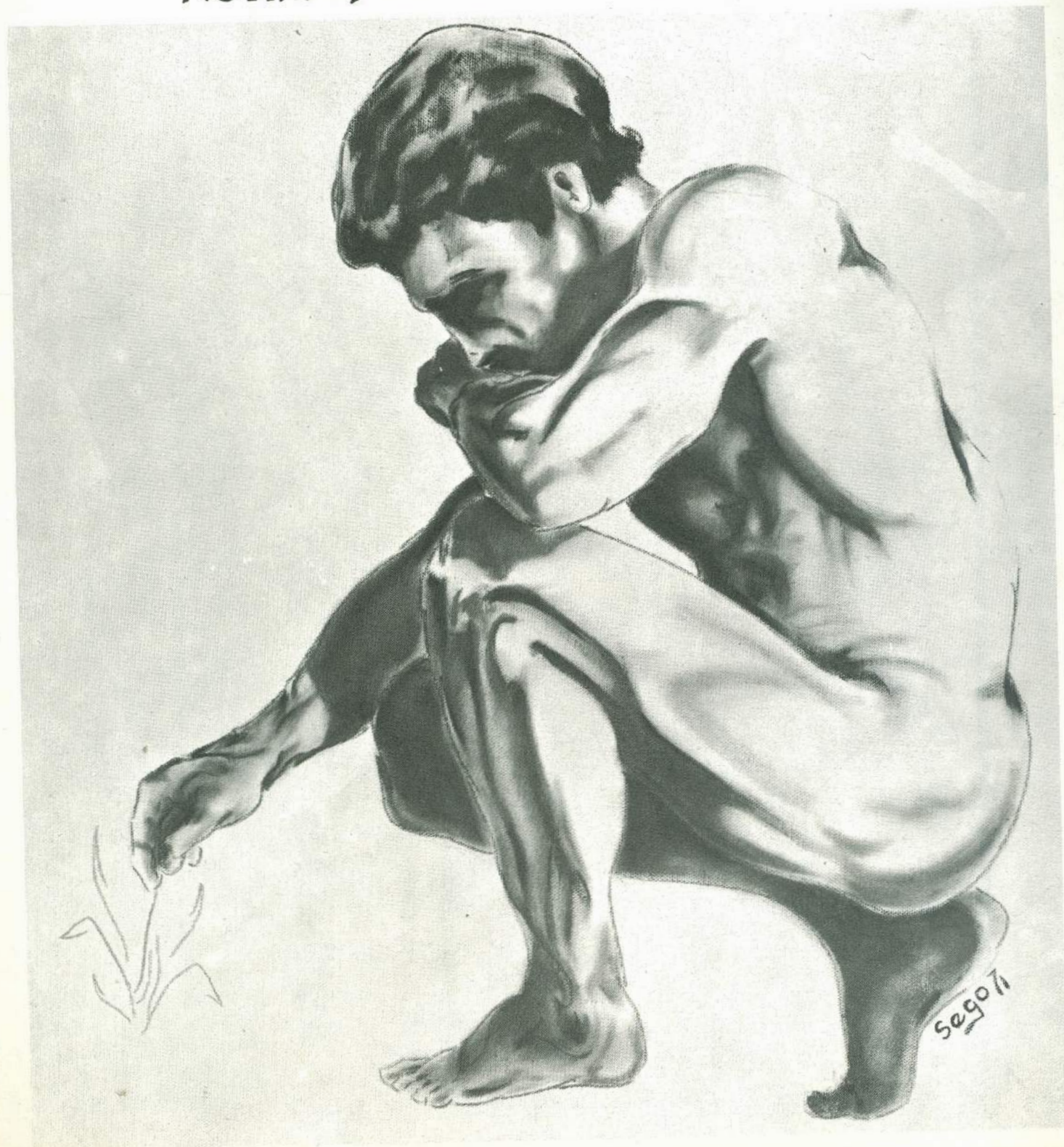


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Father Paul Brutially Beaten

By IGBIT KHRABRY

This writer sat dumbfounded as Father Paul Collins related to a small group of people what happened to him last Tuesday morning, and the manner in which the affair was handled subsequently by law enforcement in this large city of Dallas.

He had met a certain Michael Dorsey six weeks ago, on which occasion the latter had ingratiated himself somewhat by saying that he remembered Paul from two years back. Paul wasn't sure he remembered meeting him before, he wishes now he hadn't met him at all. For Father Paul was later brutally attacked -- with intent to kill -- by both Michael and his first cousin, Jerry Morgan. And then, in a pitiable state, he was given the

have been is the business of each, but it could not have been Paul who was indiscreet, though me may have been innocently led farther then he should have been.

The occurrence began at a prominent Gay bar where Michael and his cousin expressed a desire to go over to Father's place. There had apparently been some indiscriminate use of alcohol and cannabis sativa and Paul was later to learn that they had taken "some drugs." (He does not know what they were.) After riding home and then sitting in the living room practically two hours discussing philosophy and religion, Michael abruptly announced "I want everything you've got, and the only way I can have it is if you're dead." He





Father Paul

Beginning Of A New Era

Will 1972 be the beginning of a new era of fun for gay men and women in the Metropolitan Dallas-Ft. Worth area? The prospect looks very promising! To get things started off with a big bang, will be the opening of the Bayou Landing just one door off Cedar Springs, January 4th. But don't mistake this for just another bar. According to owner Dennis Sisk, this will be the largest (23,000 sq. feet), most complete, and most beautiful gay gathering place in the entire nation. No longer will anyone need feel left out or lonely — there will be **SOMETHING** for **EVERYONE!**

On entering the stunning foyer, you will be warmly greeted by a

staff member. But this is an open bar, no membership card required. From there you enter the main room brilliantly decorated in red, white, and blue. A handsome bartender will be glad to serve you a drink and you will enjoy dancing on the large dance floor. Several levels with tables and chairs overlook the fun. There is a stage on which the Bayou Review will perform. Bayou Review? Another drag show? No, a "camp review" by professional entertainers. The show will be bathed with all kinds of theatrical lighting. And, there are, not one but several, movie screens and a projector for the showing of camp movies.

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Father Paul was later brutally attacked -- with intent to kill -- by both Michael and his first cousin, Jerry Morgan. And then, in a pitiable state, he was given the complete run-around by millions of the Crimes-Against-Persons division of the police department.

No, this is not another case of "one who asked for it." Father is an unusually goodhearted and mild person (this writer knows), and must have pursued his friendship with Michael in a Christian and brotherly spirit. What other closeness there may

discussing philosophy and religion, Michael abruptly announced "I want everything you've got, and the only way I can have it is if you're dead." He thereupon insisted that his cousin hold Paul down while he beat upon him. After assessing what was going on, the cousin, with some incredulity (for he is a dense person) obediently did what he was told, and Paul could not offer much resistance to his frame of 6'3" and 230 lbs. or so. Michael began hitting Paul on the head with objects such as a brass candlestick, glass

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OUR COMMUNITY is a monthly publication focused on the activities and life style of the homophile citizen. It is founded to serve the needs and aspirations of the homosexual community by providing an intelligent, sophisticated organ through which the "gay" world can express itself, making itself aware of the facts and through which it can coordinate and consolidate its efforts.

OUR COMMUNITY will work closely with all persons and organizations interested in the betterment of homosexuals and all mankind.

We believe the human body (male and female) to be both beautiful and sacred. Therefore, we will occasionally include excellent nude photos. None will show "action" nor will there be any designed to appeal to prurient interests — not that there is anything wrong with sex or erotic photos, but photos of that type belong in other publications.

There will rarely be so-called "obscene" language. If used, it will be used for a specific purpose — not merely to shock.

There will be an Editorial Advisory Board consisting of both straight and gay members (plus legal counsel) to whom the Editors will submit all material.

OUR COMMUNITY is a "liberal" publication, dedicated to the belief that everyone has a right to his opinion and that there is a place for any peaceful dissent; that our country (despite its many faults) is probably the best society in the world for gay, straight, or bisexual people. We urge all citizens to work together within the system to improve our country (and the world community) so that someday all men may truly live as brothers in peace and love.

ashtrays, a glass whiskey decanter, and a statue of Our Lady.

This writer personally saw the sutures in Paul's head. He could not have had more incisions if he had been scalped; his left eye is bloody red (and he may lose up to 25 percent of his sight in it.) After being flayed on the head about 30 or 40 times, Michael screamed, "Well, what in hell does it take to knock you out?" He then ran to the kitchen in search of the sharpest knife he could find, but was unsuccessful and came back with only a dull table knife. Attempting to jab it into Paul, he found he could best utilize it by tearing around the sides of his back with it, scraping and twisting. After pulling out a gun and letting everyone know that he now intended to finish him off, he pointed it right at Paul's head. But Michael's cousin, Jerry, covered the head with his body and shouted, "no, don't shoot him." Michael then swiftly changed his center of interest and ran away to the bathroom, where he contented himself with rummaging through all the drawers. Paul then somehow freed himself from Jerry's clutches and ran into the street, and down to Lemmon Avenue two blocks away. Police were obtained by a motorist who stopped, seeing him in distress. A short search

was made for the two policemen, and a cursory interrogation of Paul held in the police car. Then Father was taken to the hospital in an ambulance that had been called. But he was not contacted again by authorities themselves. At this point the scene shifts to Officialdom (or rather Petty Clerkdom). Paul found, later that day, by asking a girl-intermediary to call Michael's residence and found that he had not been picked up and was sitting right there at home.

So, Father called a Mrs. McNeil at police headquarters, wondering why Michael had not been picked up. He was not advised of what action, if any, he himself should take, but instead, the good lady said disconsolingly that Mr. Dorsey could not possibly be picked up until Friday, since Officer S. A. Long was unfortunately off duty till then and he was the one "assigned" to the case and therefore "he is the ONLY one who can prepare the papers before the warrant for arrest can be issued."

Well now, isn't that nice. OK, so wait until Friday. Call again. Mrs. McNeil again. "So sorry; Officer Long is just not in today. He came in YESTERDAY and worked instead. And we did NOT know he was coming in a day early, sir." To Paul's question as to how much longer Michael

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

Continuing your journey through this gay wonderland, you will next enter the butch game room with pool tables, game tables, and other games. This room as a balcony on all sides — for spectators, or whatever.

Then there is the Tiki Room, a bit of South Sea Island Paradise. Here you may order sandwiches, snacks, or just sit and talk. Or would you like to join the gang around the piano and sing?

But if you are real hungry, you visit the Tiffany Room and dine in the comfort of Louis XVth tables and chairs. The well equipped kitchen could serve a French army, so the mind delights in anticipation of the delicious food Chef Bob has

was going to be allowed his freedom after what he'd done, she replied that he would be taken Tuesday evening at the very latest (more than one week after the assault).

Just before going to press, OUR COMMUNITY has learned that Michael has indeed been arrested, and Father Paul has been assured that Jerry would be arrested very shortly.

planned for us! Want to give a private party? That too can be arranged. There is a private dinning room that seats 30.

Is this enough? Yes, but there is more still. The Steam Bath (This will open the 5th of January and will have private rooms, a group therapy room, showers, sauna, steam heat — the works. The entrance will be guarded by closed circuit TV, and electronic steel doors for quiet and security. You will find this a wonderful place to exercise, unwind, and relax.

In this one location, one can find so much to do and enjoy that it should appeal to everyone — the young, the not-so-young, the liberated, the closet set, those who enjoy good drinks, excellent food, and good companionship, all in a pleasant atmosphere. On top of that there is plenty of free parking with a uniformed guard for your safety and the safety of your car.

Dennis feels that too long have gay men and women gone to bars simply because there was no place else to go; now under one roof there are many ways one can spend an enjoyable evening. "If gays spend their money, they should have the best money can buy." On this premise, the Bayou Landing came into being.

Be there for the Grand Opening, the beginning of a new era.

SPECIAL NEWS FLASH!

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Bob Jones

many of the trees. I asked Sgt. Morgan if I might have one of the nails. My intention was to check with someone who was knowledgeable about that sort of thing to determine if there might be any danger to the trees from these nails. Sgt. Morgan told me that I could not have a nail because it was city property. I then asked if I might look at one of the nails and reached toward the sack to take one of the nails out and look at it. When I did, Sgt. Morgan grabbed my arm and began to pull me over the hood of the car. Patrolman Blessing continued to drive nails into the tree as if nothing were wrong. Sgt. Morgan jerked my body over the hood of the car while twisting my arm violently. I fell to the ground about 10 feet in front of the patrol car. Sgt. Morgan told me at the time to leave the nails alone and to get out of there. Sgt. Morgan then walked away. When I attempted to get up, I experienced great pain in my left hip and leg. I could not get up. I asked Bill May to call an ambulance. When he left to get an ambulance, Sgt. Morgan came over to me and grabbed my lapels and began trying to get me up off the ground. He was screaming "Get your ass up and get out of here." I told him that I couldn't get up and asked him to leave me alone because he was hurting me. He would not quit pulling on me, so I began to scream for help. When I began screaming, Patrolman

Blessing came running over and took out his handcuffs. They then jumped on me and began hitting me and kneeling me in the side and back, and they tried to push my face into the dirt to prevent my screams for help; they twisted my arms up behind my back and put handcuffs on me with such violent force that they sprained my wrist and caused several abrasions on both wrists. Soon the Dallas Policemen came running over the hill to my rescue and took the handcuffs off and called an ambulance. I was taken to Parkland Hospital where the doctors determined that there was no broken bones and that the severe pain in my left hip and leg and my right wrist were the result of sprains and bruises. They gave me a shot for Tetanus and Diptheria because of the abrasions on my arms. While I was at Parkland, a policeman who identified himself as R. R. George (badge number 2568) told me that I was a prisoner of the city and that I was to be charged with disorderly conduct. I later found out that Sgt. Morgan had filed an arrest report charging me with "Theft under five dollars" for allegedly stealing a nail. I was told later that my attorney had gone to the police station and posted a bond on my behalf for these charges. On Sunday, December 26, 1971, I called the Dallas Police Crimes Against Persons Section and told them

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free church

Affidavit

On December 25, 1971, at approximately 6:45 p.m., I was walking along the sidewalk next to Arlington House in Lee Park when I observed a Park Patrol car enter the parking lot from the wrong direction past a sign which says "Do Not Enter." He then jumped the curb and proceeded to drive across the grass to a point at the edge of the park where Sale Street intersects Hall Street. With me at the time and a witness to this portion were Bill May, two Dallas Police officers (B. E. Mills, No. 2843 and M. S. Van Winkler), Rob Panter, Christine Roads, J. R. Compton. I heard Bill May remark "Why is he driving across the grass? That's against the law." To which one of the Policemen replied "Yeah, I think it is." At that point, Bill May, Rob Panter and myself went across the park to investigate. We talked with the patrolman about what he was doing, and he told us he was

using the car to stand on so he could put up more signs about the curfew in the park. The patrolmen identified themselves as Sgt. Morgan (who said he didn't have a badge number) and Patrolman Blessing (badge number 34). I asked them why they didn't use a ladder because driving the car on the grass was against the law and besides it injured the grass. They told me they didn't have a ladder. I told them there was a ladder in the building and offered to go and get it for them. Sgt. Morgan was very antagonistic and said that using the car was easier and besides it was "government business" and that made it alright to break the law. I then realized that the patrolmen were putting signs on a great many more trees in the park than L. B. Houston had originally stated was the intention of the Park Department. I became concerned for the safety of the trees with them driving nails in so

would not quit pulling on me, so I began to scream for help. When I began screaming, Patrolman

Dallas Police Officers Against Persons Section and told them

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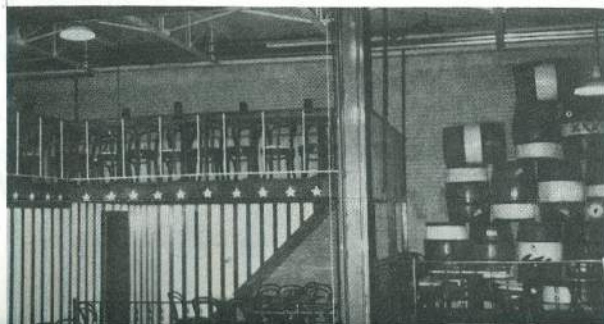
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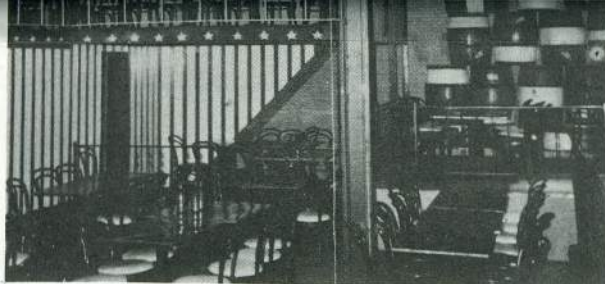
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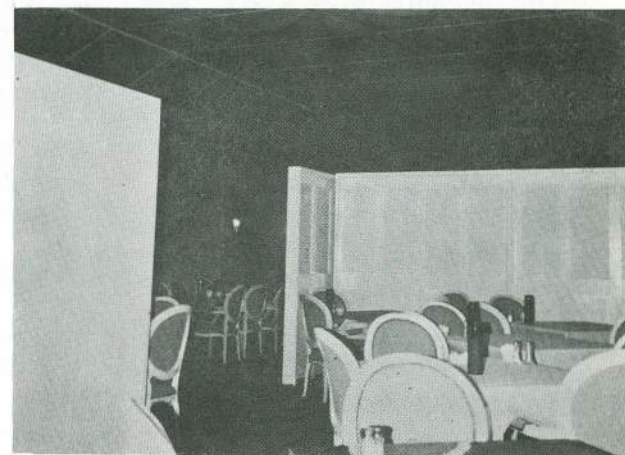
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Dennis Sisk

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Victim Of Police Entrapment Tells His Story

Editors note: In our December issue we printed a letter received by OUR COMMUNITY from someone who simply signed his name "J". The letter told how the police (in this case read "pigs") waste tax payers money in public johns enticing homosexuals to commit a crime and then arrest them for doing so — in other words entrapment, which is illegal. And the mere fact that serious crimes like murder, rape, and robbery run riot in the community appear to be of lesser importance to some police. The man arrested in Howard Johnson's restroom that night tells his story:

I don't usually cruise johns; I have a lover with whom I've been very happy for a number of years. But on the night of November 9, 1971, returning from a business trip, I did stop at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant on the Dallas-Ft. Worth turnpike to use the

restroom. The urinals were taken so I went into a stall. It was obvious that the man in the next stall was masterbating. I slipped him a note under the partition and he answered. Several of these messages were exchanged. At length I told him I was not interested and he left the restroom — or so I thought. When I stepped out of the stall, he quickly flashed his badge and told me I was under arrest.

I was taken to an unmarked car, ruffed up, searched, and kicked and where I was handcuffed to another man who had been arrested by the same cop previously. Here I was subjected to abusive language and questioned: "Why the hell do you queers have to bother straights?" "How long have you been a queer?" Then he left to make the rounds of the parking lot hoping to add still another homosexual arrest to his evening's accomplishment. After about a 40 to 45 minute wait, he came back and drove us to the Arlington Police Station where we were again questioned and ridiculed. Although I was arrested at about 8:30 P.M., it wasn't until 11:15 before I was allowed to make a phone call.

During my confinement at the police station, we were never placed in jail, but instead into a cage like structure near the bailiff. According to Arlington Police, there is no such thing as "police entrapment" and consider all homosexuals as criminals whether a criminal act

of anything. The Arlington Police know this of course, but they also know that a gay man arrested is very likely to panic, plead guilty, and pay a fine rather than fight. As a matter of fact, now that I recall, the police seemed very eager to get me to plead guilty, pointing out that if I decided to fight the case, there would be publicity, I would surely lose my job, and besides the lawyers fee would be more than the \$100 fine.

Well, that's my story. But, I would like to offer a few words of caution to the readers of OUR COMMUNITY: Do not patronize that Howard Johnson as one CAN BE arrested, guilty or

innocent, if the police merely think you look queer, and they told us the "intend to clean up Howard Johnsons." Pay your bail bond, but get an attorney first. Above all, don't let them scare you into pleading guilty. But guilty or not, you WILL be photographed and fingerprinted. And you will always have an arrest record.

Another thing: Isn't it strange that in the upper-middle class neighborhood that I live in, we've had six house bugleries in the past six months and yet almost never see a policeman? Perhaps they spend all their time in T-rooms?

THIS is for YOU!

..Editor's note: When a homosexual is arrested, often he is so frightened, he will plead guilty and pay a fine rather than fight. The police know and find it very profitable. OUR COMMUNITY was told by a person (who understandably does not want to be identified) that last spring, the University Park Police employed good looking

students to linger in the basement john of the Southern Methodist University Library to entice gay students (and one teacher?) to make a proposition, then make an arrest. This person was one of eight arrested that evening. All paid \$50 fines -- that 400 easy dollars the University Park Police made for one days work. Was this done daily? If so, how financially rewarding!

AFFIDAVIT

that I wished to file charges of assault. I was told by phone that the procedure was to have a patrolman come out and take the complaint, that it would then be investigated and charges would be filed. When the policemen came out, they began to take my complaint. However, when they realized that I was trying to file charges against a Park Patrol

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Yes, without a doubt, in all offenses mentioned "victims" are always present.

FORREST E. KEENE,
Chief of Police,

be filed. When the policemen came out, they began to take my complaint. However, when they realized that I was trying to file charges against a Park Patrol officer, they told me that they could not take a complaint for assault unless they had been a witness to the assault. When asked if this policy applied because Sgt. Morgan was a policeman, they stated that that was not the case and that they could not take the charges even if it had involved two private citizens unless they had personally witnessed the assault themselves. I then called Lt. Beasley at the Park Patrol office and was told to reduce my complaint to writing and present it to Mr. L. B. Houston for action. This is that complaint and I hereby request that this case be forthwith filed in a court of competent jurisdiction and that a hearing be held without delay.

Respectfully submitted on this the 27th day of December, A. D., 1971.

Robert Alan Jones

Sworn and subscribed to before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Dallas County, Texas, on this the 27th day of December, A. D., 1971.

Notary Public

My commission expires
June 1, 1973

cage like structure near the bailiff. According to Arlington Police, there is no such thing as "police entrapment" and consider all homosexuals as criminals whether a criminal act has been committed or not. It was disgusting to watch the idiotic behavior of some of the officers at the police station. When anyone entered the room, they would mince and camp and cry out, "Hey, come look at the queers we picked up."

The officer who arrested me was about 25 or 26, not good-looking, slightly fat, knew very well how to cruise, had long hair, wore a leather jacket, boots, and knit blue pants. When a longhair outsider asked him why he was dressed that way, he laughed and replied, "I'm dressed to pick up queers."

The other victim, I do not know his name or anything about him, planned to get an attorney and fight the arrest. I, wanting to get out of the mess as quickly and as easily as possible, pleaded guilty to a charge of immoral conduct and paid a \$100 fine.

Since then, I've consulted with an attorney, and was told I did the wrong thing: that since no criminal act had taken place (passing notes under toilet stalls is not against the law), and since this was a case of entrapment, pure and simple, I wasn't guilty

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As to these so-called "victimless" crimes: These violations are the chief support of the professional criminals in this country who guide the activities of organized crime.

The alcoholic is the "victim" of his own folly and when in a stupor becomes a target for those who rob and murder as well as becoming a potential fatality in pedestrian traffic and when driving while drunk.

The person who loses his paycheck to gamblers is a "victim" as well as his family and creditors.

One who loses his wallet and contracts a venereal disease while in company of a prostitute is a victim of the prostitution racket.

Those who gaze upon pornography become "victims" of the lack of self-respect through window peeping, fondling and as exhibitionists.

A homosexual seeks out and entices a male or female 15 to 16 years of age to be coe his "trade" in order to satisfy his unnatural sex requirements. The teen-ager becomes the victim in this association.

Yes, without a doubt, in all offenses mentioned "victims" are always present.

FORREST E. KEENE,
Chief of Police,
University Park
3800 University Blvd., Dallas.

And this prompted still another letter to the Dallas Morning News.

BAD LOGIC

What absurd suggestions Chief Keene of University Park makes:

Victimless crimes should continue being crimes because they are the backbone of organized criminal activities.

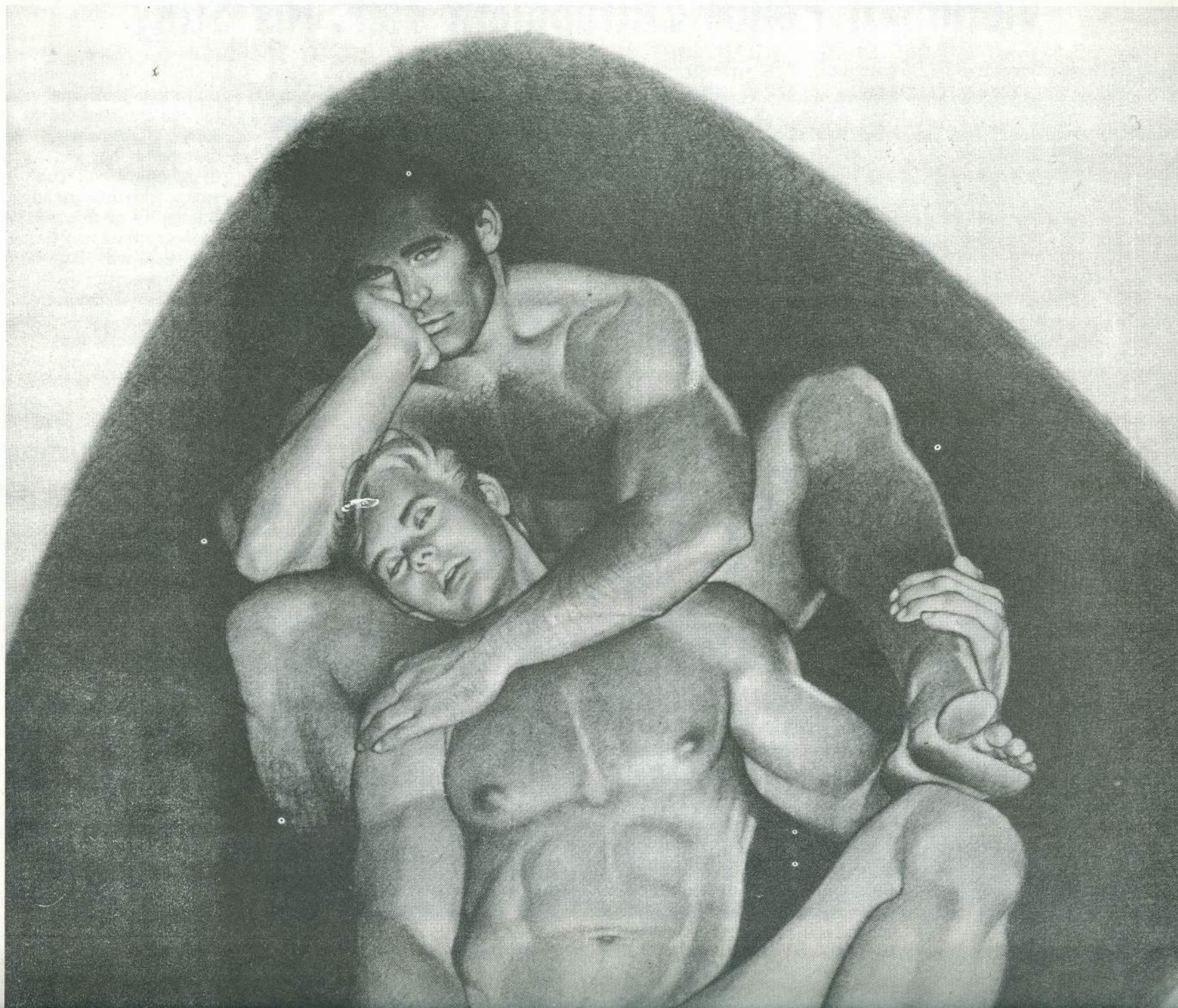
Alcoholics and drunks should be arrested, jailed and labeled criminals so that they won't be robbed or murdered.

Gambling should be illegal because an occasional compulsive gambler loses his entire paycheck. We could just as well outlaw driving because auto accidents cause insurance rates to go up.

I'm spending four years in college learning to be a professional police officer, and when I finish I'll have to work under this kind of logic. No wonder friends say I'm crazy.

THOMAS W. FRANCIS
Killeen, Texas

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7:30 Church Service, MCC
8:00 Drag Show, RON SUE
8:30 Drag Show, KING OF CLUBS
9:00 Drag Show, MAARS
9:00 Drag Show, DETOUR
9:00 & 11:00 Drag Show, CANDY STORE
12:00 Bank Night, KING OF CLUBS

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

8:00 Choir Practice, MCC
8:00 Bridge Night, VILLA FONTANA
9:00 Amateur Drag Show, KING OF CLUBS

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

10:00 Drag Show, VILLA FONTANA

SATURDAYS

6:00 Choir Practice, MCC, Normandy Chapel

Saturday, January 1, Country Dinner, BRIARPATCH
Tuesday, January 4, Grand Opening, BAYOU LANDING
Wednesday, January 5, Opening, BAYOU BATHS
Fri., Sat., Sun., January 7, 8, 9 District Conference
Open to everyone, MCC
Tuesday, January 11, Gourmet Club, MCC
Saturday, January 15, Deadline, OUR COMMUNITY
Tuesday, January 25, Gourmet Club, MCC
Sunday, January 30, CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Briarpatch, Dallas' Newest Bar

..Very quietly, and without fanfare, a new bar has opened in Dallas, and it will soon be one of the most popular bars in town. The Briarpatch is the name, and 5709 Oram (just off Greenville Ave. near Ross, in East Dallas) is the location. There was no advanced publicity, and only a few invitations sent out for the free buffet dinner party celebrating the opening. Yet 700 people showed up December 15th. That's because Joe and Mary, owners, are well known and liked in Dallas, and their many friends got the word around. The bar is charmingly decorated, has three pool tables, and a cozy atmosphere. On entering the bar (so off the beaten path), one would think that this was a friendly neighborhood bar. It is that. But it is much more also. Everyone feels at home here — the bar offers what people want. Faithful patrons come from all over town, some almost nightly, to spend a few hours here.

..Less than a month old, plans are being made to expand, so that a dance floor will be available for happy dancers. It should be ready around the first of the year.

..All kinds of interesting plans are being made for the gay community. The first will be an All Country-Texas Style buffet dinner served New Year's Day. Time: 1:00 P.M. Visit Dallas' newest — you'll like it.

Dear Editor,

..Well, here it is December 16, and I'm just now reading this month's OUR COMMUNITY, (I tried to get an issue earlier, but they weren't out yet). As soon as I finished reading the three letters on page 4, I had to write this letter (my first to OUR COMMUNITY). I'd like to say "thanks very much for printing the 1st and 3rd letters. Forget the 2nd one though; I feel sorry for that guy!

..I especially agree with the opinions made in the 1st letter; opinions I feel are the hard, sad truths concerning the gay preoccupation with sex and fantasies of a life as "happy" as a heterosexual one. The sobbing points made in letters one and three are sure to "bust a lot of bubbles" for those who cling to their gay fantasy world.

..So you will understand why I take this point of view, I'll tell you a little bit about myself. I'm 21 and gay, but I consider myself very fortunate due to the fact that I'm fully aware of the very unhappy life one will lead if he is gay. For this reason, I want very much to become straight. I have the desire, but so far I haven't been able to take that first big, frightening step. It's very, very tragic that lack of free, or cheap psychiatric treatments keeps those who want to change from doing so.

..Getting back to the letters, is it possible to meet either of the

Letters To The Editor

guys that wrote these letters? I'm sincere and would like to talk with both of them — they certainly sound like guys who would make good friends. Does that make any sense to you? I hope you will answer my questions.

D.A.G. — Dallas

Dear 21,

..I hope you will answer my questions. Who told you you needed a psychiatrist? A psychiatrist? From where did this awareness of "the very unhappy life one will lead if he is gay" come from? Open your eyes. Are there no unhappy straights? In about the same proportion as unhappy gays?

..Is it possible for a gay guy to become straight? Have you ever met one? Have you ever met anyone who had met one?

..Leaders of the homophile movement reject the psychiatrists' contention: straights are normal; gays abnormal. Happy homosexuals

(and there are millions of us) would no sooner go to a psychiatrist (and there are gay psychiatrists) to become straight than happy heterosexuals would go to a psychiatrist to become gay. Your need is the same as everyone's, gay or straight — love, and friendship. Granted it appears harder for gays, as we have to hide. But these things WILL come to you, if you make an effort. Get involved in the movement; help your gay brothers and sisters; to have a friend, be a friend. And you might attend MCC services or Circle of Friends meetings and socials. Here, some enchanted evening, you may meet a stranger

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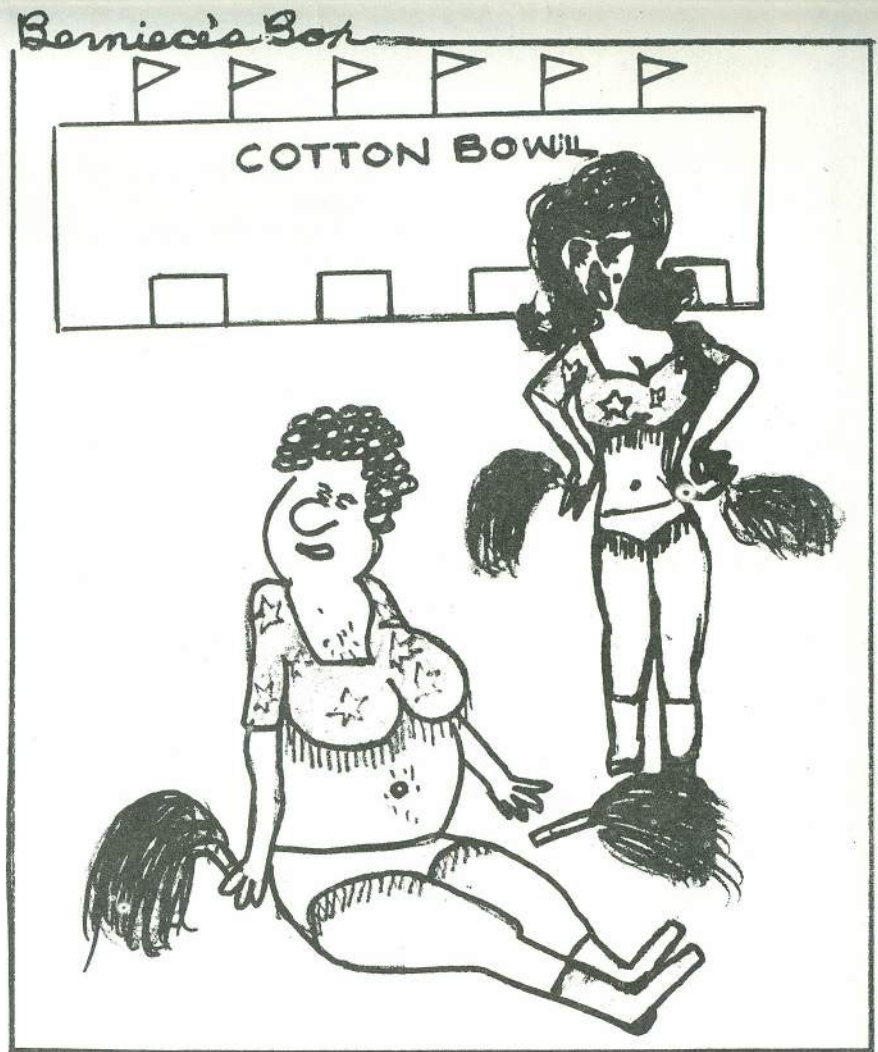
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Paradox (from Sappho '71)

It was really a heavy affair;
I dug him — but there was always something,
I didn't know what, dividing us. We lived
In the same world, spoke the same language.
Until I met her, I never made comparisons
.. But, looking back, when I took my problems to him
He'd say, "Honey, I understand" and she
.. Says, "Baby, I know where your head is at,"
And he'd say, "Let me love you" while she
.. Smiles and says "Let's fuck"; but the paradox
Is, that HE always fucked me — and SHE and I make love.

Bringing Her Out (from Sappho '71)

It was the first time
.. She'd ever been with
.... a woman.
She'd read a lot of books,
.. You know the kind,
.... but — well — they never tell you
.... what THEY do,
.... (not so you'd REALLY know)
And so she laughed

The Straight Dope

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

Q. What can be done legally to fight back if you lose your job for being a homosexual?

A. First, be sure you can prove the cause. If there was any other genuine reason, forget it. Otherwise, fight for yourself and your brothers and sisters. . . If you have the opportunity, talk to your supervisors and boss frankly, explaining calmly, politely and with dignity what a homosexual is (break the stereotype all that changed was their knowledge of you, not you as a person or a worker) pointing out your job record, etc. Educate even if in the end they still ask you to leave.

.. Secondly, file an affidavit (on their form) within 90 days with the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission at the Regional Office (Dallas). Ask for Dale Jurgens. Homosexuality definitely is under their

jurisdiction in the area of job discrimination.

.. Be accurate. Again, if you were fired for any other reason, forget it. Start looking for another job. The investigation and action can take three months or longer.

.. If you have a sound case, by all means fight, but don't talk around about it until the job is done and won. EEOC does not charge and they offer excellent legal advice in this field. You have the government fighting on your side for a change!

Women's Literature

To The Fore

.. Gay women are at last obtaining their rightful place in the literary sun. Previously, publication of Lesbian-oriented prose, poetry and art has been denied. Several women's collectives banded together and began publishing small works, often at the author's expense, for limited distribution. Some was even mimeographed and sold for some 60 to 75 cents a copy, at cost.

.. Now, however, several anthologies of Lesbian prose, poetry, short stories, essays and "whatever" are in the collecting stage. Lesbians Speak Out Collective (1018 Valencia, San Francisco, Cal. 94110) has set a December 31 deadline for

Arsonist Burn Another Bar

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...She'd ever been with
a woman.
 She'd read a lot of books,
 ..You know the kind,
but — well — they never tell you
what THEY do,
(not so you'd REALLY know)
 And so she laughed
 ..To hid her nervousness
As they climbed into bed.
(She was affraid
she wouldn't know HOW, you know?)
 But when the time came,
 ..She just ad libbed
And did what
came
 Naturally.

The beautiful Entre' Nuit had been opened less than a month, and was already one of the favorite gathering places for the gay folks of Dallas. But on the morning of Sunday, December 19, at about 7:00 A.M., someone (for reasons unknown) burned it. An off-duty policeman was the first to spot the flames, but by the time the fire department was able to bring the fire under control, the back half of the bar was completely gutted. Three jugs of gasoline had not burned. One was in the center of the parquet wood dance floor, another was placed near the bar, and the third was close to the entrance.

..Bill and Joe, owners of the Entre' Nuit have no idea who burned the bar nor do they know of any motive for anyone doing so. But one thing is certain: the Entre' Nuit will not be closed for long. Completely redone, and with much the same decor, it will reopen shortly after the first of the year. So everyone attend the Entre' Nuit New Year's party — even if it will be a little late this year.

....Most gratifying is the way other bar owners have rallied together and have offered a reward (\$800 so far) for the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for this latest burning.

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..Another anthology with a February deadline is being put together under the auspices of members of the San Francisco chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis. Material may be sent to K. Wells, 1005 Market No. 208, San Francisco, Cal. 94103. The magazine, "Sisters", same address, also seeks Lesbian work and a local Dallas anthology is in the active planning stages.

..At last the gay woman is having her day of expression. Moods of Eros, Sappho '71 (see review this paper), Edward the Kyke and A Child of Myself are examples of recent publications available in print. Times are changing, opportunities beginning to abound and in due time Lesbians too may find full expression for themselves. It is good to at last have this literature available to women of the United States.

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS SEEK HOMOPHILE JUSTICE

The Circle of Friends on the eve of 1972 vowed to push a lot harder: no more will there be once a month meetings for cookies and punch and wringing of hands. The COF is going after, register, and unite the gay vote. The ranks will be open to 18 year olds so that the younger, more energetic generation can put their shoulders to the wheel for law and order with JUSTICE. A political questionnaire will be drawn up and submitted to all candidates running for local and national offices in 1972. COF expects most politicians will ignore the questionnaire, and of those who do, most will nicely straddle the fence; but the gay vote (our numbers are legion will be kept informed of this.

COF will speak before schools, organizations, and clubs to spread the TRUTH about homosexual life. What a breath of fresh air that will be.

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Will you join the effort? You will not be asked to stand up and be counted. Understandably most gay citizens must continue to keep their identities hidden. But even in hiding we can unite, change hatred into understanding, ignorance into enlightenment. We MUST help each other -or we will deserve what we get.

HAIR -- Old, But Alive And Kicking!

If you've not seen HAIR, or even if you have, rush over to Ft. Worth (Will Rogers Auditorium) and see it again. This folk-rock-oriented musical is about a tribe of kids who smoke pot, burn their draft cards, hate war, question the establishment, and enjoy an infinite variety of sexual role-

or toilet paper, but the show does throw stones at ALL sacred cows. Are sacred cows so delicate that we can't question them?

There are 22 energetic performers in this Venus tribe, and all of them sing and dance all over the place, on stage, in, and

Police Piddle While Dallas Burns

Dallas Bar Association President Tim Kelley, in a recent speech said, what OUR COMMUNITY has been saying for ten months: Police would be better able to enforce criminal law if their time was not "wasted" enforcing "victimless crimes." He suggested "victimless crimes" should be removed from criminal statutes.

He estimated that police spend 25 to 30 percent of their time enforcing laws dealing with pornography, prostitution, public drunkenness, and gambling -- all "crimes without victims."

Kelley said he was questioning the law, rather than being critical of Police Chief Frank Dyson, whose job it is to enforce existing laws.

Chief Dyson, however, said "if these (victimless) crimes go

unpoliced, often because of the tremendous profits involved . . . organized crime will come in and take control -- leading to violent crimes."

Kelley believes the most disturbing victimless crime to be the common drunk. "It just isn't fair to them, police and society to keep throwing them in jail all the time." Since alcoholism is a medical problem, Kelley said, he would prefer to see a "drying up" treatment center established.

Also he would like to see laws pertaining to sexual conduct patterned after those in England where sexual acts performed by consenting adults are not a crime.

"There is no harm done to anybody if performed by consenting adults, so why should police be interested?" Kelley asked.

Gay Students At Texas U.

Fight For Recognition

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leaflets on the campus unless it is officially recognized. Most of the Gay Lib members are

and see it again. This rock oriented musical is about a tribe of kids who smoke pot, burn their draft cards, hate war, question the establishment, and enjoy an infinite variety of sexual role-playing. It's merely great.

But hurry; the show leaves Texas (and may never be allowed to return) January 9th. HAIR was designed to assault the senses. It does that. It excites, exhilarates, and leaves you exhausted. But if you go expecting to be shocked, you'll be disappointed. HAIR shows its age and will soon be as dated as Sigmund Romberg's THE DESERT SONG. Written in 1967, and first produced off-Broadway in 1968 when anti-war protests were at their peaks, when any man with long hair was surely a communist dupe undermining American cultural values, HAIR in 1972 is just another musical -- a continuation of BABES IN TOYLAND; NO, NO, NANETTE; OKLAHOMA!; and WEST SIDE STORY. In other words, HAIR is a mirrow of its times.

The famous nude nude scene? Yes, its there. It lasts about 30 seconds. No one in Ft. Worth seemed offended, nor was arrested, as was threatened. The explicit language? Everyone, yes even your grandmother and your six year old cousin, has heard all the words and know very well what they mean, so none can pretend outrage. No one on stage (at least in this performance) used the American flag for a trampoline

them?

There are 22 energetic performers in this Venus tribe, and all of them sing and dance all over the place, on stage, in, and sometimes almost on top of the audience. Their infectious spirit is so great, and so genuinely sincere that the audience soon falls in love with the cast, and feels like part of it. Indeed, we were invited to come onstage fore an after-the-performance performance -- to dance, sing, meet and kiss the beautiful cast, as well as each other.

Some of us in the audience don't smoke, much less smoke pot. Nor do we agree with everything the diagogue embraces. But does that prevent us from enjoying this colorful show? After all the show does preach peace and love. Now, what's so wrong about that?

MCC District Conference In Dallas

The Colorado, Texas, Louisiana District of the Metropolitan Community Church will hold a conference in Dallas on January 7, 8 and 9th. Although only official delegates will vote on business issues, the general public is invited and encouraged to attend all functions which will be held at rented facilities at the First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy. There is no admission charge to any event but free-will offerings will be accepted. Registration and fellowship will be at 8 P.M. on

Fight For Recognition

Gay Liberation of Austin has filed suit in federal district court seeking recognition as a student organization at the University of Texas. They are also asking damages in excess of \$10,000, plus court costs.

American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Bobby Nelson charges the University with denying freedom of speech, due process of law, and equal protection under the law.

Gay Lib spokesmen say the organization, composed of 50 to 100 male and female homosexuals, is the first in five years to apply for and be denied recognition as a student organization. Gay Lib is not allowed use of university facilities for meetings and dances, and can't pass out

leaflets on the campus unless it is officially recognized. Most of the Gay Lib members are students, but the rest are closely allied with the university community.

The Committee on Student Organizations recommended recognizing Gay Lib. But Bryce Jordan, then acting president of the University reversed the decision and was backed up by Chancellor Charles A. LeMaistre. Jordan, LeMaistre, the regents, three former regents and Dan Edwin Price have been named defendants by the suit.

Plaintiff Neal Parker said Gay Lib was denied official status because of the "baseless, irrational prejudices" of society and because the legislature meets in Austin and the University "may be afraid of a cut in appropriations" if Gay Lib is recognized. "The ACLU tried to negotiate with the University before filing fuit, but it came to naught." Gay Lib's purpose is to "examine critically current ideas about human sexuality, to strive to provide those individuals who relate sexually and emotionally to members of the same sex with the self-understanding and self-awareness necessary for them to deal with a hostile and repressive environment." There are chapters on about 50 college campuses currently.

Friday, January 7th. Services at 10 A.M. on Saturday will open the business meeting which will break for 2 hours at noon and adjourn at 5 P.M. At 7:30 P.M. there will be a "rally" followed by a covered dish dinner and fellowship. The public is especially invited to this event.

Sunday fellowship (6:30 P.M.) and Services (7:30 P.M.), there will be a special service at 2 P.M. on Sunday, January 9th, bringing the conference to a close,

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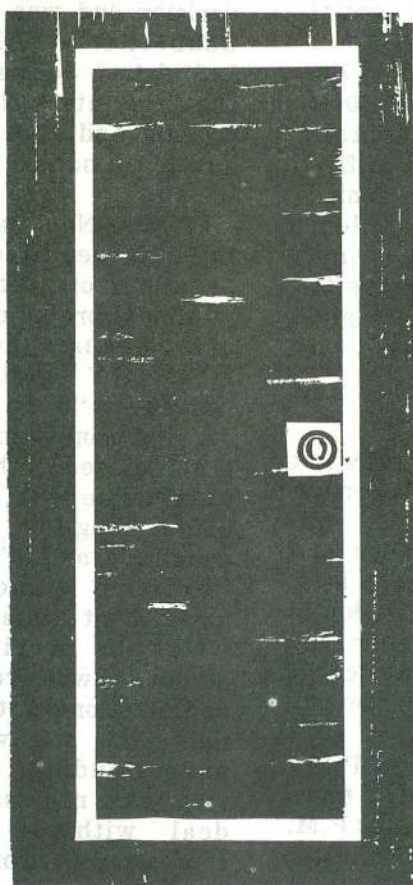
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Health Salon To Open Soon

..The Bachelors Quaters, a new health club will open around the end of January, and will offer all kinds of exercise equipment, steam baths, a sauna, showers, and sun lamps — everything needed for salubriousness — that means vim, vigor, and vitality. For the benefit of members and their guests, tight security will be one of the main features of the spa. The door to the club will be controlled by an electronic computerized security system, thereby eliminating the need for members to carry an I. D. card. Instead members pictures will

meeting, and making of new friends and old. Quadrosonic sound, the best and latest in sound reproduction gives the listener the impression that a live orchestra is in the room, and will make dancing even more fun. As to the decor, we'll give only a hint — expect something different. This will be an open bar serving mixed drinks; no membership cards required. The live entertainment will be unique, something never seen in Dallas before. Located near the expressway and convenient to all parts of town, guests will find

King Of Clubs Saved From Arsonist

Sunday night, December 19th, at 3:15 A.M., the manager of the King of Clubs had just closed the club and was driving away with friends when he happened to look back and see a man with a can (perhaps gasoline) in the shadows of the building. The manager and his friends quickly stopped the car and gave chase to the prowler who ran down a side street and was lost in darkness. From the other side of the building, another man ran in a different direction. When the friends and manager reentered the club to call police, they heard

..It was pure luck that this attempted burn-out was thwarted. With the burning of the Swinger, the Entre' Nuit, and the vandalism of the Villa Fontana, the gay community is getting a little fed up with this crap, and is patronizing the victims of these "gay against gay?" crimes. One wonders who gains? Who is the loser — the real loser? The Swinger and the Villa have reopened and is doing more business than ever before. The Entre' Nuit will reopen soon too. Gay bars are like gay people themselves: you've been in

controlled by an electronic computerized security system, thereby eliminating the need for members to carry an I. D. card. Instead members pictures will be on video-tape and each will be issued a confidential number and a secret code. An electronic key with no name, number, or address will be inserted into the health spa door, which will activate the computer monitoring the picture on closed circuit TV, proving to the attendant in charge the identity of persons seeking admission. If the picture on the screen does not match that of the person wishing to enter, the door cannot be opened. Other services for members benefit will be vending machines, featuring hot and cold snacks, a lounge with pool tables and a color TV. Charter memberships are available and may be had by contacting Frank Caven or Don Moore at 741-0218. A party is planned opening night for 150 to 200 chartered members, made up of leaders of the Metropolitan Dallas-Ft. Worth community.

..The Bachelors Quarters have engaged a top West Coast manager who has had many years experience in the running of Health Spas in San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

THE BACK DOOR

Separate, but at the same location, 3116 Live Oak, will be Dallas' newest nitespot. This large and roomy bar will occupy two levels for easy mixing,

live entertainment will be unique, something never seen in Dallas before. Located near the expressway and convenient to all parts of town, guests will find plenty of private parking spaces. ..Conservative Dallas, is the 8th largest city in the nation, yet we are years behind some smaller cities in offering entertainment for gay people. Now maybe things are beginning to move. Perhaps we truly are entering a new era. Happy 1972!

Inspiration For The Unhappy

Once upon a time there was a little sparrow who hated to fly south for the winter. He dreaded the thought of leaving his home so much that he decided he would delay the journey until the last possible minute. After bidding a fond farewell to all his sparrow friends, he went back to his nest and stayed for an additional four weeks. Finally the weather turned so bitterly cold that he could delay no longer. As the little sparrow took off and started to fly south, it began to rain. In a short time, ice began to form on his little wings. Almost dead from cold and exhaustion, he fell to earth in a barnyard. As he was breathing what he thought was his last breath, a horse walked out of the barn and proceeded to cover the little bird with fertilizer. At first the sparrow could think of nothing except that this was a terrible

darkness. From the other side of the building, another man ran in a different direction. When the friends and manager reentered the club to call police, they head still a third man run across the roof, jump off, and disappear into the night. The police came, made a thorough search, and promised the club would be checked several times a night from now on. For added precaution, a security guard will be in the building at all times.

way to die. But as the fertilizer started to sink into his feathers, it warmed him and life began to return to his body. He also found that he had enough room to breathe. Suddenly the little sparrow was so happy that he started to sing. At that moment a large cat came into the barnyard and hearing the chirping of the little bird, began digging into the pile of fertilizer to find out where the sound was coming from. The cat finally uncovered the bird and ate him.

Now this story contains THREE morals:

1. Not everyone who shits on you is your enemy.
2. Not everyone who takes shit off of you is your friend.
3. When you are warm and comfortable, even if it is in a pile of shit, KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

swinger and the villa have reopened and is doing more business than ever before. The Entre' Nuit will reopen soon too. Gay bars are like gay people themselves: we've been imprisoned, murdered, and brutalized all through history. Yet we always come back — stronger.

Dallasites Raise Cain For Murderers

Heroes are trained, not born — at least that's the case with Cain, a 2½-year-old German Shepherd owned by Jimmy Sullivan. Trained originally for protection while Sullivan was travelling as a jewelry salesman, Cain has since been credited with the solution of two murders.

..Most recent was the cracking of a case in Waco, where police were without clues in the grisly killing of 29-year-old Carol Matthews. Sullivan volunteered Cain's help when it became apparent that all the fancy police equipment was useless in the case.

..Cain was taken to the blood-stains on the floor where the victim had been slain. He then led police to a small pond behind the victim's home where the murder weapon, the first real lead in the case, was recovered from the water.

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