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DANCE GOES ON DESPITE OPPOSITION

Austin, Texas - The continuing battle between the University of Texas at Austin and Austin Gay Liberation gets hotter by the day. The decision to sue the Board of Regents for not allowing Gay Lib. to become a campus organization created a large amount of publicity but the legal battle needs funds. To help supply this needed money the University of Texas Student Senate scheduled a benefit dance Friday February 25. Gays were jubilant, and began distributing handbills to stir up student interest in the dance. James Duncan, Dean of Students, found one of the circulars on his car, and after due consideration removed his signature from the reservation for the main ballroom, thus canceling the dance.

The case was then taken to the acting president of the university, Brown, who also felt that the dance "would attract only a homosexual crowd and was therefore not an appropriate function in view of the suit against the regents by this group."

The Student Union Board of Directors, made up of four students and three faculty members, made the decision to keep the Main Ballroom open Friday night by a four to three vote. The purpose of the function was stated as a "Student Senate function" with the full understanding that Dean of Students Duncan had no authority to keep the students from using the ballroom. Bob Binder, president of student government, told the planners of the dance to go on with their plans to hold the dance as it had been scheduled.

Friday a number of people turned up to begin decorating and setting up the bank equipment for the dance in the Main Ballroom. They were informed by Dean Price, Dean of Student Activities that the dance and union board function had been cancelled by his superiors. Price refused to name the person, he simply stated that he had had a phone call that morning telling him not to allow the Main Ballroom to be used Friday night. Later Friday acting president, Brown made

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MC GOVERN'S STAND ON GAY RIGHTS CAN EQUALITY BE FAR AWAY?

H.E.L.P. INC., in their last Newsletter printed the following release from the McGovern for President Headquarters and we thought it worthy of passing on to you.

Senator McGovern recognizes that in American society today no less than in other cultures and as throughout recorded history - a substantial minority of women and men of all ages are identified with a homosexual lifestyle. He further recognizes that certain assumptions of the majority concerning homosexuals have been used as a rationale for harassment and denial of elemental civil liberties for millions of individuals. As for other oppressed and stigmatized minorities, Senator McGovern pledges the full moral and legal authority of his presidency towards restoring and guaranteeing first-class citizens rights for homosexually oriented individuals.

SENATOR MCGOVERN PROPOSES

1. Sexual orientation or preference should cease to be a criterion for employment by all public and governmental agencies, in

work under federal contract, for services in the United States armed forces, and for licensing in government regulated occupations and professions.

2. Sexual orientation should cease to be a criterion for immigration into the United States.

3. Government and private investigatory agencies should cease to collect data on the sexual preferences of individuals.

4. Sexual orientation should cease to be a criterion for obtaining housing, insurance, or bonding.

5. Individuals previously given less-than-honorable military discharges solely for sexual relations between consenting adults or for allegations relating to sexual orientation should have the character of those discharges changed to honorable.

6. Increased federal support of unbiased research into the nature of all human sexuality.

7. Federal sponsorship of educational programs which will foster further understanding of both professional people and the general public on these issues.

Circle of Friends Questions Candidates

The Dallas Homophile organization, Circle of Friends, has prepared a questionnaire to send candidates to various state and local political offices.

The inquiry gives the candidates an opportunity to reflect their views on rights and laws concerning the gay community. Job discrimination solely on the basis of sexual orientation, consenting adult laws, taxes, and other discriminating acts inflicted on the homophile community are covered in this questionnaire.

Some of the questions were taken from a questionnaire drawn up by the Gay Activist Alliance, and mailed to the C O F and other homophile organizations. The C O F, formerly a social club, is now a political organization working for peace-

ful acceptance of the gay community by society as a whole. The results from these questionnaires will be released to other gay organizations and to all underground news media.

C O F is involved in an active campaign to register gays to vote in Dallas and all over Texas. "If the gay registers to vote today, the organized homophile communities will have the necessary power to influence the outcome in any elections," said one member of the C O F.

All individuals or organizations are welcomed to contact the C O F in regards to any political situation and in any other matters pertinent to the homophile communities of Texas, at P O Box 35852, Dallas 75235.

DALLAS GAY SHELTER RAIDED

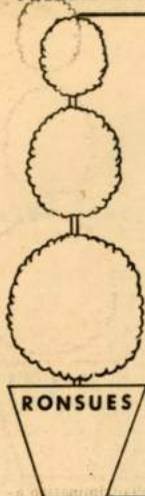
DOPE AND PORNO CHARGES RESULT

DALLAS - Police raided the St. Vincent's Temporary Shelter (formerly The Vineyard) at 4804-6 Tremont, Saturday night (February 26). Five adults and two youths were arrested. The next day an adult was arrested and charged with possession of pornographic literature in a public place.

St. Vincent's Temporary Shelter is a nondenominational house

where transient young people can find shelter.

Narcotics Detective B. F. Fowler led five other narcotics detectives on the raid, which netted three 1-ounce bags of marijuana and other narcotics paraphernalia. Charges of possession of marijuana will be filed against the five adults.



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MEMBERS OF COBRA M.C. RESIGN

On Wednesday February 9th, the Cobra MC's held a meeting at the USO on Crawford Street.

The meeting was called to order and the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was passed over.

On Tuesday February 8th, a group or committee of the Cobra MC's met to design the patch for the Cobra uniform. However, in addition to designing the patch it is evident that this group or committee actually held a business meeting.

One of the things decided at the Tuesday meeting was to temporarily close the acceptance of new members until new bylaws could be arranged. The president of the club also announced that being a member of the club did not, by any means, guarantee you would remain as such. Much discussion of the Tuesday meeting was brought up by the members that were not in attendance who were not able to vote on issues brought to the floor. The president said at one point, during the meeting, that anytime an issue came up he could get enough votes from officers and team captains to bring the vote on any issue to his satisfaction.

The president also went on to say he did not want any Super Fags or Nelly Fags in the club, new members.

Up until this meeting, the members had always been instructed to bring guests for possible membership. At this meeting, February 9th, the president asked the guests to leave the room. The president also made the statement that the club, at that time, had no member that it could not get along without. Dick Potter, who had pledged his support for the club late in January, requested and was granted the floor. He spoke for several minutes and mentioned he had also pledged to support the people the president did not want as members of the Cobra MC's. Mr. Potter then resigned and asked to be excused from the meeting. Three other members of the club joined him in resigning, one of them being the editor of the Cauldron.

The magazine I thought was designed for the Cobra MC Club.

I called Dick Potter on the phone and asked if the president was not involved in some nature of discrimination. He refused to make any comment for or against The Club.

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GAYS ARRESTED

it official by refusing to accept the minutes from the Student Union Board of Directors. By this time some 25 people were in the ballroom preparing for the dance. They refused to stop when informed of the situation by Dean Price.

Thirty University of Texas campus police moved in late Friday and sealed off the ballroom. Several people tried to gain entry by piling tables on top of each other and entering the ballroom through a second story balcony. A black policeman soon discovered the leak and removed the tables.

The remaining people inside the ballroom were then informed that they would be arrested if they did not leave. Price was asked what they would be charged with, and he replied "disturbing the peace; we will find something." All this time, about two hundred people about half of them Hets, were pounding on the glass wall at the south end of the ballroom, chanting support for the people inside. All but five of the inside group left. The police then entered the ballroom and arrested the five remaining. Taken into custody were Charles Mixon, Wyndell Jones, Jay Faulkner, David Lamb, and Rick Weams, a hater member of Direct Action, a pacifist peace group.

The police moved quickly in getting the first three out of the Union and into a waiting car for transportation to Austin city jail. Weams refused to cooperate and went limp forcing the police to carry him out. This gave the crowd time to fill the drive that the police car would have to use to get away from the building. The hundred and

fifty people in the driveway gave the Campus police a rough time in getting Weams and the other prisoners in the car and a hassle in getting the cat out of the parking lot. One Black policeman was taking pictures of the crowd as the prisoners were being loaded, and failed to notice that the crowd had surrounded him. He pulled his can of Mace from his holster and began shaking it madly in the crowds face to get some "breathing room".

One of the organizers then announced to the crowd that the dance would be held on the patio at 9:30. Most of the crowd left but several moved to the patio and started making music by pounding on tables and trash cans. The people on the patio said that they were there to hold the patio for the dance. The patio has a large sign which states that the patio is for the use of the students without approval of the University.

By the time the dance started, all of those arrested were out of jail on bond, and a large crowd had gathered on the patio for the music. Eventually more than a thousand people filled the patio and surrounding balmies. The crowd was made up of a bizzare collection of fags, queens, lizzies, drags, flaked out hippies, dikes, tacos, tunas, T.V.'s, and hets', with one thing in common they were there to enjoy themselves and that they did. The donation buckets were circulated throughout the crowd on several occasions.

See also Austin Jail and interview with two of the people who were arrested.

Courtlandts Doesn't Want Gay \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Courtlandts Restaurant And Club at 611 Stuart has since its opening enjoyed the benefit of gay patronage. The business is not conducive of what "hets" like to picture the homosexual as being in-so-far-as obvious actions are concerned, resulting in attraction a substantial number of the conservative gay customers.

The business of this group of gays is obviously not appreciated, in fact resented by Courtlandts.

This is not an assumption or conclusion hastily arrived at or from service or treatment received by any known person or persons at Courtlandts but as a result of statements made by Jerry Daniels who is associated closely with this business.

Jerry Daniels, a frequent customer of The Red Room in Houston happened to attend one of this clubs fine shows this past month.

During the show the MC announced the coming events, one of which was "a dating game". The prizes included "an evening on the town" to the winners beginning with dinner at Courtlandts Restaurant and Club.

Jerry Daniels talked to Ken Patterson, manager of the Red Room and told him, "I do not want the name Courtlandts mentioned on the state of the Red Room." Jerry Daniels then asked, "who is going to pay the bill?" Ken Patterson answered, "the Red Room." Jerry Daniels then made the statement, "oh no it's not."

From the action of this business man, Jerry Daniels, we gay are made to feel that our funds might well be spent and enjoyed as much if not more elsewhere.

Sorry about out many friends employed at this place, we will all miss seeing you.

Growing Gay Student Movement

The gay student movement is snowballing around the country. Campus homosexual organizations can be found at an estimated 150 colleges, although the first student homophile league appeared just three years ago at Columbia University-with 16 members, of whom eight were heterosexual sympathizers.

The first meeting of the Gay Liberation Front at San Francisco State in March 1970 attracted only one other student besides the founder, a long-haired freshman in creative writing named Charles Thorp. Despite the paucity of members, Mr. Thorpe declared that "we'll seize all the men's rest rooms on campus" unless demands for recognition as an official college club are met.

The group won recognition without sit-ins at rest rooms. Two and one-half years later, the GLF here is rounding up support for a gay studies department-like the black-studies program that San Francisco State students waged a five-month-long strike to obtain in 1969.

GLF President Jerald Jacks, a dark-haired young man with thick-rimmed glasses, explains that a degree in gay studies would encompass classes led by homosexual instructors, gay encounter groups for credit and interdisciplinary courses on the role of the homosexual in history, literature and the creative arts.

A GOOD SIGN?

A number of psychologists view the campus homosexuals' increasing activism and openness as a good sign-and not necessarily evidence that homosexuality is on the rise. The trend "is part of the whole scene of people not being afraid to say, 'I do use marijuana,'" Donald Reddick asserts. He is a psychologist who counsels homosexuals, many of them college students, at Fort Help, a city counseling center.

Viewing homosexuality as a "alternative form of sexual expression," Mr. Reddick says that "it is a healthy thing for people to identify where they're at and not have to conceal it. It's when they conceal it that they have problems." Many psychiatrists, of course, continue to stress the traditional medical view that homosexuality is an illness that should be treated rather than encouraged as an acceptable "alternative sexuality."

Whatever the medical view, gay students grow more militant and visible in nearly every aspect of campus life. Several schools, including the University of Nebraska and the University of California at

Berkeley, have offered courses on homosexuality in the liberal-arts curriculum. The Nebraska course stirred controversy, and one state senator sought to ban courses on "aberrant sexuality" anywhere except in Nebraska medical schools. His bill failed to pass the state legislature.

Gay students are also becoming increasingly assertive in areas outside the academic arena - in campus politics, for instance. Jack Baker, a third-year law student and homosexual activist at the University of Minnesota, won the post of student president last spring.

The 29-year-old student, whose legal adoption by his lover generated national publicity recently, used campaign posters in which he posed wearing women's heels. The posters' slogan was: "Put yourself in Jack Baker's shoes."

Inspired by the defiant "gay-pride" marches of homosexual militants the past two springs in New York and Los Angeles, many gay students no longer hesitate to take part in political demonstrations in the streets either. More than 1,000 persons-of whom an estimated 200 were gay-rallied outside the Minnesota administration building Oct. 26. The crowd demanded that the university rehire J. Michael McConnell, Jack Baker's lover, whose employment contract as a librarian was over

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contract as a librarian was overturned by university regents. (Mr. McConnell is still fighting the regents' decision in the courts, despite an Oct. 19 ruling by a U.S. court of appeals that upheld the university's position.)

And on two days' notice, the Berkeley gay students rounded up two dozen demonstrators to picket the Hilton Hotel here for its alleged harassment of two homosexual Berkeley residents. Hilton security men had arrested the gay pair after throwing them out for hugging and kissing in the lobby.

However, gay students seem to find that social activities are more important than politics, on or off campus. Gay communes at Berkeley and gay "consciousness-raising" sessions at San Francisco State encourage student homosexuals to "come out of the closets," to be proud instead of ashamed of their sexual preferences.

"I want us to come together as a cohesive, loving, aware group of growth-oriented people so that we can share that energy with those who have still refused to crack that closet door," Jim Willeford, a 32-year-old senior at State, told a recent noontime GLF meeting.

Residents of one Columbia dormitory voted to turn over their lounge to the gay student group last spring-and within three weeks

some 200 homosexual students were using it. Last week two students sat in at a Columbia dean's office and tried to remove furniture because they sought furnishings for the gay lounge. The Closet Door, a gay coffee-house in the University of Maryland student union, also provides a social gathering place for underage gay high-school students by selling only nonalcoholic beverages.

The homosexual students say they want to persuade the "straight" world to stop treating them as outcasts, too. The Berkeley Gay Student Union set up a free kissing booth at a student activities fair last spring. The booth, decorated with purple-dyed sheets, served "to prove it wasn't so bad to kiss a homosexual," explains David Cash, a broad-shouldered senior who was the gay candidate for the Berkeley student senate in late November.

But degrees of activism vary in the gay student movement-just as the gay groups themselves probably still represent a fraction of the campus homosexual population. For instance, if the National Institute of Mental Health's estimate of four million U.S. homosexuals is applied to Berkeley, the Gay Student Union should have more than 500 members instead of 50.

All but five states (Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois and Oregon) outlaw homosexual acts,

and employment discrimination against homosexuals still exists. These facts of life frighten many gay students into anonymity. Last year at Stanford University, a lesbian senior named Maude Harimson arranged for a gay student meeting in the student union. No one showed up.

Like other campus activists, gay students won't always take no for an answer to recognition requests. In some cases, they haul their college presidents into court over the issue of using campus facilities as an official student organization.

Even where college administrators recognize them as legitimate campus organizations, most gay student groups aren't exempt from conflict with other segments of the academic community. In particular, black students dislike and distrust the college gays.

"We fully object to being classified along with faggots as third-worlders," says a member of the Black Student Union at San Francisco State. Replying to the attempts by GLF, which is predominantly white to be identified as a socially oppressed minority, the black student adds, "I take that as a personal insult."

But "we don't like being called fags anymore than they like being called niggers," protests a GLF member, who enjoys wearing toenail polish.

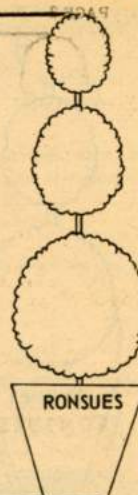
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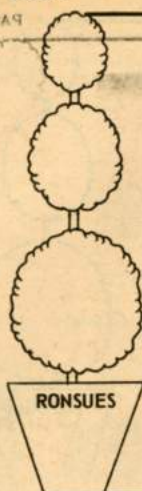
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LAWYERS FOR GAY RIGHTS

The National Lawyers Guild meeting in Washington, D.C. passed 13 Resolutions regarding their official position on the Homophile Community. The undeniable fact emerged that all 13 resolutions are strongly favorable in attitude toward the fight for equality and justice by our community.

Among the resolutions was one encouraging the local groups to

contact homophile organizations in their areas and another stating they will welcome gay lawyers into their organization.

This is a big breakthrough

This is a big breakthrough for the homophile community as a whole which will doubtless have far reaching effects. Unfortunately Dallas has no chapter of the Guild presently.

BARS SPRING CLEANING

It seems that with the beginning of the year and spring coming at the same time almost the local watering holes are making the most of it.

The MIDTOWNE at 2932 Main will be closed for about ten days the first part of March for a complete and full remodeling job. The owners tell us that all will be changed, even the personnel behind the bar as well as manager.

The MIDTOWNE, now in its third year of operation is the favorite of many and with the new look will attract more new faces to this well-run bar.

The Camp-time as we understand will be the same upon re-

opening with all drinks and set-ups 35¢ between the hours of 5 and 7 daily.

Next for revamping is the La Caja at 1104 Tuam. It seems that Bill with the encouragement of his new "claw" "ZSA ZSA", who by the way is an excellent painter as well as bartender, are doing things outside as well as inside at this spot.

Everyone remembers the patio at the LaCaja! Well! we understand this is to be reopened all new at the same time the bar will on March 10th.

With the fine workmanship of "the claw" and Bills money this will be something to see.

AMBASSADOR FROM QUEENSLAND

Henry Groves

You're talking with an attractive, male, straight friend whom you've known for years. In fact, you two attended college together, a decade ago. He's married now, and has children. You're single, and intend to stay that way. He's intelligent and sincere -- so are you.

In your desire to deepen the relationship with your friend, you did down into a layer of honesty you two hadn't probed before. When he casually asks whom you're dating these days, you spill the beans -- you come out with it: "Dave, I'm so damned homosexual I can't even get interested in dating women anymore. I'm gay and glad of it."

He takes it calmly, not batting an eye: "How long have you felt this way?"

"All my life, I guess. I've never developed a lasting relationship with any girl. But I do have a lover now, a groovy guy whom I adore."

"How did you meet each other?"

"At the Cruise Inn, one of our city's gay bars."

"Are there very many gay bars in Houston?"

"Yes. There must be 20 or 30 of them that I know of."

"Hmmm . . . Funny how I can live in this city and not even know some of the things that are going on right under my nose."

As you and your friend talk, you get better and better acquainted. Your friend shows a genuine interest in, and curiosity about, gay subculture. He's gotten to know you better, you've gotten to know him a little bit better, and you have become an ambassador: a diplomat for Queensland. You've assumed the role of a gay representative to a member of the straight society.

You chose the ambassadorial role, whether you planned to do so or not, when you decided to "spill the beans," when you decided to let

your straight friend know about your gay world and about your gay lifestyle.

Your friend has a lot of questions to ask you about homosexuality, some questions of philosophical importance, others of a practical nature. He wants to understand your gay world. You answer him as best you can. As Ambassador from Queensland, you do your best to give him concise, articulate, informed, accurate responses to his questions. The ambassador's role is mentally strenuous and exacting. You don't have all the answers, so you have to reply to some of his with an honest "I don't know."

He wants to know all about your lover: what his name is, how old he is, what he does for a living, what his personality is like, how long you've known him, etc. You tell him, and your friend listens with interest.

Is your friend a latent queen? Maybe. But he tells you he has "pushed those feelings away," and that he loves his wife and children. You respect his feelings, or at least attempt to do so. You exercise restraint and tell yourself not to put the make on him. He says he feels comfortable and natural with you. You're both at ease. You're the gay one; he's the straight one. Both of you like each other, but both of you are pretty much satisfied with the lifestyle you have chosen.

He has received the Ambassador from Queensland. You have represented your gay compadres to one nice, straight fella. Your respect for one another has increased, now that you have confided in one another. You both have enjoyed the conversation, and you both feel that somehow, you have grown as a person, as a result of this diplomatic interchange.

Summit conference? Perhaps. Dialogue might be a better word for it: ambassadorial dialogue.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends:

I enjoy reading your newspaper. I especially like to read the letters and I always tell anyone going to your area to buy a copy as a bar guide. Is there a paper like yours in Dallas or New Orleans?

I think some of your readers who are interested in religions might like to know that some of the only churches to welcome homosexuals without question is the American Eastern Orthodox Church, with headquarters in Las Vegas, Nevada. Perhaps when you visit Las Vegas you can go by the church there. St. George's on Bledsoe Lane. One of the important differences in this and most churches is that it uses a different Bible, the Peshitta Bible, and takes a different moralistic view on life. Anyone seriously interested in religion should look into it. The church also has a parish in Florida and a missionary priest in Los Angeles, Fr. Philip Cain, at 4611 Prospect.

Along the same line, I wonder if many of your readers saw the article in a Catholic publication called The Thomist, on homosexuality, and two recent articles in the Catholic World. I also think someone should have said something about the good article on lesbians in the November issue of Redbook. Perhaps someone in your area could write a short news section so we can know of current mentions in other publications.

With best wishes for the new year, I am,

Sincerely,

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Dear Editor:

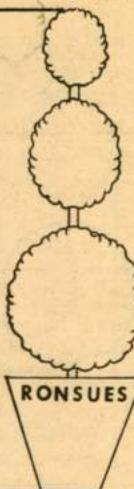
This letter is written in response to DAG of Dallas, your response to him and the letter appearing concomitantly with this one from psychologist friend.

DAG is very perceptive in recognizing that gay (the majority at least) are overly preoccupied with

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FORM, FACE, AND FIGURE



sex. This is most evident from the gay literature we see. But perhaps DAG can learn and benefit from his perception. We have allowed ourselves to grow this way and if we try some old fashion restraints, we can most surely channel to our interests elsewhere. Much of the sexual preoccupation comes from the frustrated lives gays live. In most any relationship, one of the most ecstatic manners of sharing affection, being satisfied, and relating to your partner is via sexual expression. Therefore, many gays having the mindset that nothing will come from a relationship, or nothing will develop on a permanent basis, want to get all the goodies possible. That's pathetic since so much is conferred both overtly and covertly during sex, that often the wrong message is received and one partner is hurt by meaningless words and actions and many soon find himself caught up in the sex stream of one trick after another.

Any life is what one makes it. Gays do not necessarily have to be unhappy. Granted, they have to work harder than most straights at a satisfying and fulfilling lifestyle. With very rare exception man has always been found to be a social being; growing, developing, and living with significant others, most frequently in a family constellation. Gays are no different. Some are cut out for "marriage" and others are perpetual single swingers, but remember one thing: no one will always be young, versatile, mobile, and available; and unless one has formed some sort of permanent relationship, he may well be in for many sad and lonely "older years."

In regards to your needing or not needing a psychiatrist, you are the best judge of that. If being gay is causing you so much discomfort, perhaps you do need to see someone and work out your feelings. There are several things of which it would behoove you to be aware that the "psych friend" failed to mention. You established a sexual psyche between the ages of 2-6. You are now 21. At the very best, it's going to be very difficult for you to change your

sexual preference. Whether you choose a private practitioner or a community agency, the cost will be sizable and the time involved is lengthy (several years), with no guarantee at the end. Gays are frequently evaluated on how deeply seated their sexual preference pattern is and at the end of this evaluation, if the client decided he must go straight, there are competent practitioners in the offering on a variety of fee basis. More frequently; however, guilt or unsure homosexual feelings are worked through in order to allow one to live a more satisfying life. Much of this task can be assisted by doing as the editor advisedgetting involved in homophile groups like the Circle or MCC or "Dignity" and partake in some gay activities which have an emphasis on growing as a person, whatever your sexuality may be. Goodspeed,

Rap with Rip

Dear Editor:

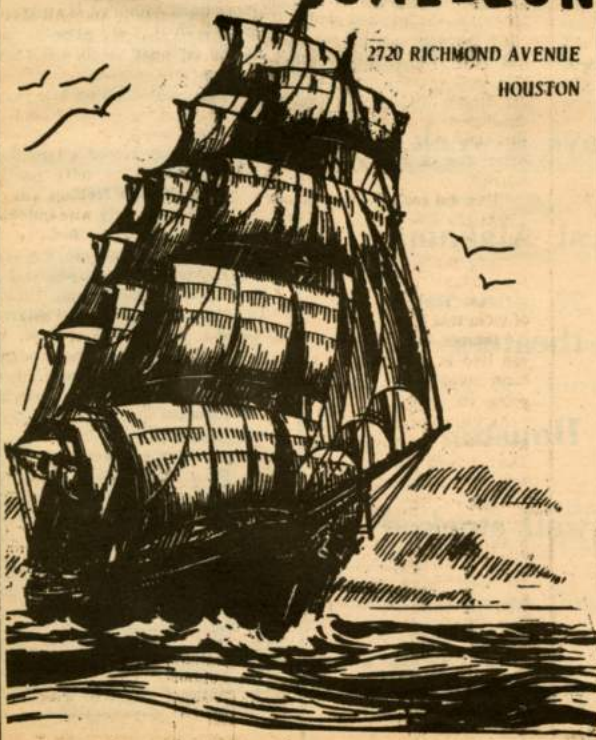
I am writing in response to the letter written by 21 and the Editor's reply in the January OUR COMMUNITY. As a gay psychologist, I suggest that one needs a psychiatrist or psychological assistance if one wants to change certain behavior or pursue another life style. I agree that one has to find happiness in that type of life style he chooses and/or can psychologically handle. I feel that many gay people are not happy because they cannot handle the particular pressures they must live with. This, of course, is also true with straight people except many of their pressures are of a different nature.

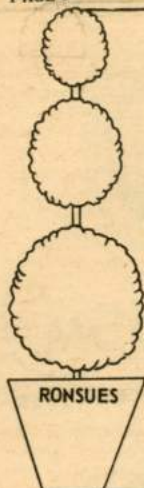
I feel that if 21 sincerely wants to change to being straight he should seek a competent psychiatrist or psychologist who preferably has had recent training (definitely not one who subscribes to psychoanalytic theory). He must be prepared to work hard at it, and also do it soon since it is not easy to change when one is older and patterns of behavior are established. He might find cheaper rates at a community agency.

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MOTHER TO DRAG: FRIEND TO ALL

LOVE IS THE ANSWER

I like to see people as happy as possible and if this helps 21 to be happier, I am for it. Good luck to him.

Psychologist friend.

Dear Phil:

Just read the February issue of Nuntitus and wanted to tell you that it was the best one yet! If all the hints about the Bayou Landing opening a bar in Houston are true, well then that's about the best thing I've ever heard. My lover and I went to Dallas last weekend and after bar-hopping a bunch of the usual places, we stopped at the CORRECTION

usual places, we stopped at the Bayou Landing--it was so tough! We went to Bev's place and nothing but motorcycle butches were hanging around the door, so we didn't even go any further than

that! Then at the King of Clubs, there was an awful all butch band playing Dixie Land Jazz--still too far out for us..so when we walked into B.L. and lights were flashing and movies being shown on screens...it was just like for the first time ever, that I've been into a Hip-place..and it was great. Please do all you can to see that we get a place like that for the younger set here. I've only been here since Sept. and I like the Hi-Camp the best----because the guys and girls mix and I don't like to go into an all-girl or all-boy bar. The people here are so nice, and coming from S'port, Louisiana, I really am glad I came. In case you ever go there, the big place is "The Underground" its all safe and real hip and good drinks. Well, that all for now.

Sincerely yours,

LZ

Houston, Texas

Dear Editor,

In your December issue you invited comments concerning the Three Letters from Skipper's Newsletter. In the first letter the writer asks why gays are "pre-occupied with SEX, SEX, AND SEX!!!"

What is this shit? Are gays more preoccupied with sex than straights? Anyone who thinks so doesn't know anything about Madison Avenue advertising or hasn't seen a billboard, newspaper, magazine, TV commercial or Hollywood movie lately.

I contend gays are not unduly preoccupied with sex. We are occupied with it. Let's stop analyzing the hell out of it and enjoy it.

P.R., Denton

DIFFERENCE

by E. M. L.

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TOPEKA, Kan. - Federal Judge George Templar dismissed the suit brought by the Gay Liberation Front Seeking official recognition at the University of Kansas as a campus organization. The University of Kansas had asked that this suit be dismissed.

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GAY DISCUSSION GROUPS IN HOUSTON

Henry Groves

Looking for an alternative to the gay bar scene? Or should we say perhaps, a supplement to the gay bar scene? If you are searching for such an alternative, then you might be interested to know that Houston has at least two gay discussion groups at this time.

Gay discussion groups offer a low-key, easy-going way to meet other gay people, to get involved with them on an informal basis, and to get the benefit of sharing each other's wisdom and experience. Two gay discussion groups which are open to gay people at this time are "Dignity" and "Gay Lib."

"Dignity" meets at noon on Sundays in the Rosary Center, 3512 Travis Street. The Rosary Center, rented by Holy Rosary Catholic Church, is one block South of the Hi Kamp, and right next door to Elkins Institute. "Dignity" in Houston is made up of a small group of gay men and women who are Catholic. Members of this discussion group are not yet actually chartered by the Dignity organization (out of California), but they are working toward attaining such a charter.

"Gay Lib" meets twice weekly in the Cascade Room of the University Center at the University of Houston. Both meetings last from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursdays. The Tuesday evening meeting is primarily a business meeting. The Thursday evening meeting is a "consciousness-raising session" whose primary purpose is that of getting to know one another.

Attendance at "Dignity" averages 8, and attendance at "Gay Lib" averages 11 to 16. "Gay Lib" receives funding from the University of Houston Student Government, but it is composed mainly of townpeople, non-U. of H. students. "Gay Lib" is open to all Houston Gays, men and women,

young and old, longhair and short-hair, student and non-student, black and white, Jew and gentile.

Drop in and give "Dignity" or "Gay Lib" a try. Get involved with the work of these organizations; enter into the face-to-face conversations these clubs offer. You can help "Dignity" and "Gay Lib", and you will find that in helping these two gay organizations, you will receive help in return.

TALE OF TWO GAYS ARRESTED IN AUSTIN POLICE VIOLENCE GAY REASON

The following is an interview with Wyndell Jones and Jay Faulkner, two of the young men arrested for refusing to leave the Main Ballroom of the Texas Union at Austin.

The interviewer is NUNTIUS staff reporter Cris Lee.

Q. What were you charged with?
Wyndell: We asked what we were being charged with and one of the men looked up and said disorderly conduct of -- we will find something. They finally charged us with disrupting campus activities under a new law created by the last legislature. They did not specify what campus activity we were disrupting, there wasn't a campus activity going on at the time. They actually disrupted us, who were a campus activity.

When we talked to Dean Price he said that we could be arrested but he did not know what for.
Q. What position does Dean Price hold?

Wyndell: He is Dean of Student Activities.

Q. Are you out on bond?

Wyndell: We're out on personal recognisance bond.

Q. Could you describe conditions in the Austin City Jail and how you were treated?

Wyndell: One of the people who was with us, Rick refused to give his name or to cooperate with the system in anyway, in an attempt to keep from giving validity to what they were doing. So they pulled him up by the hair and punched him in the nose. Later we asked if it were in police regulations that police had the right to beat prisoners and the policeman said that Rick had tried to spit in his face. We confronted officer Kelly with the fact that four of us had seen that Rick had not spit on him. Later Kelly changed his story and said that "Rick had tried to spit in his face."

Q. Is this the first time you have been arrested?

Wyndell: Yes.

Q. Were the five of you separated

at the jail?

Wyndell: We were all put in separate cells. They took Charlie who was wearing a dress, stripped him naked and put him in a cell with two prisoners. The police told the prisoners that they would get them lite sentences if they beat Charlie up without leaving any marks. Charlie talked them out of it. Rick had been stripped also and put in a cell and before we got out I went down the hall to try to get him to cooperate so he could get out. He had bruises up and down his stomach and ribs.
Q. How long were you in custody?
Wyndell: About three hours during which our lawyers were told that they could not see us because we were being processed, we were actually just sitting in jail cells. They refused to process Charlie and our lawyers had to get the judge to come down to the jail. The judge finally got him processed and out.

Q. Jay, how did you get arrested?
Jay: The student government was giving a dance the proceeds of which were to go to help the Gay Liberation Defense Fund. Dean Duncan, faculty advisor to Student Government withdrew his sponsorship because of a handbill he found on his car which indicated to him that it was going to be a Gay dance. The idea of a Gay dance was not the purpose but a fund

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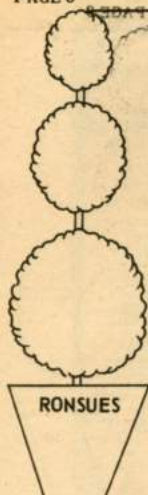
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raising activity for the defense fund.

Wyndell: We had been soliciting "hets" as well as Gays to come to the dance, but Duncan said that the handbill said it was going to be a Gay Dance.

Q. Did the university cancel the dance because they felt only Gays would participate?

Wyndell: After Dean Duncan withdrew his support the Union Board met and decided to hold the room open for the dance. Vice president Brown did not approve the minutes of the board and the dance had no place to be held. Before Brown made his decision, someone called the directors of the Union and told them not to let us use the room. We asked them who told them that and they said that they did not know. It was obvious someone in high position, who wishes to remain

unknown, does not want us on campus at all.

Q. Why did you go ahead and continue your plans when you were informed by the directors that they were not to let you use the room? Wyndell: No official decision had been made by Brown when we started decorating and we weren't going to change our plans because of some unidentified caller.

Q. How did you get in?

Wyndell: We found an open door and continued with our plan.

Q. Who told you that you would be arrested?

Jay: Dean Price.

Q. Did he make it clear that you would be arrested?

Jay: We were given warning but we also knew that we were going to have to go to jail to bring this thing out in the open.

YOUR ONLY PRETTY AS YOU FEEL

Some months ago a well known gay bar began to draw straight crowds in alarming number - not to mention some of the numbers. The bar is definitely for freeks and a short-hair 35 years old wouldn't get a second look, probably not even a first one. Back to the issue. When straights began to go to the bar and accept the Gays and the Gays decided it was time to get back in the closet. What causes this? It's true that you're only pretty as you feel - and some of the straights must feel pretty 'cause they act Gay enough to join Gay Lib.

There have been many rumors about boys being thrown out because they danced with each other - now come on people - who are we trying to scare - ourselves? This phase of Gay life was over sometime ago.

Fact is I believe that Gay freaks will continue to place themselves in sub-speed-of-light movement toward a content social

life. Gays will bend and take straight social bullshit and wear the straight society girdle of longhairs and short just to keep from feeling out of place when they really do have a place in the "Great Plan" - but are just ignoring it. It's almost as if our early parental brain washings can't be broken.

Is there not one Gay Freak in Houston, or two that will come out and dance. Think what we're doing for birth control and the idea of an abortion is unheard of. Surely God devised this feeling of love from one man to the other as a balance of nature not an off balance. And you don't have to be a drag queen to be Gay, just be yourself! A girl is the last thing I'd want to be, so to all my girl friends - have a Tampex - go travel - Bye duckies and we all need someone to bleed on. And to my boyfriends - we all need someone we can cream on - and you can come with me.

A. Kreemer

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Dallas MCC Hosts District Meet

The Unitarian Church, home of the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church, became the focal point of a three-state church-action meeting in early January. This was the first such conference to be held by the newly formed CoTexLa District of the MCC Fellowship. Representatives from Denver and New Orleans, as well as the home church, attended.

Pastor Ron Carnes of Denver was elected to serve the calendar year as District Coordinator. Also elected was Rev. David Solomon, New Orleans, assistant coordinator, and Frank Murr, a Denver delegate, as secretary-treasurer.

Rev. Carnes was the Saturday night rally speaker, setting the tone for spiritual renewal and progress which the District anticipates in 1972. He emphasized that in MCC "we are Bible Christians. We have ceased being denominational people and become followers of Jesus. We're not Protestant or Catholic. We're just Christians. Our God is too big to be compartmentalized...He is no "closet queen!"

Sunday afternoon worship services officially ended the three-day Conference. Rev. Mitch Mitchell, New Orleans assistant pastor, brought the message. Revival fires burned brightly as the Dallas congregation came to life in the regular Sunday evening services, a revival spirit which continues to be felt in the church.

One delegate aptly described MCC as a church when he stated, "MCC is a place you can go to worship God as yourself in dignity."

The weekend of May 12 was set for the next conference, to be held in New Orleans.

The new Circle of Friends, one time social-educational group for gay rights, has gotten off it's butt, is gaining new members along with the momentum.

The new COF is for those willing to work for equal rights and fair treatment, and the club intends to be completely activist. This is not to say militant, as the new president, serving until March elec-

tions, hastened to point out at the first meeting of 1972. COF plans to make the community aware of gay rights and responsibilities. It will dedicate itself through the membership to the achievement of better rights through non-violent political means.

COF now meets twice a month, one at the Dallas Young Adult Institute and once in a private home. COF is cooperative with natural level gay organizations. Emphasis has been placed on behind the scenes involvement as of equal value with the up-front individual who feels he can afford to completely kick down his closet doors. The amount of exposure an individual is expected to make of himself publicly is completely up to the individual in accordance with his own abilities and situation.

The eligible age for membership has been lowered to 18, members need not use their own names. Dues are \$10 a year, and membership for 45 days qualifies a member to become an officer if elected.

Several constitutional changes are anticipated to bring the document into line with the new purpose and structure of the club. The Circle of Friends is now entering its sixth year of existence and is 'Texas' oldest homophile organization.

LOVE NEVER FAILS

While love is not always successful in reaching or helping another person, love never fails to be the best policy you can have toward a person. You may not be able to help that person, but he will be happier just knowing that you loved him and that you tried. The person whom you love will thank God that you loved him, and that you tried to save him from those who hate him. Love never fails us; it is we who fail, when we fail to show love to others.

Harry Groves

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SUNDAY BLOODY SUNDAY

The silver screen has scarcely unfolded in recent years a film more salutary for the bi-sexual life-styles than it has in *Sunday Bloody Sunday*, currently playing theaters in Texas and the southwest. Its worth has already been recognized by its having received the 1971 New York Film Critics award for best Screenplay. It has received two nominations for Academy awards.

In a movie year which has been relatively unglamorous, *Sunday Bloody Sunday* is one of the few films which is a relief in the tedium. Under the able direction of John Schlesinger, who also gave us the highly successful *Midnight Cowboy*, the drama progresses without the maudlin stereotypical or the bitterness which often permeates films concerning the alternate life-styles.

The chief screen personalities are three. First, there is Glenda Jackson as Alex Greville. Miss Jackson is already familiar to film buffs for her Oscar performance in *Women In Love* as well as for her characterization in *The Music Lovers*. This new role, however, allows her a more sensitive portrayal than in the previous two films, and her stature as an actress is augmented thereby. She has again been nominated for an

Oscar from this role.

Then there is Peter Finch as the gay Jewish doctor. Mr. Finch, born in 1916 and having well over two dozen good films to his credit, brings considerable experience to his portrayal of Dr. Daniel Hirsh. Here is one of our first homosexual characters on screen who is remarkably believable. He could well be a real person, and most gays will laud a more credible presentation of the gay life-style than they are heretofore accustomed to seeing from Hollywood. Mr. Finch has been nominated for an Oscar for Best Actor by virtue of this role.

The third person in the screen triangle is Bob Elkins, portrayed by Murray Head, now in his mid-twenties. American audiences have become acquainted with Mr. Head from his role in "Jesus Christ, Superstar", and the British already knew him well from London *Hair* and some British television shows. His mother is also an actress. Mr. Head brings to the character of Bob Elkins both a visual attractiveness and a talent which will not likely be lost on audiences here.

Written by the British film critic Penelope Gilliatt, the plot centers around young Bob Elkins, a bisexual young pop artist-sculp-

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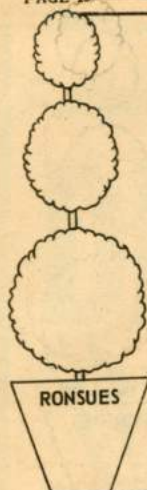
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tor, who is simultaneously loved by Alex Greville, a woman separated from her husband, and by Dr. Hirsh. The plot is a good vantage point to study the life-style of the current generation with its enigmas, ambiguities, and non-committance to social and moral conventions of previous generations. Miss Gilliat has succeeded admirably in this study, as the New York award attests.

The sex scenes are with good reason low-key, which may help render the homosexual aspects of the movie more palatable to smaller communities of Bible-belt conservatism, though some will be predictably turned off. Gays will especially identify with problems which Dr. Hirsh has in parrying questions from his family and in enduring as gracefully as possible the everpresent matchmakers. This is even more difficult in Jewish families, which place much emphasis on the family unit.

The character Bob Elkins desires to find pleasure in all aspects of life open to him. His bisexuality is part of this life-style, and it is presented on the screen without serious distortion. The characters are persons first, then bisexual, homosexual or heterosexual incidental to their wholeness as people. Information from United Artists indicates, by the way, that Mr. Head's personal view of life is in accord with the character of Bob Elkins.

The picture is actually a series of interrelated vignettes, artfully presented with a skill that makes an excellent unity of the parts with an adequate coherence that moves steadily forward. The film articulates its point clearly, but quietly and profoundly, not evangelistically. The characters are plausible, the background musical score supportive without being obtrusive.

This reviewer found *Sunddy Bloody Sunday* to be one of the really significant films of the year, and he would hope that all his readers will concur after seeing it and deciding for themselves.

Terry of Tyler -

New voter laws in Texas now make the 18-year-old eligible to vote. There is no longer a deadline for voter registration but the voter must be registered 31 days prior to an election if he is to be eligible to vote.

First anticipated elections here are expected in March.

No longer will yearly registration be necessary after this year. One registration will serve a lifetime IF you keep voting. It has been stressed that you have to vote to keep your registration continuous.

Get out the registration and get out the vote! This is one of the best ways a gay or straight can change and influence the laws and politics which govern his life. Our Community pledges itself to the task of keeping you informed so that you may vote intelligently on issues and offices which effect us specifically.

FOLLOW UP

Ever wonder what happens after a story has appeared on the front page of a newspaper? The January issue of OUR COMMUNITY carried a feature story and picture of Father Paul who had been brutally beaten by two men he thought were his friends.

The latest development is that Jerry Morgan who held Father Paul down during the attack has been arrested and indicted for "assault with intent to do bodily harm". The District Attorney's office is conducting a preliminary investigation of Mike Dorsey who repeatedly hit the defenseless Father Paul with a brass candlestick and tried to stab him with a dull knife. This man will probably be charged with "attempt to murder". The State of Texas is prosecuting the case and the District Attorney's office has pledged to back Father Paul all the way...

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Part III
a homophile novel
by William J. Lambert, III

SGT Dowell had tried to put the make on SGT Rice. SGT Rice looked queer but was straight. So it was rumored. Whether Rice were queer or not, he had reported the incident. SGT Dowell had then proceeded to stick the barrel of his rifle into his mouth and had blown the top off his head. There was an investigation.

The two lovers in our platoon had known Dowell. They were summoned from the rifle range. They were always getting out of everything. No one saw them for two days. Suddenly their things disappeared out of their lockers. The blankets disappeared off their beds. Their mattresses were S-rolled. They disappeared.

"Someone told me they were queer," Pimples told me in confidence. "I can't believe it, can you?"

They did each other in the shower, in the closet, in each other's beds. They played with each other: opened up each other's flies, fingered each other during movies in the theater.

"No, I would have never guessed," I lied. "Never in a million years."

"They were queer," the Beatnik told me. "I mean, they were faggots from the word go. Anyone could tell that. I mean, anyone. Couldn't you?"

"Well, you can't really tell by just looking," I said. "Not really. And I never really looked at them that closely."

"Sometimes you are a bit naive," he said. I shrugged my shoulders.

Miss Green showed up in full regalia. She literally glided in on tippy toes. She was immediately called Miss Queen by everyone. It was her nickname as passed down from her previous associates. Miss Green had been in the hospital for four days with an ear ache. She had been forced to drop out of her original group. She was now in ours.

"I can't wait to get that bitch naked," Beatnik told me at lunch one day. I looked at him again. He was hardly the queer type. "I'll bet she has got a crack between her legs."

"Oh, God, do I ache," Bookworm said, sitting in one of the vacant chairs at our table. "I doubt if I'll ever stop aching. Just what kind of a torture pit are they running here? I went to the doctor with this knee of mine and he gave me some cough medicine and some APC. He said if it was still bothering me in six weeks to drop in again."

"Did he examine you?" Bookworm blushed. "HE stripped me down and had me sit on a table. Then just looked."

"That's all?" "That's all. He told me to get dressed. Then he went and got the APC and cough medicine out of the desk."

"Sounds a bit strange," Beatnik said. "Sounds as if Miss Green and the good doctor ought to get together."

"Why do you think she spent four days in the hospital?" I ventured.

Beatnik laughed and Bookworm blushed. We were joined by Matthews who plopped exhausted into the chair.

"When is all this going to come to an end?" he asked.

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"What little lady?" Bookworm asked.

"The whore in the barracks," Beatnik complied.

"Ah, Miss Green," Matthew said, buttering a piece of bread. "I don't know how she's missed out on a discharge."

"It's never really the obvious ones that go," I said.

"Well, you couldn't get more obvious than Miss Green," Beatnik said, finishing his meal and standing to leave. "You sure as hell couldn't get any more obvious if you hung a red light around your neck."

"I wish you wouldn't talk about Green like that," Bookworm said. "I mean, how do we really know?"

"We don't," Matthew smiled. "Not yet anyway."

A sergeant came into the mess hall and shouted that we had taken too long to eat. We were moving out on a five-mile march, and we had damned sure be outside in two seconds flat.

Another person died. The basic training section of the fort was suddenly quarantined.

Miss Green suddenly became very popular. Not only with our platoon but with all the other platoons in our quarantined area. No women -- excepting mothers -- were allowed to come visiting. No soldiers were allowed to go visiting off post. Miss Green, it seemed, was the only logical solution to an almost impossible situation.

It was rumored Miss Green was going for free and that she liked going for free. It was also said that she was tight. Michael Mason, a kid from the platoon down the hall who had had her -- and he readily admitted to having had her -- said she fit him like a rubber glove. He said she almost made one want to turn queer. Anyway, it supposedly beat masturbating.

"She should charge," Matthew said, sitting on the foot of my bed. We were polishing our boots. It had rained that day and our boots were caked with mud. "That bitch could really rake in the dough."

"She could take on enough to retire for life after her dishonorable discharge," I said.

"Ten a night at ten dollars a piece," Matthew ventured, "would be quite a nice haul."

"And under the present circumstances," I laughed, calling upon my business education, "the demand is liable to increase wherein, with the supply being of

a limited nature, the price can safely rise. At present, being in a monopoly position, the profits could be extremely high. Of course, competition is liable to set in with such high profit margins."

"There is the whole thing in a nut shell," Matthew said, finishing his boots and reclining on the bed. "That bitch doesn't want the competition. She wants all that goodness for herself. Still, she could really make the money."

"She might as well," I smiled. "She's making everything else in sight."

"The Army might not make men," Matthew grinned, "but Miss Green is sure doing one hell of a good job of it."

Our executive officer marched us down the hall and interviewed us one at a time in his office. It not only gave him a chance to look us over, but also, there was the slimmest chance he might find out who had screamed, "F--- the Army!", out the window.

His name was John Patterson Williams, III. I saluted him and he returned the salute. I reported as instructed. He gave me "at east" and told me to be seated. His eyes checked me over.

"You're the college kid," he said. "What in God's name are you doing in the enlisted ranks?"

"I didn't think anyone noticed."

"Who are you kidding? I could tell the minute I saw you," he smiled. Handsome. Greek nose. Blond hair. Good build. Blue eyes. clear, ice-like eyes.

"I hope it's not too obvious to everyone."

"Not everyone," he replied.

"I can usually spot someone with education. I've got four years myself."

"I could tell," I said.

"I thought as much," he smiled.

"So, we've got that much in common."

"Yes, sir," I said.

"There are so many gnats in this Army," he said. "There are so many ignorant and stupid bastards. You, of course, realize the majority of them are found in the enlisted ranks?"

"So I understand."

"Anybody with any sense whatsoever could surmise that you knew. That's what makes your position so precarious."

"Precarious?"

"You haven't lost yourself amid the ranks of those bastards," he said. "You may think you have, may hope you have, but you haven't. You have only made yourself more

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obvious. You couldn't have made attraction if you had stuck a rifle in your mouth, pulled the trigger and blown the top off your head. Oh, I realize it all seemed so very ideal. I even thought of disappearing into the same cesspool once. I came to realize, however, as you'll soon come to realize that you don't become lost. You become found all the more easily."

"Is it all that obvious?"

"We've got your records on file over in that cabinet," Lt Williams said, motioning to the steel files in one corner. "Your education level is there. That's one of the first things we check. The Army is hurting for officers. We receive orders from higher-ups almost daily telling us to scan our records for potential officer material and to cajole, persuade, entice such personnel into putting little silver and gold bars on their shoulders. So, we checked your records. We looked at your test scores, checked out your potential -- all very good. We noted your past college training. Then we made note of Captain Weston's comments. Do you remember a Captain Weston?"

"No," I answered. "One runs across so many officers in the course of days that names really don't remain."

"He interviewed you at the recruiting station in regard to OCS. He states that he was frankly puzzled as to why you and he couldn't come to terms."

"Ah, yes," I said. "I do recall Captain Weston."

"You are officer potential, my young private. You have been noted, examined, checked. Your files have been earmarked. There is apparently no good reason for your wanting to remain in the sewers. You have offered a puzzle to be solved. a prize to be snapped up. Do you understand?"

"I'm being watched?" I ventured.

"People being watched should be more careful than the others," the lieutenant said. "They're watching you now because they think you are still a damned good candidate for OCS. Since you are being watched, I would suggest you tow the line in your personal activities."

"Why are you telling me all of this?"

"I like you," the lieutenant smiled. "I really do. It's a revelation to find someone in the EM ranks who has the capacity to converse with me on a similar intellectual plain -- a person -- om the same level of society. Besides, you are officer material. The CO is sure I can make you see the light."

"I'm not too sure about that, sir," I came in reply. "But I'm willing to let you give it a try."

"You'll find I can be very persuasive," he replied. "Very persuasive. It's a bit exciting knowing there is even the slight chance."

"A slim one, I hope."

"Oh, it is a slim one to be sure," he answered. "But who knows. All those bullets aren't buried in the dunes up there. You can find the smashed lead even here along the beach."

There was silence for a while, save for the noise of the waves

cut out from persuasive and add

The interview ended. I stood and saluted, making an about face and walking to the door.

"Oh, yes," the lieutenant stopped me. I turned back. "Do you by any chance know who screamed that vulgarity out the window?"

"No sir."

"I didn't really think that you would. Do send in another one of the men on your way out."

I exited into the hall.

"That was rather a long interview," Miss Green cooed. "Whatever were you two doing in there?"

"Discussing your impending discharge," I said to the little bitch.

"He wants to see you next."

Everyone laughed. When I left, Green had gone into the office, wiggling her little ass behind her.

There was the distant rifle fire up above us, coming from the other side of the dunes on the other side of the hill. The firing came in quick spurts. The recruits were on the rifle ranges.

"One of those could kill us, I suppose," the lieutenant said. "It's quite possible. I always think of that when I walk along here and hear them. Not much of a chance but there's always that once."

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"A slim one, I hope."

"oh, it is a slim one to be sure," he answered. "But who knows. All those bullets aren't buried in the dunes up there. You can find the smashed lead even here along the beach."

There was silence for a while, save for the noise of the waves lapping at the beach. The sand was warm on our feet. A warm breeze blew in from the sea. We walked close to the hill on our right. In case a bullet from the firing range overshot the dunes on the bluff, it would fall further

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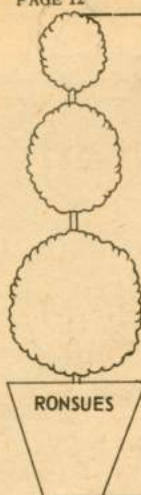
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out and miss us.
 "It's always quite private out here," the lieutenant said, taking hold of my hand, "especially when they're firing. The area is off limits to unauthorized personnel."
 "We're authorized, are we?" I asked.
 "We're authorized," he smiled. "I've seen that we're authorized. It's not very hard to arrange much of anything in this man's Army. You'll soon discover that for yourself."
 They began firing again. We moved on through the warm sand. I held my shirt and boots in one hand. The sun felt warm on my shoulders. The lieutenant had asked me to take off my shirt. I

had obliged. He was wearing shorts and a white shirt. He carried his sneakers in his hand. His hair was windblown. He led me along the beach. The surf rumbled on the left, the rifles fired just up the sharp rise to our right. The sun was hot on our bodies. The salty sea air was refreshing. We stopped in a place where the sand was piled in dunes about us. The ice plant hadn't yet taken root down there but started growing further up the cliff. The plant was green and squeaked when you walked on it.

He dropped to the sand. He pulled me down beside him. I threw my shirt and boots off to one side. He touched me, pulling me close.

"Take off those Army things," he said, unbuckling my belt and

then my pants. He helped me slip them off. The sand was hot to my bared ass, back and legs.

He was on his knees, looking at me. He unbuttoned his shirt slowly. He slipped it off, his skin white and hairless save for a few silky strands surrounding the nipples. He got to his feet, watching me. I kept my gaze on him, looking at his body. He unbuttoned the top button of his pants and slid the zipper down slowly. He peeled off his trousers, taking his shorts along with them.

He came over to where I was and stood over my chest. I lifted myself on one arm. He crouched down, sinking his knees astraddle me. I laid down in the sand. His ass was pressing into my stomach.

"Just stay still," he said. He ran his hands gently over my body, playing with my nipples, fingering my flesh. He lowered his hands to the sand and leaned over to look into my face.

I shut my eyes to the sun, to the sand, to the sea, to his soft white body, to his touch and carress

When he was finished, the sun was still there, the sand was still there, the water was still surging toward the shore, the rifles were still firing up on the hill and in the dunes above us. Yet, some of the warmth of the day was gone. The afternoon was progressing and we had to get back. We had to begin preparation for bivouac. Basic training was almost over.

Matthew had changed or maybe I had changed after my afternoon on the beach below the firing range. Anyway, there was that something growing between us. We

had been brought together, had thought we actually had found something, had been wrong. There was nothing one could do about being wrong. One was often wrong whether they tended to admit it or not. I had often been wrong - about clothes, about places, about people, about things. It was something I accepted. It was something everyone would have done well to accept. Of course, Matthew and I were still friends. It was the cycle of things. Lovers became friends, friends became competitors: the loser becoming the hater, the winner becoming the hated. Words of love became words of condemnation. It was the game. We played it, knowing the consequences.

That was why people like us had so few friends in the true sense of the word. There were few people in whom we could really confide. A comment dropped in friendship now might be flung back later in the cycle. We merely continued playing the game, waiting for allies to turn to cannibals, to surround us, destroy us, eat us up. It was life where only the fittest survived. The handsome ones and the good-looking ones were on top only for as long as they retained their good looks, their handsome bodies.

I once knew a very good-looking kid who had started playing the game in his early teens. He took his time, selecting his players and pieces. He made the rounds slowly, carefully, never just hopping into bed and out again. He played it cool. He retained his popularity for a long while. He was crowned queen three years in succession at the most fashionable queer balls this country had to offer. Three

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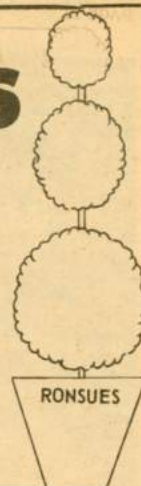
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Student Teacher Reinstated

Bellefonte, Pa. - Joseph Acanfora,
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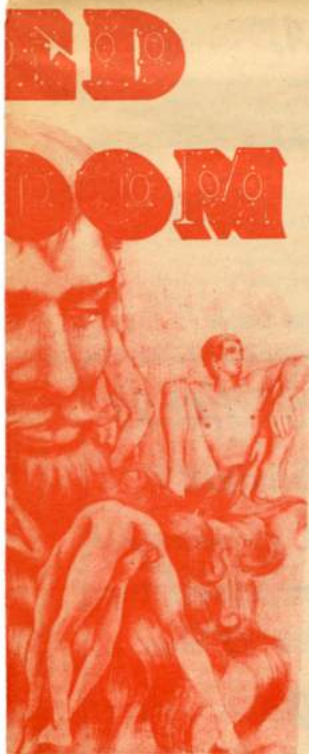
Judge R. Paul Campbell of
Centre County Court said the
school board arbitrarily discrim-
inated against Acanfora because of
his membership in Homophiles of
Penn State when it suspended him

from his practice teaching assign-
ment.

Campbell ordered Acanfora of
Brick Town, N.J. reinstated and
the Penn State University senior
be given full credit toward com-
pletion of the assignment. The
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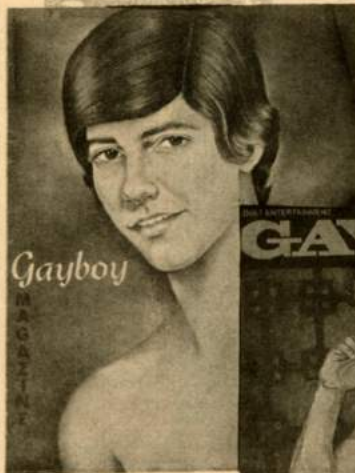


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KINGS, QUEENS, PRINCES, and princesses along with assorted others Who Matter will be arriving in Madrid for the March 8th Royal Wedding, luv. And since the Spanish are so grand about these things, luv, it will be historic. We know you'll want to know just EVERYTHING about the festive do and we shall do our best to tell you all we can. Your very life hangs on it, surely! For beginners, luv, we'll let you know that our very favorite Piney Woods hot tamale, Joanne King of TV & Foleys, will be going, tricked out in one of her exotic gowns, designed, we hear, by Senor Tortilla y Frijoles. La. You saw this creation recently in the Houston Post. Unforgettable...

IT WAS HIE-HO & BOTTOMS UP at the recent just-folks bash given by John & Katsy Mecom at their River Oaks residence. It was in honor of that dear boy, Jim Nabors of telly fame. A budget approximating the national income of Swaziland was adequate for the fete, which featured tons of Louisiana cooks & their food, lawn tents, a large bull, some studs from John-John's Royal Saints football club and others watching each other carefully. The character of the party was assured by the arrival of country & western person Minnie Pearl & husband, who flew in with Jim Nabors. Rock Hudson was unable to make the du, luv. We all ate our hearts out because of it. Maxine Messinger, girl scribe, was seen dogging everyone, just like John & Katsy pay her to. It was all just too exciting, really, and you would have loved every minute of it. Believe us, luv.

AND SPEAKING OF FOOD, luv, do visit dear Casey & Dennis at their new cafe, The Tradewinds whatever. Also, just folks stuff and no need for black-tie. The dear boys are lots of fun & charming chaps, so trot along & eat whatever they put before you, there's a dear. You can take it, surely....

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"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals" There it was, black against white. Of the many new translations of the Bible which have been pouring from the presses during the past quarter century, it was quite the most clinical-sounding and cruel I had read.

Conceivably equally offensive is another translation of Paul's words to the Corinthians; "Make no mistakes: ...none who are guilty either of adultery or of homosexual perversion...will possess the kingdom of God."

But we must always be thankful for small favors. Both versions from which I have quoted have succeeded where older versions have failed. They have eliminated "the effeminate." So consistent has been the use of that term that generations of straights have long labored under a false impression. And a segment of the straight world has been made to suffer from the prejudice thus created.

What has in older translations been appended to "the effeminate" is both amusing and instructive. One gets the impression that the individual translator is not without hang-ups and would prefer to proceed to something more properly religious.

Thus "liars with mankind." For The Random House Dictionary of the English Language "one who or that which lies, as in wait or in ambush," is a "liar." But the word is used so seldom today that it seems to be the victim of a misspelling.

Then there is "abusers of themselves with mankind." Which seems to suggest a more than physical and recumbent involvement with another person of the same sex. Or is there a suggestion here of "self-abuse," which has long been the moralists' manner of describing masturbation?

But it is the use of "with mankind" of describing masturbation?

But it is the use of "with mankind" in both translations which is particularly interesting. To be sure, mankind does not include irrational animals, which are covered by the general term, "bestiality." But neither is "mankind" sufficiently concrete and on the flesh and blood level to suggest what is involved in a homosexual act.

It used to be that "sodomites" simply sent one back to the pages of Genesis in the Old Testament. More recently it may have involved a helpful detour to the footnotes at the bottom of the page. But

today there seems to be some doubt as to the precise nature of the activity which has immortalized the men of Sodom.

Finally, there is "the sinners against nature." It was Alexander Pope who wrote of fools rushing in where angels fear to tread. Here, surely, in man's nature, is such an area. Apposite here is quotation from a recent statement. "Traditional ethics... (was) based on natural law and this was based on a view of human nature as a fixed biological and psychological structure. Today this basis is called into question by the modern scientific view of man as the product of biological and cultural evolution. Man has now reached the point when he has the power to remake himself. How then are we to arrive at ethical decisions that take full account of man's openness to the future?"

It is the function of a gadfly to make demands. Whether they will be heeded or met is beside the point. As your "gay gadfly" I demand of future translators of First Corinthians vi: 9, that, at the very least, they mitigate their language regarding what they may have considered a perversion and is now considered an alternate.



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EDITORIAL

The individual must often lose himself in the masses--though still leading, guiding, supporting--for the greater good. This is especially true in the current Gay Movement. The limelight frequently falls on those smaller, weaker or lesser souls who have done less--they need it more.

Winning the Gay Fight in the conservative Midwest is going to be the real hub of the battle. On the coasts, the rims, everyone expects to find that "anything goes" and the impact is lessened. The multiple spokes, cities from north to south and east to west, are also a part but too scattered to be the real crux. We have already largely won on the rim; the spokes are rapidly falling into place; the hub remains---

The midwest is geographically, politically and psychologically that hub. The rim and spoke positions are easiest (the work already well begun, anonymity of the masses, talent and leaders actively abundant)--and necessary--but the hub does the turning and holding together. It is the ultimate strength and weight bearer, essential to make the whole wheel turn and function.

We've been privileged to be placed at the hub; a hard, sometimes little noticed, but very central and essential place to be. It's a compliment of God. He needs the strongest and best, the most loyal and dedicated, the most patient and persevering, at the hub. Only thus, after the Dedicated (Martin Luther King/Rev. Troy Perry) have given themselves in martyred aloneness and the militants have stirred awareness (anger, resentment, but also the beginning of action) can the real peace and union start to grow. It will be the hub, the activists of sensitivity and sensibility powered by determination, that will get the final job done. With goals set, unwavering, feet on the ground and back

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goals set, unwavering, feet on the ground and back-grounded with preparedness and patience, they will win the final victory. Victory beyond more legislation into the daily hearts and living of people.

This is where the real progress will be made, the final victory won--and of all of it, not any could have been accomplished without the contributions of the other.

Past failures are only stepping stones across the stream of life to success on the other side. Right on!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friend:

May we take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as **YOUR** Gay Church, and in a few brief paragraphs identify ourselves to you!

It is in believing that each one of us deserves and merits a special reverence, because we are God's creation, that there is nothing extraordinary in giving each of you a chance to express your faith in God, freely, without prejudice or lack of concern. Though there are many church-related groups existing without valid origin, ours is one of the very few that possesses valid orders (Matthew-Carfora succession), and sacraments. Likewise, there are many of these

so-called churches that are organized for self-gain, rather than to carry on and follow the ministry of LOVE given us by Christ and His apostles. The American Orthodox - Catholic Church was established to serve the needs of our people, more especially those from the Roman, Old-Catholic, and Orthodox backgrounds, though we welcome ALL to our doors for we are here to serve **YOU!** We realize that the need is great, and thus, we are answering that need!

The Reverend Clergy, and the student-clergy work as a closely knit team, in order that we may work at those things which the other churches have either overlooked, or find too difficult to challenge due to social or other

pressure. Thus, positive assistance can be given to anyone in need without losing the individualistic freedom of identity. No matter who you are, young or old, **you're important!**

The Monastery is presently securing its much needed larger facilities where not only the worship of God can be conducted in a proper atmosphere, but where various activities can be had and enjoyed. It is at the Monastery where liturgical worship can be attended in a free spirit and where the true love of God is found and abounds in a unique way! It is here also, as a religious community, that your spiritual needs are undertaken for the greater honor and glory of God. Potential candidates for the sacred ministry are always welcome to seek admittance.

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You will find several interesting

activities existing or in planning at the Monastery, among these are: Coffee House (rap-sessions), The Lavendar Shop (Gifts), Dances, Church Socials and Dinners, The Cathedral Choir, and the Altar Server's Group. Most of these activities will be scheduled on a weekly or monthly basis and will be announced weekly as to their individual scheduling. Beside these activities we shall continue our counselling services, employment service, publish our own papers, reviews, and the like, and offer temporary quarters to those in need. Information on any of these can be obtained upon request. You are welcome to volunteer your talents to them!

There is a great need for people like **YOU**, right **NOW!** So why not drop in, and see for yourself? **Today**, we must have the spirit of **ADVENTURE** and of **INVOLVEMENT** to follow Christ! We need people who are **BOLD** to try, renew that almost-forgotten faith, and we need people like **YOU**, who will be proud of a Church that is **VERY REAL, SINCERE**, does all it says, and honestly serves **YOU!!!**

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STAR CHAMBER — from P. 14

BAYOU LANDING CLUB'S plans to take over operation of a local defunct country club fizzled. They continue to search the environs, however, and we know you will sleep easier knowing it. Meantime, another of Dallas's entrepreneurs, well-known to many teen-agers, is attempting to bring his own brand of club life to us. We wait, breathlessly, for it all.

JUST LIKE IN THE REAL old frontier days, luv, the cowboys & cowboys gathered to party & bed down & cook out up Brenham way prior to the recent Rodeo bit. A charming group of Gay gentlemen entertained for some of the better Trail Riders and commemorated Song of the Loon in part. It was Gay Hill forever....

THAT ADOREABLE WILLIE ROEMETSCH and his associates opened their funny new disco-cafe, Boccaccio 2000 with a gala party. You'll love it, luv, what with all that lovely beefcake and statues (by Houston artist Gary Choate, a doll, luv) and a mixed-bag group of swinging folk. Dear old Don Bohlen, local important decorator, did the interior & right smartly, too. He's a dear, really. The crowd included the usual gaggle of hookers, hooters, humpers, and junks. See?

CHARLEY'S 517 restaurant & club burned down recently, to the weeping of all of us who understand & NEED such elegant places, luv. That dear man, James Henderson, the manager, has assured us, though, that all will be put right back soon and we'll have our oasis back to cater to body & soul. Amen.

"THE THIEF WHO CAME TO DINNER" will begin filming locally in April, which we know thrills you. A number of our more well-publicised locals will have their faces or their residences or both in the film, luv, which is a hoot for us all. Dear old Arthur Talk's pleasure dome will be featured from within The Colony, as will Joanne King's recreation of Versailles. We know you're happy for them.

A SUPER EXCLUSIVE PARTY is being planned at one of the best Country Clubs for late in March by one of THE Grandees, luv. And this one is not by any stretch of the imagination one of those "just folks" burbon & beans bashes so usual in these parts. Since almost none of you will be invited, we'll let you know more about it afterwards. We know you're just dying to hear more....

into Wyandotte, then making a right turn on Tenth to our address. So give it a thought, and tell your friends, we'd really enjoy seeing you, and rapping with you!

In Christ's Love,
Signed: Fr. Rob, OSB
Rector

Dear Phil,

I would like to take the time to explain that the article in your Paper and also Our Community is not correct. The charges against the bartender of the bartender of the Detour was not in any manner dismissed.

The bartender is himself paying his fine and his attorney.

On March 22, 1972 I am to pay \$150.00 fine and spend one day in jail. In addition to the fine I also have to pay my attorney \$250.00. All of this expense is a result of my having been employed at the Detour when it was raided.

The owner of the Detour is not giving me any assistance in the paying of these expenses.

The charges were liquor violation, no dance license on premises, no pool license and having a minor on the premises.

I was told prior to the raid that there was a dance license, a pool license etc., but found out the hard way that this was not true.

I sincerely feel that the owners of the Detour Saloon should help with the above costs. I quit my job with the Detour when I found out that they were not going to help me with any of the above.

The raid was October 23rd and I quit the middle of November when they told me that they could not help me with my lawyer or anything else.

The minor found on the premises was a friend of the owner, and I was told to let him stay as he did not drink.

Yours truly,
Ray M.

PS: If anyone doubts the validity

THE ENTIRE FASHION WORLD will focus on Houston during the gala ball in aid of L'Alliance Francaise. Nina Ricci jefe Chantel de Kemoularia will be here, along with Jacques le Brigant who designs all their hats & materials. High drag, dears.

IT'S STILL WALL TO WALL at Frisbys, ducks, and that's a Good Thing. A perfect way to relieve all the tensions of a busy social life, actually. Go. At once. AND NOW, MY PRECIOUS ONES, it's off for magnificent Madrid with every jewel & decoration we own to strike a blow against vulgar democracy. And when we return to the Land of Gus Mutchers & Co. we'll tell you everything. Really. Ta!

of the above statements, they are free to check the records at the courthouse, they are public.

Dear Ray M.

This is a very unusual case, all that I have heard of before the owner or owners of the bar did cover costs when an employee was arrested. The exception to this was when Mr. T. at the Tattooed Lady in Houston was fined and the owner didn't have the money to pay it for him.

Editor

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Greetings from GAA California!

This letter is one of concern and warning for Houston Gay peoples. For your city is about to be invaded by madmen! Yes, the knife and scalpel slinging brain surgeons are going to descend upon the Space City USA on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 9th, 10th, and the 11th. They are hold forth with a national convention of sorts, and if you know what these madmen have been doing to Gays in prisons and "hospitals" all across the country, you will

jump upon a horse and gallop about Houston screaming the "surgeons are coming"!

Really, this is quite serious, and I do hope that in Houston, there are Gays who are concerned enough about this horrifying state of affairs to join the MEDICAL COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (MCHR) in Houston, in a picket and protest of the meeting. MCHR here in California is sending representatives to help MCHR in Houston to picket the affair. The San Francisco delegation will be headed by our friend Dr. Phillip Shapiro, and I myself, plan to be in that delegation along with a couple other California GAAers.

If NUNTIUS can do anything to help the MCHR in Houston in their efforts to expose these "Butchers" of Buchenwald" it would be greatly appreciated by your Gay brethren in California and other states where they use Gays to experiment upon, surgically and chemically.

The MCHR representative in Houston is: KIM SHINKOSKEY
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so I would strongly urge Houston Gays to join in with MCHR, and

have pickets proclaiming that Gays are tired of this subtle form of genocide towards Gays. I have enclosed a flyer we used last Wednesday in our picket against the same group who held a regional meeting. The flyer pretty well outlines what is being done to Gay peoples, and what we as Gay people are doing to expose to the world what is being done to us in prisons

and hospitals all across the land. Whatever you all can do would be greatly appreciated.

Happiness and Gay Freedom to all!

Signed:
Reverend Ray Broshears
president, GAA California.

The NUNTIUS was not aware of the surgeons meeting or of your MCHR until receipt of the above letter.

We of the NUNTIUS will make every effort to find out more about your organization and with your help will be able to do so. When you arrive in Houston, please call on us.

The above information is all we have at press-time and does not reflect the opinion of the NUNTIUS or its advertisers.

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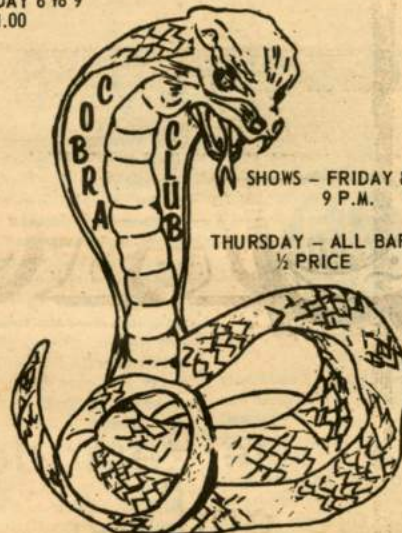
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Enthusiasm has been running high at MCC-Dallas since the Colorado-Texas-Louisiana District Conference held here in January 7, 8, and 9th. The spiritual renewal program will include talks, discussion groups, encounter groups, group and individual counseling as well as the singing of hymns and the regular service at 7:30 on Sun-

day evening. As usual, a Fellowship Hour will follow the Sunday evening service.

The Metropolitan Community Church was founded by the Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles about three and one-half years ago and has grown rapidly since. There are now about 23 churches and missions over the country, including Hawaii. The church was founded to show the homosexual that God truly does care and that love is the answer. Although MCC has a special outreach to the gay community, all individuals are welcome.

MCC-Dallas is becoming involved. Since last Fall, the Rev. Richard Vincent, Pastor of MCC-Dallas, has been visiting the Dallas County Jail providing spiritual guidance and giving communion to the inmates there. The Church is growing and the congregation is looking forward to having their own church building in the not too distant future. They have already acquired an electronic organ and have started a building fund.

If you should have any questions about MCC or its programs, write MCC-Dallas, P. O. Box 1344, Dallas, Texas 75221.

Circle of Friends Goes Political

Past programs have included educational activities through SMU, Perkins Theological School, Contact, Suicide Prevention, church and social groups. Some members have found life-time mates at COF meetings. COF was helpful in the founding of the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas and OUR COMMUNITY.

The president of COF emphasized that this is an election year. California and New York groups have shown the possibilities of political action by determining candidates' attitudes and then influencing and exerting the pressures of a gay vote. There are more than 100,000 gays in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metropolitan area and that's a lot of Gay Power! First efforts will be toward registering as many as possible as good citizens ready to vote and express their will at the polls.

COF expects to produce the leverage in high places needed to aid gay rights. The community is urged to join in this effort.

New voter laws in Texas now make the 18-year-old eligible to vote. There is no longer a deadline for voter registration but the voter must be registered 31 days prior to an election if he is to be eligible to vote.

First anticipated elections here are expected in March.

No longer will yearly registration be necessary after this year. One registration will serve a lifetime IF you keep voting. It has been stressed that you have to vote to keep your registration continuous.

Get out the registration and get out and vote! This is one of the best ways a gay or straight can change and influence the laws and politics which govern his life. Our Community pledges itself to the task of keeping you informed so that you may vote intelligently on issues and offices which effect us specifically.

GAYS SEEK OK ON OK. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Norman-Oklahoma University may soon have an on-campus homosexual organization. Five members of the Gay Community Alliance for Sexual Freedom announced the formation of this group at a weekly breakfast given by President Dr. Paul Sharp.

Dr. Sharp declined to offer a personal opinion on Gay Liberation in general, but said he would uphold the laws of the state regarding the matter. The university's legal adviser, Gary Williams, said his office was studying the public decency and morality law enactment, concerning the matter.

While President Sharp was concerned about how news of the movement will affect legislative allocations in the future, "particularly faculty pay raises," Vice President J. R. Morris said that if the

groups becomes a recognized organization, "all university facilities will be opened to them, but they also will be governed by all the rules of this institution and this state."

The Gay Community Alliance has been meeting informally since Oct. 1, and has approached Joe Lunn, student association president, concerning official recognition. Lunn advised them that in order for an organization to become recognized, it must have a membership of at least 10, draw up a constitution, elect a president and have a faculty adviser. The constitution has been written and submitted. Lunn asked the group to find a faculty adviser themselves, but if they couldn't, "we would try to find one for them." If recognized as a student association, the group would be eligible to

submit a request for funding to the student congress.

Dennis Weber, junior from Enid and president of the organization, said a conservative estimate of the Norman homosexual community is "about 500, but many do not openly acknowledge it. They are afraid to, and all too often for very good reasons."

Blasting President Sharp for his "failure to face reality," Weber said "the time for change is now. The blacks have recognized the social climate for e-rights is right, and gay people are beginning to get in on the action, too."

"We hope to educate both the community and gay people as to the role of the homosexual in today's society," Weber said.

The Gay Liberation Front, from the University of Texas pledged to work closely with the Gay Community Alliance.

Office space for the organization is being furnished by the Women's Study Center in Ellison Hall, which also houses the student government facilities.

STRAIGHT DOPE

Your questions are welcome. We will do our best to obtain frank and factual answers. Address inquiries to: Box 35852, Dallas 75235

Q. I want my lover to have full charge of funeral arrangements should anything happen to me. Will a Power of Attorney be sufficient to do this?

A. NO! Once a person is dead Neither can you successfully designate in your will how you want your last arrangements to be made, unless your family wants to follow your wishes.

You CAN will the power of final arrangements to a specific person however and this is usually sufficient even though the will is not probated until after the funeral or whatever. It then lies with the person to whom you will this power to conduct last arrangements as he sees fit. This person can be anyone of your choosing.

Your disignee is not obliged to do with your body as you wish however, so be careful how you choose! If you wish cremation you should

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include this in the will and also have these wishes committed to paper in your own handwriting, or again the family will have the power to veto such a wish by refusing a signature.

Wills should be specific, legally drawn, notarized and a copy filed with the notary, your lawyer or bank. Legal advice is recommended in such matters but not required.

Q. Since the theme for the gay world is "Love" why is it that we hear about very few lasting gay marriages?

A. First of all, most gay marriages are kept on the Q.T. for social reasons. Two people of the same sex living together is not uncommon for reasons of finance. But let the word "love" enter into that relationship and the Stiff Necks put pressure on.

Secondly, human nature, being what it is, promiscuity seems to be the byword, in the straight world as well as in the gay.

However, in the straight world, a man and woman, wanting to be together for life, or so it seems, have their union blessed by the law. The dissolution of this union is costly and time consuming.

On the other hand, the gay marriages are promises passed, verbally, between two people, and are not legally binding, thus making it as simple as moving to dissolve that union. One good fight, and whoamo! No marriage.

If the law sanctioned gay unions the way it does the straight ones, more would be heard about them.

However this would not keep "strangers" out of the marital bed, as only the people involved can do this.

Good rules for gaining a full-filling gay marriage are:

1. Look for a person who wants stability in a union.
2. Be truthful about your own desire in the matter.
3. Know your intended partner outside the bed, as well as in.
4. Don't base your judgement by performance alone!
5. Talk out your problems together. Get outside help if needed.
6. Beware of the Green-eyed Monster, jealousy!
7. Remember, if he or she spends a night away from home, but comes back again, all you've lost is one night. Don't throw away an entire lifetime because of it.
8. Share everything: experiences, frustrations, happiness, gloom, etc.
9. Communicate!
10. Be happy! Being in the same house together is better than being in the same bed together, separately.
11. Never go to bed angry - settle a disagreement before going to bed. Never sleep in different rooms under the same roof.

To All Members and Friends of the Vineyard

This is an official call to convention of THE VINEYARD on the dates of March 24th to 26th for the purpose of adopting the Rule of Saint Benedict as our spiritual guide and to write the constitution following the spirit of the Rule of Saint Benedict, to establish our government and formal life style and forms of membership.

The Convention will be held at THE VINEYARD headquarters 3246 West George Street.

Each interested member and friend in attendance at the convention is requested to bring his or her WRITTEN suggestions as to the form the Constitution should take, either in whole or in part. Only written motions will be accepted on such an important matter.

A formal letter must be mailed prior to the Convention to THE VINEYARD stating that you will attend, in order for you to be able to take part in the decision making of the Convention.

After the adoption of the Rule and Constitution and attendance at Holy Mass, the elections of the various officials of THE VINEYARD will be undertaken.

This call to convention will take the place of the February and March Newsletters, the next newsletter being issued in April containing the minutes and information from the Convention.

All are asked to say a daily prayer to the Holy Spirit that He may guide us to follow the Divine Will.

HAPPENINGS in DALLAS

BAYOU - 3717 Rawlings has reopened under the original owner. Crowd is picking up nightly - "the food in the restaurant is very very good and quite inexpensive". Also, the BAYOU is featuring a German Beer Garden in the old patio area! RONSUE'S is taking a face lift - red and white tile, red velvet drapes on stage - floor painted --- red everywhere - for the pool table area; would you believe shingles. Liquor by the drink and dance license both being applied for at 3236 McKinney!

TJ'S - 3307 McKinney is also getting a new look, still got that good looking Bob behind the bar. **CANDY STORE** - has stopped their shows! Dave and Steve have a band for live dancing on the week-ends. An intimate piano bar has been added ... memberships are available and girls are definitely welcome at 3014 Throckmorton. **THE BRIARPATCH** - 5709 Oram has a new manager. Most of us will find the familiar face of Jim

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a welcome sight around the bar. bayou landing - 2609 N. Pearl is still going great guns. One must see this place to believe it! Big David and show are great.

BON SOIR - out on Lovers Lane is still a favorite gathering place for late evening fun.

KING OF CLUBS - has finally been laid (pardon the pun) to rest when it closed recently.

AFTER HOURS IN DALLAS - - - Friday and Saturday sees the late hours at THE BAYOU, THE BAYOU LANDING, GENES, and on Saturday nights only - TJ's - all watering holes are gathering an early morning crowd.

SHOWTIME - - - - -

When the word drag is mentioned, this is exactly what one finds at the Villa on Sunday afternoons! The Magical Garden review from Fort Worth, seems to need much

"fairy dust" from some friendly godfather to help the show find some type of magic. **HELP! HELP! HELP!** Nothing else need be said.

The **MAARS BAR** show is still around. Without Phyllis and Jo Anna what would they do, especially since Shalimar has departed for McKinney Avenue.

The **CANDY STORE** wisely discontinued their show in favor of a live band.

Out McKinney avenue way we find the old showbar of Dallas, **RON-SUE'S** still kicking off their shows on Sunday nights. My have you noticed the change in the show since competition has hit town. Here we find Mr. Cindy still doing her sexy type numbers extremely well. Mr. Shalimar is a welcome and fresh change for the show. Mr. Chelsy St. John, Mr. Dee Marie, Mr. Fran, Mr. Lynette (help this child please!) are also newcomers. Mr. Sheri Powers still looking great and doing well. Madam Fertilizer (whom I hear through the grapevine is scheduled for a "cameo"

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There is no cover charge for either of the two nightly performances, at 9 and 11:30 p.m.

A special stage background, in traditional American red, white and blue colors, was built by Grant and Calhoun, both of whom are professional designers and decorators. Featured are two ornamental columns which came from the White House in Washington, removed when the Presidential

home was being renovated.

"We believe that this is the first time that a full-length, Broadway-type play has been presented on Old Market Square," said Grant. A total of 10 actors are involved, about half of whom were in the Los Angeles production of "Hair."

Music from the original production is featured during the Pavillion presentation of "Hair," with the on-stage actors singing to that music.

The theatre organ, which has become the symbol of the Pavillion has been moved to make way for the "Hair" stage-to the window of the Travis Street establishment.

West Masters, who is regularly featured on the Pavillion organ, will appear nightly during the production of "Hair" and will be featured prior to the show opening and during intermissions.

"Hair" now in its 8th week at the Pavillion has been playing to packed houses since opening on the Square January 13.

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appearance at Houstons' one and only Red Room) has finally received word that his new "party record" has been released! Good luck Fertie, I'll buy a copy! And for everyone else - remember it is on a Kent label and called "Oh My! What A Big Piece of Meat" !!!!! Mr. Ronnie Sue is still there and brought Mr. Afrodisia back to town for an appearance or two. Also heard him stay that Mr. Roxanne will be back soon and that he is trying to work a show out featuring the Mr. Torchy Lane! Hello, and keep up the good work Sue! By the way, we notice that Mr. Lisa and company are no longer around. Is it true that Stardom does go to some people's head! By the way Mr. Sal E.

Marie -- we miss you -- hurry back.

On down Pearl Street one will find the other competition in town at the Bayou Landing on Wednesday evenings. Headed by Mr. David and featuring Sajah and the Carol Burnette look-alike - these folks really do a fine job. Hear that they are going to work in a "straight" bar six nights a week. Good luck girls!

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times was sort of a record. Yet, he was replaced by newer faces, newer bodies, newer dicks, newer rosy-cheeked asses. He moved on to Europe and became popular there. He made the rounds: Paris, Rome, Lisbon. He was queen for a long time, longer than most. He was lucky. But where was he today? Faded into oblivion. The queen is dead. Long live the queen.

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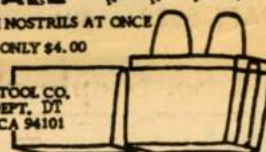
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