everyone would stare at me once I entered the building. I took a deep breath and went inside. Then I looked all over the cafeteria for the woman with the green blouse and blue pants. This was the outfit she had told me she would wear when I talked to her over the phone four hours earlier.

Suddenly I saw her—she saw me at the same time and got out of her seat to greet me. She took my hand and brought me over to her table.

"You must be Warren," she said. "My name is Lee."

She was not at all as I had envisioned her. She had a kind, friendly face and long sensitive fingers. She spoke with an air of understanding which allowed me to relax in her presence. I wished, however, that we were alone somewhere instead of there in the cafeteria where at any time an acquaintance might come in and find out the nature of our meeting.

"Lee," I said, "I called you because..." At this point I became extremely tense and could not longer continue.

"I know of your reasons for wanting to talk to me," she replied after almost an entire minute of silence. "I've found that many people are in your situation and are in such depression that they don't know where to turn. Please try to continue where you left off a minute ago. It would really be helpful to you if you could get out the words that are so disturbing to you."

"Lee, I called you because...because I think I...I am a ho...a homosexual." At that moment I placed my head in my hands and wanted to flee as fast as I could. After a minute or so she took my hand, and as she did, I could see her own eyes swelling with tears. It seemed that she knew the torment and self-hatred which I was feeling because of the simple fact that she had gone through the same feelings herself.

I suppose that I have had "homosexual" feelings since I was seven or eight years old, but since that time until just a very few months ago I was afraid to admit it to anyone, including myself. This meeting with the GLF coordinator on my college campus was such a threatening thing to me because like most of society, school is not a very "gay" place to be. For the homosexual in today's educational institutions, life is extremely oppressive, lonely and alienating.

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The chain of sexual oppression imposed by my schooling started the very first day I entered kindergarten. As my mother dropped me off and kissed me good-bye, I felt very alone and began to cry. The teacher walked up and said in a rough voice: "Don't cry. Only sissies and girls cry." In retrospect I realize that she was telling me to deny my feelings in order to fit a preconceived notion of masculinity, a norm I didn't fit and couldn't have fit if I had wanted to. Even back in kindergarten boys were channelled in certain activities such as athletics while girls were channelled along the lines of housekeeping "Skills" such as cooking and cleaning up the classroom. This channelling seemed to grow more intense in each consecutive level of grade-school.

In the fifth and sixth grades I was one of only five boys in the school chorus, which included almost 50 girls. The reason that more boys were not included in the chorus is not because girls generally have better voices than boys of elementary school age. The determining factor was one of social pressure. I and the other four boys in the chorus were referred to by our peers as "the chorus girls," while the girls who "made it" into the chorus were well respected and envied by the other girls of the school.

As I was experiencing this humiliation, I repeatedly wondered why it was that kickball was considered to be more "manly" than singing. Why was it that, in order for me to be accepted by my peers, I would first have to show my physical prowess on the athletic field?

The attitudes which my classmates developed were formulated within the family unit, but they were reinforced in the school setting. It was usually the girls who were encouraged by their teachers to take advantage of the field trips to the opera each semester, while the boys were pushed to attend a local big league baseball game. It was the girls who were allowed to help the teacher mix the paints for art period while the boys were permitted to sometimes leave for recess early to get the balls out of the equipment rooms. These instances may appear to be quite minor means of tracking a student according to sex, but they set the stage for the most oppressive three years of my life—the years of junior high school.

During this period I began to develop physically and became more aware of my own body. I began to have definite sexual feelings for other members of my own sex. These were feelings which I didn't exactly understand, although they seemed very real. Once I had a strong sexual attraction for a boy friend of mine. When I told him that I wanted to embrace him, he looked at me in the strangest way and called me a "faggot." By that time in my life I knew what the term meant. I was told that "Faggots" are homosexuals who are sick and who must go to a psychiatrist in order to be "normal."

In junior high, "normal" was defined by the teachers of our sex education class—the physical education staff. During the course, homosexuality was discussed when we were on the topic of "sexual deviates." If nothing else, this course taught me to keep my homosexual feelings well hidden. Whenever any of my friends told homosexual jokes, I was always the one who laughed the loudest, so no one would discover where I was really at.

During these years, I hated to go to any school dances. It was not that I didn't like to dance, but rather that I wanted to dance with the other boys. Once I had a fantasy of dancing with a boy friend of mine in the privacy of my own room—how beautiful and free it was to finally carry out my desires.

Unfortunately, this was only a fantasy, a brief vision instead of an actual occurrence. Subsequently, I rarely attended any of the dances because they were extremely threatening to me. If I were discovered, I not only wouldn't have been able to face my friends and relatives, but I thought that I would have to be transferred to another school so I wouldn't "disturb the educational environment" of my school. Recently this was what happened when a 13-year old told one of his junior high school teachers he was a homosexual. The principal immediately went to talk with his parents and stated that their son would not be allowed back to school unless he was admitted to a qualified psychologist for the purpose of altering his sexual preference. In this instance the parents accepted their son's feelings and were not intimidated by the school. They threatened that if their son was not admitted back to the school immediately they would file suit through the American Civil Liberties Union. Under this threat the boy was readmitted due to the lack of legal grounds for his dismissal.

In this type of case, in most states the law may be on our side, but social attitudes are difficult if not impossible to legislate. I have not kept up with this particular case since the boy has been back in school, but I do not doubt that he has felt some social stigma for his decision to be open about his homosexuality (as I would have, if I had been secure enough in my junior high school years to be open).

Junior high school sufficiently prepared me for my eventual high school experiences, teaching me never to question the oppressive conditioning I was subjected to. I did not question the military drills in tenth grade physical education class; in eleventh grade I did not question the transfer of a fellow classmate to a continuation school for alleged homosexual tendencies; and I did not question the statement of my twelfth grade English teacher that "even though Andre Gide was a homosexual he was a good author in spite of it." I felt too threatened to speak out. I tried, instead, to play the games social pressure dictated to me. I went steady with a girl in my history class when I was a senior mainly because all of my friends were going steady and I felt isolated for not having a girlfriend myself.

My own self-hatred was especially great in high school because I knew I was a homosexual but did not know how to handle it. There was no one to whom I could turn for help. Once in my health class when the subject came up, we talked about the technique of shock treatment for homosexuals to alter their "sexual desires." Being in such a desperate state, I even considered submitting myself to such treatment but, fortunately, never went through with it.

I graduated from high school with the hope that college life would somehow be different. I hoped that people would be more open-minded and readily open to change. To a great extent, this was true. In college, for the first time I joined with other people to demonstrate our open opposition to the war in Vietnam; now I felt the joy of joining with my Black and Chicano sisters in our common struggle against housing discrimination around our campus by the campus slumlords; now I was able to voice my disgust at the state of our ecology by helping to plan workshops during specified ecology teach-ins held around my campus.

All of these activities gave me a greater sense of worth, in that now I felt freer to act out many of my previously held ideals, but still something was missing. There remained within me a great void from which I could not escape. I knew the time was drawing near for me to make a decision of either coming out with my homosexuality to myself and to others, or else remaining in my suppressed state as I had done ever since I could remember. I continually asked myself why there were no openly Gay individuals or gay organizations on my campus.

Then one day in my campus newspaper I saw the headline, in big bold letters, "Gay Liberation Front Denied Campus Recognition." The article went on to say that the chancellor of the California State College system had denied recognition of the Campus Chapter of Gay Liberation Front on the premises that: 1. "...the effect of recognition by the college of Gay Liberation Front could conceivably be to endorse, or to promote homosexual behavior, to attract homosexuals to the campus, and to expose minors to homosexual advocacy and practices, and 2. "...belief that the proposed Front created too great a risk for students—a risk which might lead students to engage in illegal homosexual behavior."

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After my initial disgust and outrage for such absurd reasoning, I finally chose to "come out of my closet." I soon joined an encounter group in the college counseling center which allowed me to gain the support I needed to start to handle my homosexuality in a constructive way. Soon I gained the courage I needed to get in touch with the coordinator of the local Gay Liberation Front chapter, as described in the beginning of this article. Since that time I have been involved heavily in gay politics and gay sensitivity groups.

The void is finally being filled because now I have found people who are proud of their homosexuality—people who are no longer going to put up with the oppressive conditions which our society imposes on us every day for our lives. People are now fighting in the courts to get chapters of Gay Liberation Front reinstated on campuses. A precedent case was recently decided in our favor by the Superior Court of Sacramento County, California. In this case, the GLF, represented by the Associated Students of Sacramento State College, won a suit against the President of Sacramento State College and the trustees of the California State College System which forced the state college to recognize GLF as a student organization. A court upheld the Associated Students' contention that:

To justify suppression of free speech there must be reasonable grounds to fear that serious evil will result if free speech is practiced. There must be reasonable ground to believe that the danger apprehended is imminent.

Using this precedent, other homosexual groups which have been denied recognition are now waging court battles throughout the nation. Also many groups have not had as much troubles as we have had for there are over 150 campus homosexual groups throughout the United States. The purpose, as stated in one group's constitution, is

...to further self-understanding among the members, to promote in the community better understanding of homosexuality, and to facilitate a strengthening of social ties between homosexuals and heterosexuals...to provide...members with legal, medical and psychological counseling and services as is necessary and proper.

To be a homosexual in the educational institutions of this country is still extremely difficult even though conditions may appear to be changing for the better. I was able to begin the long process of personal liberation in spite of my teachers and the educational institutions.

I realize that I can talk only of oppression from the viewpoint of a homosexual man, but the system which oppresses me also oppresses women, both gay and straight, Black people, Chicanos, Native Americans and others. The fact which must be made known is that we are tired of waiting for change; we are tired of hiding our feelings and we are rising up with pride, love and solidarity.

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TODAYS COLLEGE STUDENT IN THE SEXY SEVENTIES

There has been a lot of loose talk in recent years about the sad state of the young; this is a constant topic of adult conversation. Every generation has its gap!

Sure, young people today are a lot different in many ways than their predecessors, but at the outset I should state that things like bizarre clothing don't bother me. My class room often looks like a costume party! Furthermore, as a strong believer in truth-in-packaging, I endorse the non-bra movement in girls and the skin tight pants on boys.

The complaints about young people come, in my judgement, from adults who have a selective memory. I am convinced that today's youths are no worse than we were at their age.

On the other hand some of my colleagues tell their students that they are the greatest generation yet, that "youth is virtue," etc. This is preposterous, and since the young, if anything, know themselves too well, they write off the adulation as so much bull shit!

There are 6,500,000 college students today, compared to about half a million when I set off for college. This enormous growth tends to throw all our sensibilities off. We read in the paper of 500 kids rioting and it wounds like a bit deal. But in a student body of, say, 10,000, a mere 500 is statistically trivial.

We hear of free love, co-educational dorms, gay lib on campus, and all the rest! Today's kids talk like they think they invented sex the day they hit puberty! Well, they are spectacularly wrong!

No, their sinfulness, eccentric dress, addiction to dirty language—these do not impress me. They have invented no new sins, and I have yet to hear an obscenity I didn't know when I was 10!

I may be wrong, but for all the fireworks I'm not sure they enjoy like as much as we did. A big deal turns out to be a movie like "I Am Boring (Swedish)!" My reaction to the buttons reading "Make Love, Not War," is "Make Love, Not Buttons!"

As for the drug scene, which the popular press has made into a crusade and magazines like playboy have exploited, all I can say is "there's nothing new under the sun!" Last year a recording group was refused permission to play for our student body because one of the songs in their repertoire is called "Morphine Blues." When I was in college, I remember we used to go to a place called the Crow Club on Saturday nights. A black man named Fred used to always sing "Morphine Blues" for us.

And I can remember being asked to leave Sociology class 'cause I was too drunk (on gin) to keep my head off the desk. And I can remember my room-mate Kentis fell down a flight of stairs and broke his are when he was pilled up (on redbirds). Name your poison!!

All this is just another way of saying that today's student is unbelievably innocent! He has been sheltered from the hard edges of life to the extent where I suspect he often feels he is acting out an abstract role in a disembodied universe. Today's Bit Man on Campus is no bigger--or smaller, no better--or worse than his predecessors.

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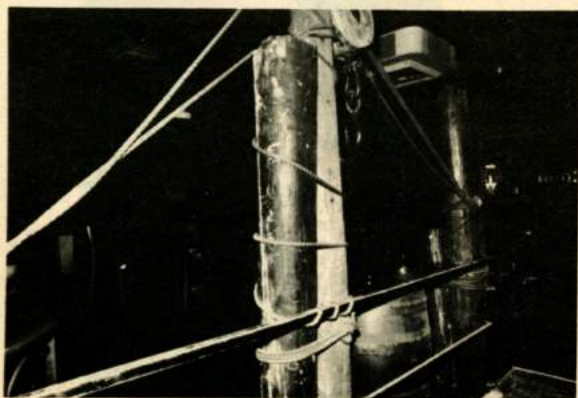
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ARIES - You have several important things happening this month. You have only one planet adversely influencing your Denial and that is for such a short time you may sleep thru it. Accrete and private things are favored during the first nine days of this month. The one you love is under your control but beware of problems coming around the 25th. Your personality is exerting a force on the people around you, so use it wisely and realize a mutual happiness.

TAURUS - The first nine days of this month are best for fulfilling those secret desires that have been building up too long. Your rear is as attractive to most people as your other side; just remember if it feels good do it. Stable and rewarding agreements are possible during the 13th and 14th; these relationships will be lasting. Be careful, a flash of anger could blow it around the 25th, and you don't want to lose what you have now.

GEMINI - The twin forces inside you are both in accord on love until the middle of the month. You could direct yourself in any direction with equal success during this period. You can fulfill your secret desire by the 14th. Strive to keep yourself on a constructive path until the middle of the month. During the last half of the month you will find the source of your energy has vanished and you feel fatigued, but for good reason.

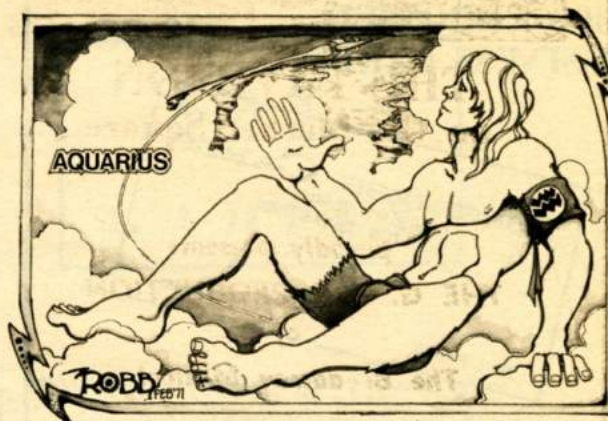
CANCER - As you mend those jeans that were too tight before you washed them just remember - it's not what you have that counts, just that people think you have it. An Aries is looking to ram you on the 10th so be warned at least you will know about it before it happens. The first nine days of the month will be packed with excitement and emotion if you play things right you can get a lot of pleasure out of this period.

LEO - The time is right for a change but what can a poor boy do. It's no place for a revolutionary man. Until the 9th you will be busy with love affairs. You will find new energies to fulfill your love desires. All your affairs of the heart need a gentle understanding nature. Beware of adverse surprises on the 24th and 25th, besides these two days you have things your own way.

VIRGO - You are a sign of the earth; reflect it in the way you appear to others. Early in the month you will find it easy to form new relationships near water. It has occurred to me that this could be in a "T" room, well whatever you think is best. You can have lots of fun packed into the period from the 12th to the 14th when four planets fall in good aspect to your house of love-sex. If you are prepared you could catch the love of a lifetime. Remember it's not winning that counts but how you play with the game.

LIBRA - Your soft, kind, gentle nature in bed will extend to all your activities and will attract people even where you work. Mingle and seek a new love for it is waiting for you to just ask for it. Your new boyfriend is one who is cautious about love and may need some degree of reassurance. The last part of the month is not good for love so know that you must move quickly to find lasting happiness.

SCORPIO - Till the 14th you will find yourself in the Garden of Eden with beautiful people available to you everywhere. You will never forget the trick you have in this coming month. The first half of the month will be most satisfying and should be enjoyed even to the point of not being possessed by materialism. Just think of all the sorrow you would experience if you try to ignore the favorable trend for sex. If you go on with business as usual you will find love an enemy.



SAGITTARIUS - You will find yourself most desirable this month for the first fourteen days. You can have fun, excitement and happiness if you go beyond your normal circle of friends. If you find a new lover, or trick don't let friendship interfere with love. Attend social activities during the early part of the month to the 15th. If you meet a lover on the 11th or 14th that is the "ideal" person for you. Good hunting and don't fight over them, there is enough for everyone.

CAPRICORN - It may seem a bit unusual but you will find many new people you are interested in, in public places. The only unusual thing will be that you can get them more easily this month. You will feel the desire to see, feel, and touch the ones you desire as Mars makes a good aspect to Venus the planet of love. This will help you see everything with less of a somber tone; feel and be felt.

AQUARIUS - Many don't understand your simple nature. You are what you seem to be even though many can not trust their own eyes. Your beauty is your personality and few can compare with your honest natural personality. You will be dressed splendidly for the ones you love. You could receive a gift that pleases every ounce of your body. Be forewarned that a friendship may become an "ideal" love affair as a result of the consideration you show a friend.

PISCES - On the 9th, Venus, the love planet, makes a good aspect to Saturn in your house of true love; be on the lookout for a beautiful Capricorn coming into your --- life. It is important to "notice" the people you see in the first eleven days of the month, one of them could be the trick of a lifetime. If you find things make you more desirable, see that you acquire them. You could find yourself swept off your feet around the 14th and you could be in a "dizzy" trance for a long time, but then you will enjoy it.



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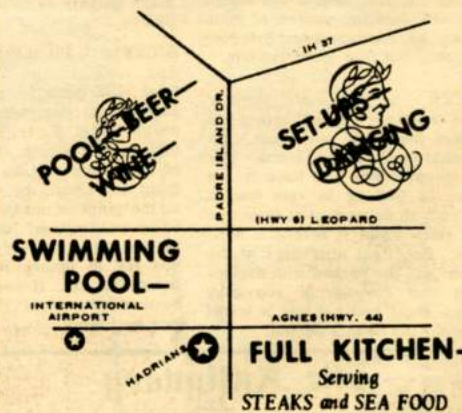


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In Search of Gay Demographics and The Gay Market

In order to evaluate and project the future growth opportunities for gay-oriented industries, it is necessary to get the current market into focus. There has been a considerable amount of misinformation circulated about gay activities and the potential of gay resources.

The misinformation was no doubt honestly based on available facts. The lack of quality in factual data however must be the bulwark that prompted unsound conclusions.

Each gay economist is frequently at a loss to know how to analyze the gay market. Individual capital investors are sensitive to growth opportunities and they want to know what is being done by other investors who participate in the development of these markets.

Each gay economist must re-

spond in some fashion to these inquiries or pressures. But how?

The available data from gay forum speakers, gay magazines and newspapers, the few books published which contain only minimal usable information are all somewhat contradictory. The facts and figures which supposedly measure the market and its potential are confusing. The gay customers are elusive, the gay business owners evasive and the reporting is based upon their elicited comments usually without proper documentation and thereby usually unreliable--either under the guise of protection for their individual selves or for their clientele.

When the available (mis) information has been translated into projected programs the results have been disappointing because of a failure to put the market into the proper perspective and to anticipate the lead time.

Under the circumstances, it is advisable to attempt to dispel some of the popular misconceptions about the gay markets before it is possible to identify the long-range potential within a realistic concept.

The Gay Economist has been contacted on numerous occasions and asked to contribute some insight into this growth opportunity. More directly--asked what specifically a company / an investor should do to participate in the gay market.

Offhand opinions are meaningless.

The growth potential for investment and return deserve a definite program that would reflect the capabilities and objectives of a particular company/investor.

The Gay Economist attempts to provide a perspective of the elusive market against which potential investors may evaluate the degree of their future interest.

The first thing to get clearly in mind is that gays have been a part of society for a long period of time. Why then have they suddenly become a growth opportunity and not still just a responsibility?

There are four basic reasons for this new perspective:

1. All areas of the economy are expanding to meet the demographics of the society--particularly then, the gay economy must parallel the national expansion and the gay demographics must similarly meet the requirements of the gay society. If it does not, the national overall economy will supply those economic demands and the gay society will again take a back seat.

2. The increasing need for gay resources is carrying us far beyond our former perimeters--and these perimeters must be expanded/crossed so that the gay resources are not stagnant and unused.

3. Environmental maintenance and fluid control of its influences are primary considerations in just sustaining our life-styles. To gays the environmental influences have always been paramount to their well-being. Now, with the emphasis on ecological balances being placed in many areas, gays are establishing and taking their place among the leadership of Ecology-oriented social units.

4. The idea that gays are a sub-culture and just a "responsibility" is definitely a worn-out and much maligned concept of responsibility and gays. Gays have established and are still establishing themselves individually as responsibly acting human beings.

Second, the prosaic notion that only the rich can afford the luxury of working in gay markets should be shunned. Too, the conception that only the rich cannot afford not to be in the gay markets should be set aside. The time is right for our gay civilization to turn toward utilizing the very high percentage of the gay-resources--most of which have been barely acknowledged much less profitable merchandised, even by the gay community.

However, these factors in themselves do not explain the sudden rediscovery of the gays and their identities individually as growth opportunities--or their collective identity, if we must, as growth opportunity.

Men (Collective Man) have been treading the waters as gays for centuries, employing their talents, exploring their beings, and even mining their individual depths throughout history.

What then is gayography and what leverage does it apply to sustain the times/earnings expectations which distinguish a growth market? Actually, gayography is a misnomer but it is representative of all levels of personal abilities which are in abundance in the gay civilization. This capability is the key that will open the closet doors that enclose the economic capacities of many as yet unfound gay resources.

These resources are the fulcrum which serve as the basic capability for action and growth.

Various tools have been applied scientifically to the gay market in an effort to measure that market but because there was no distinguishable market the results have indicated only great expenditures of energy and the uses of the leverages of technology to produce only prosaic gay-related conclusions. The current efforts of these technology-specific people have since been absorbed into existing industries in their individual extension programs--leaving a wide gap in our knowledge of our particular interests in and for the gay market.

In an effort to shorten the gap, the Gay Economist acknowledges the multidimensional aspects of the market and the accompanying hazards which hamper the ability to work within the depths of the most elusive dimensions.

Social pressures provide turbid climates and complicate visibility of individuals in the basic approach to the definition of the market. The Gay Economist is not freed from a dependency on surface support for subjective information and objective data.

However inadequate this two-dimensional approach may be, it nevertheless must comprise the approach to be used. From this base there must be a transfer and application of interest in the search within the depths for the actual reality of the gay market.

There are a number of specialized service organizations which could qualify as market data sources. But, the leverage from their expertise would necessarily require expansion of their basic interests in order to make the leverage effective.

Such probity however capable or dramatic could be lost if the analytical techniques employed were insecure and insincere. Logistical support is necessary for proper analysis in usual cases; however, because of the subjective nature of our case--the characteristics of personalities must be sustained and enhanced primarily with logistical facts taking a second chair.

The development of the gay market and its many valuable resources definitely hinges on innovation in technique and acknowledgement that it is a valuable though volatile market.

The Gay Economist seeks knowledge of the various disciplines that comprise the gay market. The search reveals that significant advances can be anticipated--aome are imminent--that will effectively increase overt capabilities in orders of magnitude.

Each of the disciplines have incurred breakthroughs in one way or another--to simplify for direct communication without negating or favoring any discipline yet not including all disciplines.

1. Closet cases have increasing numbers of gay publications.

2. Fluffs and Butches have increased their capacities for public performance, e.g., dance bars.

3. Leathermen and women find direct solicitation for their commerce in leather apparel.

4. Over-30 types who've maintained their physical being find easy acceptance from the under 30 crowd.

5. Many similar examples that include the subjective--objective components.

Each breakthrough for any one discipline finds direct impact and effective economic change in the recoveries of gay resources and the creation of dynamic markets for products and services in the other gay disciplines.

Again, it is the permeating change that translates gay-related activities into gayographic growth opportunities.

Innovation in analytical techniques can bridge the gap and ignite the potential of the latent gay market.

Productive work with and by gays will require a diversity of products and services--many of which will be new and require and tax the creative capacities of gays. In other cases the principle if not the form of the products and services requirements will be familiar. Too, existing products and services may be translated into gay-orientation with essential though minor changes.

A very important factor that must be kept in mind--the gay market is not a prerogative of the government. It is an entrepreneurial venture.

There has been a failure to separate the roles of both public and private entities in the development of gay resources. This is a serious defect if allowed to remain in any long-range plans. Such confusion as to "proprietary" interests stems largely from the negation of the subjects involved and the resultant (mis) conception that gays are just a "responsibility". These confused sources have been visible from the inside and from the outside of the gay community.

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OUR COMMUNITY

NOTHING HUMAN IS ALIEN TO US

POWER TO CHANGE

There are two men in the United States who have enormous power to end discrimination against gay men and women: John V. Lindsey, mayor of the country's largest city and Richard Nixon, president.

Gay people and gay organizations of New York have persistently tried to press John Lindsey to publicly state that he supports our demands for civil rights protection in housing, employment and public accommodations.

Mr. Lindsey, the self-styled civil rights leader, should have initiated administrative bills in the city council to protect these rights. HE HAS NOT!

When four courageous council members initiated such legislation - Intro 475 - he did not lift a finger to help them. GAA had to pressure him for months to send even a weak not of support for "475". This is the man running for president on the basis of his "strong civil rights record".

Through his control of patronage, such as innumerable city jobs, Lindsey can get anything he wants in the city council. Yet he has made only token effort to see that "475" passes.

Lindsey has toured the nation championing the rights of blacks, women and chicanos, which we applaud, but not one word about this country's 20,000,000 homo-

sexuals. NOT ONE WORD about the oppression of 800,000 gay New Yorkers, his own citymates, or of support for Intro 475.

By a stroke of the pen he could end discrimination against gays in the city government, as he did for the women. Has he done this for gays? NOT JOHN LINDSEY.

Presidential candidates such as McCarthy, McGovern, Kennedy have forthrightly spoken out . . . not so John Lindsey.

These same politicians have willingly met with us to discuss our demands. NOT SO JOHN LINDSEY who has always refused to meet with us for the past two years.

The general welfare committee of the city council meets on Thursday, Jan. 27, to decide the fate of our gay civil rights. Lindsey can get us the four more votes we need. BUT NOT SO JOHN LINDSEY.

This in part is a letter from GAA in New York. Is John Lindsey who we want in the head office of the US?????????

MAARS CONTEST

Another night of contest and fun hit Dallas New Year's Eve night with two clubs having female impersonators competing for money and trophies.

The first contest of the evening was held at The King of Clubs where Mr. Donna took the honors along with Mr. Mary Wilson of the Supremes coming in second. The King of Clubs, now known as The Soul Room was packed with both customers and contestants. There were 50 competing for the prizes making judging difficult. According to reports the fairness of the judges was exceptional making it pleasant and enjoyable for both the participants and the guests.

The Maars Bar where the other contest was held must have had some trouble with their clock as the show was to have started at nine but didn't begin until two in the a.m.

Both winners of this show were from the Maars. Mr. Mickey won the "most professional" and Mr.

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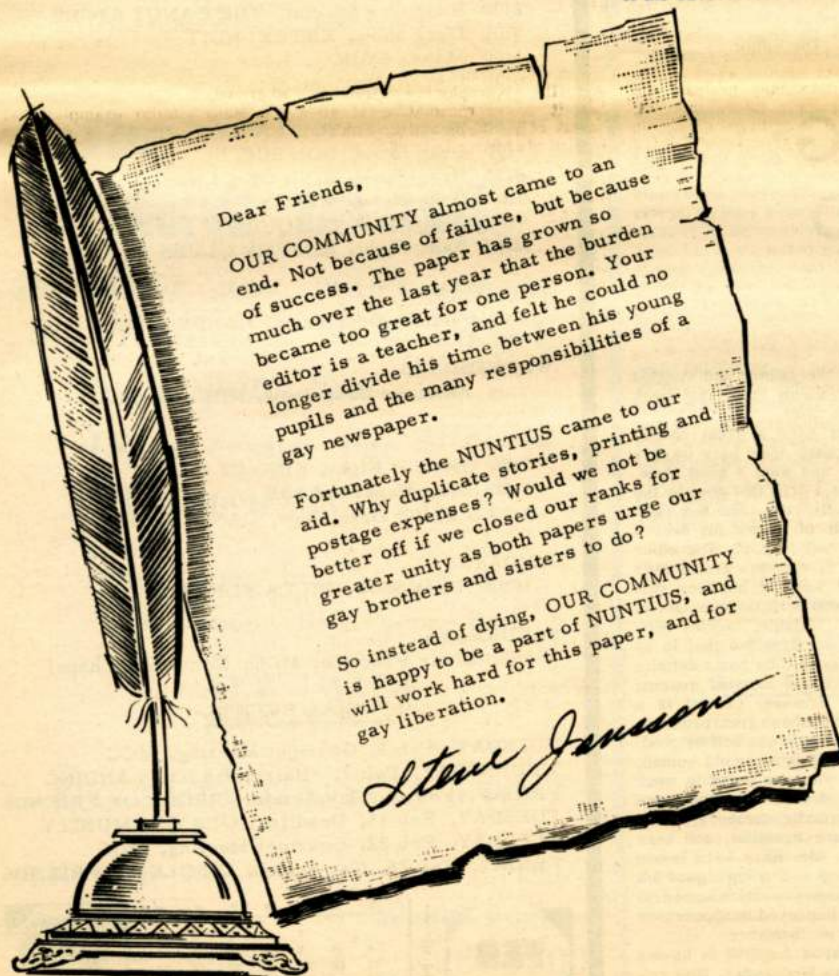
ECHO MEETINGS AT THE BON-SOIR

Thanks to the generous offer of the Club Bon-Soir, ECHO (Emmanuel Community Helping Others) now has a regular meeting place for a traditional catholic mass. complete with organ music.

The greatest definition of life is change; yet for some, any change is a very difficult step to take. There are those who believe (in medieval tradition) that God can only be worshipped in a church or temple; therefore, the thought of Mass being offered in a bar is completely dismissed as UN-Sacred. We feel Christ preached the spirit of love NOT the place of love; it seems then that we should not be concerned about where; but how we worship God. Who is to say that more love is shared in an established church than we share at the Club Bon-Soir, before the club opens for the evening to its patrons?

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"I sought my soul and my soul eluded me.
I sought my God and my God I could not see.
I sought my brother: and I found all three."



Dear Friends,

OUR COMMUNITY almost came to an end. Not because of failure, but because of success. The paper has grown so much over the last year that the burden became too great for one person. Your editor is a teacher, and felt he could no longer divide his time between his young pupils and the many responsibilities of a gay newspaper.

Fortunately the NUNTIVUS came to our aid. Why duplicate stories, printing and postage expenses? Would we not be better off if we closed our ranks for greater unity as both papers urge our gay brothers and sisters to do?

So instead of dying, OUR COMMUNITY is happy to be a part of NUNTIVUS, and will work hard for this paper, and for gay liberation.

Steve Jansson

P.O. BOX 35852

DALLAS, TEXAS 75235

EDITORIAL

Without prior planning the January issue of OUR COMMUNITY took on the appearance of being anti-police. A number of news items appeared in that issue, which made Dallas' law enforcement officers look as if they overacted in their effort to protect the moral of the good citizens of Dallas while arresting homosexuals for various "morality" reasons.

We want to state very emphatically that we consider law and law enforcement a vital and essential part of the community. **WE ARE NOT ANTI-POLICE.** However, we feel no compunction to report things as they are and if in that process law officers get the shorter end of the deal, so be it. We would love to see a bridge between Dallas' Law agencies and the Dallas Homophile Community and we are willing to go to any extent to bring such a bridge about. However, we consider this project a two way street at which both parties approach each other. If we consider for a moment that homosexuals are "lepers" according to the good mayor of Los Angeles, and if we consider that homosexuals are excluded from serving as members of most, if not all law enforcement agencies, we must come to the conclusion that nobody from the other side of the fence has made any efforts to approach us even halfway.

If it needs reiteration, let it be said here and now, homosexuals are neither lepers nor are they criminals. It is up to the law enforcement agencies to understand this premise. We are neither advocating pederasty (molestation of boys), nor are we making converts to our way of sexual activities, and what two consenting adults do with and to each other should not be the concern of anyone other than the individuals involved. Once more, let it be said that we would love to see a bridge between law enforcement agencies and the homophile community, but it's a two way street.

The Editor

ROAMING AROUND

Well Girls and drag fans here I am again to tell you what I think of your shows.....Here Goes!!!

Boyd, do you Dallas Drags ever change shows; Mr. Donna (The Chocolate Drop of Dallas) is now the head of the show at the King of Clubs (Sour Room) and Ahallimar is back at the Club Maars. Kary Lynn is now at the Candy Store and Mr. Sal E. Marie is no longer in Drag. Mr. David of Houston seems to be making Dallas his stomping grounds, with three appearances in two weeks in DALLAS two being at one bar. Mr. David I am told is moving to Dallas not caring about obligations owing in Houston. Mr. Cindy of the Detour has announced retirement, can't wait to see where she ends up and the Magical Gardens Review is still in their misery at the Villa. Mr. Sebrina is now looking for a job. I hope that I didn't help her start looking and things in Dallas are still popping.

Bar business has fallen off since the first of the year but they are still filling up for drag shows. It is rumoured that Dallas is getting tired of drags but they still seem to follow their individual stars wherever they go.

I had the chance and stopped in at the Candy Store last week they had to offer.

The Girls have a great chance there because they have owners that care and want a good show. They have a drag that goes by the name of Michalle. She has been in and out of shows for over a year now and is good. The other members of the show are they still put on a good performance. One of the drags, Melanie, carries herself well on stage but that is as far as it goes. She has a definite boys figure and insisted wearing med-drift dresses. Christi is a beginner that shows great promise. With experience she will be good, but take a tip from an old woman, honey, if you are going to wear sleeveless dresses do not tense up in dramatic numbers, those muscles are beautiful, and very masculine. Mr. Kary Lynn is one of the group and doing a good job with the country-western numbers. Lynn has improved in appearance as well as performance.

The Bayou Landing is having shows every Wednesday. They refuse to have regular drags. Maybe this is good, maybe not. Time will tell. I see the Supremes made their

debut there and they must have read the NUNTUS because they seem to have practiced. See Girls, it doesn't hurt much.

The Maars Bar still performs on Thursday and Sunday nights with their usual cast plus Shalimar again. I do feel girls that you should not enter your own contest. It looks funny when your cast wins all the money and awards Philys, and when there is so much talent entering also!!!!!!

The Detour still has shows on Sunday but they seem to have a plague or something because in the last two months they have lost two of their drags. Billy Jo still has a fantastic show and Lou is very good in her own way, that is if you like that way!

Ron Sue's is picking up. Ron seems to be having the same problem with her drags leaving, but perhaps it is his choice that they

go. Ron has the talent to overcome these problems by introducing new, good talent, and even training some with no talent. Sal E. Marie has retired and so has Cris Conners. But Ron still has the top drag of Dallas, Mother Fertilizer along with Mr. Sherry Powers and her great voice. Lisa is there, but for how long!?

FROM PRECEEDING PAGE

Phylis "Miss Maars of 1972. It was again mentioned that the judges were fair and everyone started the New Year with a good feeling.

Dresses and gowns will be packed away in trunks and closets until next Halloween and the fabric shops suffer for awhile. All who dressed for the occasion were very lovely and we look forward to another showing such as this.

Fabulous

February

These events are open to everyone in our Community.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

2:00 Hangover Special, THE CANDY STORE
4:00 Drag Show, ENTRE' NUIT
5:00 Mass, ECHO
6:30 Coffee Hour, MCC
7:30 Church Service, MCC
8:00 Review, BAYOU LANDING
8:00 Drag Show, RON SUE
8:30 Drag Show, KING OF CLUBS
9:00 Drag Show, MAARS
9:00 Drag Show, DETOUR
12:00 Bank Night, KING OF CLUBS

TUESDAYS

9:00 & 11:00 Drag Show, CANDY STORE

WEDNESDAYS

9:00 Amateur Drag Show, KING OF CLUBS

THURSDAYS

7:00 Two Bit Night, KING OF CLUBS
9:00 Drag Show, MAARS
9:00 & 11:00 Drag Show, CANDY STORE

FRIDAYS

10:00 Drag Show, VILLA FONTANA

SATURDAYS

6:00 Choir Practice, MCC, Normandy Chapel

SPECIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, Feb 8, Gourmet Meeting, MCC
WEDNESDAY, Feb 9, "Hair", BAYOU LANDING
FRIDAY, Feb 11, Gay Action, CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
TUESDAY, Feb 15, Deadline, OUR COMMUNITY
TUESDAY, Feb 22, Gourmet Meeting, MCC
FRIDAY, Feb 25, Gay Action, CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



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SEX CAUSES CANCER

Is there a link between sexual activity and cancer of the genital organs? A growing body of evidence revealed in the "Journal of Chronic Diseases," 1971, Vol. 24, P. 29 seems to say yes.

Professor Robert Steel of Queen's University, Ontario, Canada, recently compared the sex lives of men suffering from cancer of the prostate with healthy men of the same age. He found that the cancer victims engaged in sexual relations more often and with more partners than their cancer-free counterparts. The incidence of extramarital affairs, for example, was ten times higher by the prostate-sufferers than the others. Also higher was the incidence of venereal disease, divorce, remarriage, and the use of contraceptives.

Women, by the same token, the earlier and more frequent their sexual relations, are more likely to develop cancer of the cervix.

What then is the link between sex and cancer? In the case of cervical cancer, researchers believe that a virus known as HSV 2, transmitted by sexual intercourse, may be implicated. Women who develop cancer of the cervix are twice as likely to have been infected by the virus than cancer-free women of the same age.

Prostatic cancer, on the other hand, is linked to the sex hormones--male sex hormones stimulate the growth of the tumor, female sex hormones inhibit it. Men with active sexual drive generate a higher level of male sex hormones in their blood. Over the years, scientists hypothesize, a continually high level of sexual activity and, consequently, sex hormones in the blood, may contribute to the development of prostatic cancer.

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Well girls, I must have surprised you by giving summary's of the shows instead of trashing everyone, but who knows what will be next months topic. Be happy, but don't let the tears over-run the Trinity. It must be a bad time of year as the showgirls are leaving all over town - this is the chance you have all been waiting

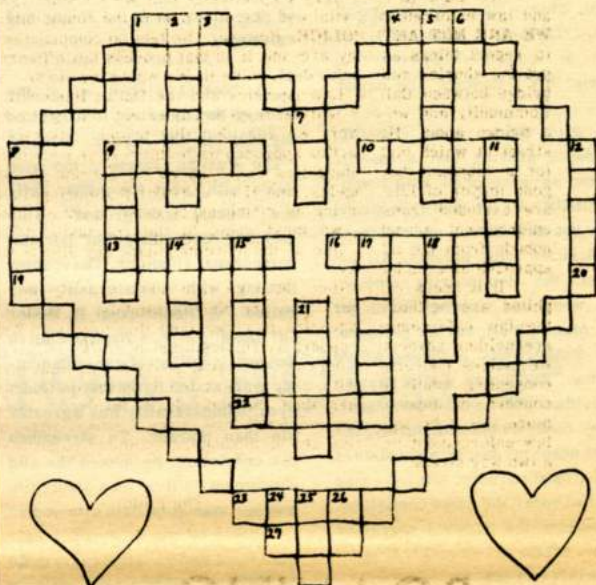
for. Ask for that audition and take advantage of the chance to become a STAR*.

If you have any questions to ask this worn out old lady about anything just write to me % THE NUNTUS, 4615 Mt. Vernon, Houston, Texas 77006

Love.....

Tillie Trash

Kulture - Korner



HORIZONTAL

1. number
4. woman's name
9. have anal intercourse (slang)
10. Numb. 13:6, one of spies of Canaan
13. Alice B. ----, friend of Gert. Stein
16. goes in
22. famous gay Athenian lawgiver
23. irrigation of colon
27. Late Neo-Latin (abbr)

DIAGONAL

1. (to L) Roman emp. 40-81; also ---- Oates, gay British conspirator
3. (to R) midday
4. (to L) common metal
6. (to R) shining; radiant
19. (to R) Magnus ----, famous gay German physician-author
20. (to L) famous gay poet and translator; known for Rubaiyat

VERTICAL

2. the gloomy void thru which souls passed en route to Hades
5. ---- Firbank, gay Eng. novelist
7. testicle (slang)
8. effeminate (slang)
9. clear soup; bouillion
11. to rupture
12. "Who's afraid of Virginia ----?"
14. monarch; ruler
15. gay Greek poet quoted by Paul, Acts 17:28
17. Cardinal ----, famous gay prelate (d. 1890)
18. god of love
21. testicles (slang)
24. new line (print. abbr)
25. millilitre (abbr)

SOLUTION TO VALENTINE

20. Fitzgerald
19. Hirschfeld
6. aglow
4. iron
3. noon
1. Titus
18. Eros
17. Newman
27. L.N.L.
23. enema
22. Solon
16. enters
13. Toklas
10. Caleb
9. brown
4. Ira
1. ten
2. Erebus
5. Ronald
7. nut
8. swish
9. broth
11. burst
12. Woolf
14. king
15. Aratus

HORIZ:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There are serious dangers in the kind of research that has been done in attempt to better understand homosexuality. Much of it has been carried on by people who have been specifically trained in psychoanalysis, and in these cases, the expectations of the experimenter are almost always realized. When a bias is strong enough research tends to support it.

The so called "objective" or "scientific" findings are unjust.

To date there is no scientific evidence proving that a specific factor is associated with homosexuality. All too many researchers put the blame on childhood difficulties with parents. All too often, the domineering mother, the weak and yielding father get the blame. Well, say for instance, my mother was a strong willed woman, my father was a passive individual and I am a homosexual. They could be blamed, surely, but what about my two straight sisters and straight brother who were also reared under the same conditions. Obviously the parental character traits produced heterosexual bearings three to one.

Statistical studies, statements by psychoanalysts, Freudian experts, the researchers and probers have

instilled a definite and firm opinion of homosexuality in the minds of the general, heterosexual public. As a whole, we are considered antisocial, immoral, sick, illegal in most states, and nothing they want their children to be. They assume that homosexuality is a pathological state rather than one of the many ways of loving and relating.

A book I picked up at the library the other day really riled my fur on the matter. Entitled "The Puritan Jungle", the book deals with, what the author calls the "sexual underground". This includes everything but normal, heterosexual relations. The chapter dealing with homosexuality was called "A Homosexual Is Better Off Dead". In it, a Baptist Church deacon, a pillar-of-the-community type, stated flatly that in God's eyes, homosexuality was a greater sin than murder. To strengthen his conviction, he quoted the Old Testament, "If a man lieth with another man as he lieth with woman he should be put to death." This statement and quotation carry quite an impact, despite arguments to the contrary.

What really made me furious, and spurred me to write is this: A preceding chapter of the book dealt with wife swappers and swingers who get their supreme fulfillment from their dogs.

In this chapter, no details were spared, and I'll admit that I was shocked. One "lady" went so far as to say that you haven't lived until you have been "rutted" with a dog in heat. Yet, despite all the gastly, vile descriptions of beastiality, it was not put down as a barrier to the gate of Heaven. Homosexuality was.

I think it's high time the general public should awaken to the fact

that gay kids are not the social problem. The majority of the perverts are on their side of the fence. The Peeping Toms, the Sadists, Prostitutes, Pimps, the wife swappers are among the throng of "stone casters".

If we were free from sin, then perhaps we could speak more openly, but as it is, we are regarded as the paramount abomination.

Sincerely,
J.H. (Miss)
Dallas, Texas

Well done Miss H., your observations as well as your analysis indicates an intellectual and sensitive person. We would like to hear and see more of you. Will you please get in touch with us.

Editor

NOTICE TO PAPER HANGERS

If you have a tendency to over-extend your bank account, be careful because the Dallas-Ft. Worth areas are beginning to crack down on what they call hot check writers. They have started the new process of fingerprinting everyone who writes checks in over 50 stores in Dallas and so far they claim it has been effective for they are taking in less than 1/3 the usual flow of bad checks.

According to the Merchants Committee, Dallas store owners of average business take in almost \$100.00 a day in worthless checks and that the larger concerns take almost \$1,000 daily. This is an average that most people do not conceive. The Merchants Committee has gotten together with the Positive Identification Organization and started this fingerprinting process to stop hot checks. According to the PIO none of the check fingerprints will be turned in or put on file unless the check is fraudulent. If the check is good then the check with the fingerprint on it will be returned to the bank and no file will be kept on it. If the check is invalid the print will help locate the writer and turned over to the proper authorities.

The fingerprint is placed on a special card for IBM use and the ink that is used is a special ink that is odorless and can not be seen (colorless). Merchants that have been using this system say they are having hardly any trouble with the people using this system. But they have also had a few customers bring baskets of groceries to the check out stand and once discovering that the fingerprinting system is used walk away very quietly leaving the baskets full standing. There has been some comments that the system is an invasion of privacy and others refuse to use it. One merchant told us that a very good customer had been giving him checks for years refused to have her fingerprints taken and left a large purchase on the counter.

"There are flaws in all systems and of course this one will have its mishaps along with the others. But we feel that this will help stop the flow of bad checks in this and more cities will start using this system throughout the United States," stated one of the Positive Identification Officials.

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After hearing rumours around that there were "parties" at one of our local watering holes did not surprise us BUT that they were being held behind locked doors after the closing time with the serving of your favorite was just unbelievable.

Before having time to confirm these stories it was done for us by the local Police. The Houston Police joined the "party" and decided the location was wrong and moved it to our local jail.

There were 23 in the party and all were taken, all but two were readily released for \$12.50

per head, the other two being released later. The charge was "consuming after hours", can you imagine.

This "party" was held at the GB on Westheimer. In checking lately it seems that the clocks at this bar have been repaired or the employees taught how to tell time as now at two-o'clock you are told to go elsewhere.

We were really looking forward to being asked to one of the late functions as the story has it "the pool table show was played well and not with the balls furnished for the game."

REUBEN BOOK WITHDRAWN IN HOLLAND

David Reuben's evil book "Everything you Always Wanted to Know about Sex, but never dared to ask" has been voluntarily withdrawn in Holland by the publishers after pressure had been brought by the Dutch Society of Homosexuals.

The story begins in January 1971 when the Central Committee of COC lodged a complaint with the Public Prosecutor at Utrecht against the Dutch publishing company A. W. Bruna and Son, who were responsible for publishing Reuben in Holland

The COC thought that the book contained a large number of exceedingly insulting and degrading passages about homosexuality. The Committee was particularly concerned about the fact that Homosexuals were, according to Reuben, not capable of loving relationships and furthermore that they were interested in sex exclusively.

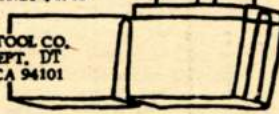
The prosecutor, Mr. Justice W. H. Overbeek, announcing his decision in July of this year, agreed that in his opinion the book

was very shallow, insignificant and he regretted that such writings appeared on the market. However, he thought it would be most unfortunate if Holland, with its tradition of freedom of the country where the book was banned. He therefore decided to dismiss the complaint.

In the meantime COC's central Committee, and the management of the publishing company had been in touch with one another in preparation of a discussion which took place in August. During this discussion the publishers gave it as their view that they, regardless of any possible decision of the court, had come to recognize that they had previously decided to hastily and therefore to carelessly upon the translation of the American "sexseller." Bruna agreed with COC about the objectionable chapters, and therefore refrains from further distribution of the book. This offensive book will be on sale in Holland no longer. (-acknowledgements to COC INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER).

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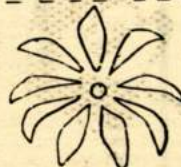
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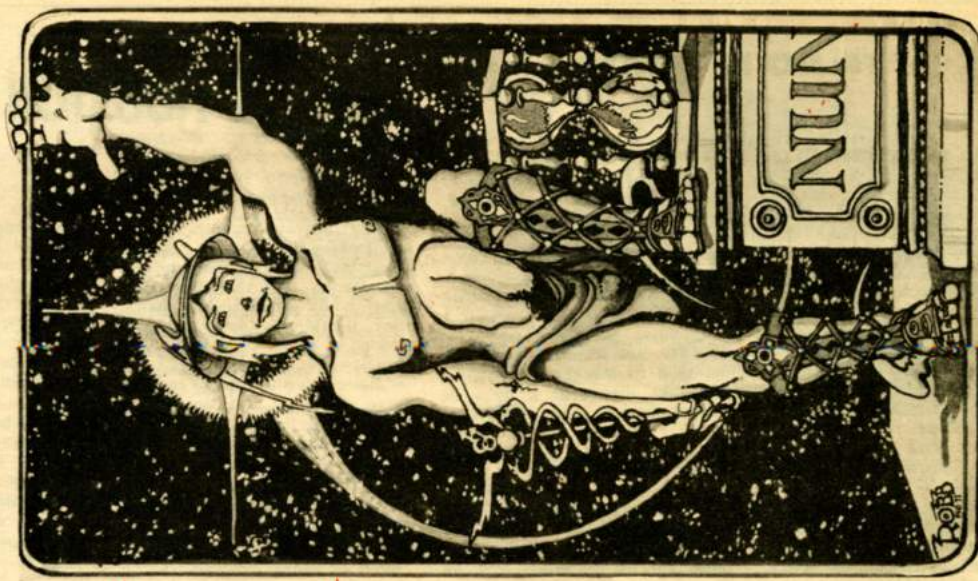
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