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Bars come and bars go.

And there are many
reasons for that.
But there's just
one reason
why we're still around
and growing.
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about you,
and we put everything
we've got into making
our place
special enough to be

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RABBINICAL OPPRESSION

Tel Aviv, Israel—Orthodox rabbis in Israel and the United States, who earlier conspired to stop Jewish gays from meeting in a kibbutz outside Jerusalem, have now prevented them from planting a memorial grove of trees in the Negev. The trees, which were to be dedicated to the memory of Harvey Milk, were to have been a memorial to the victims of Nazi and other anti-gay oppressors.

At first the Jewish National Fund (JNF) expressed delight in receiving the \$9,000 from the U.S. gay synagogue Beth Simchat Torah for the planting of 3,000 trees in a JNF forest in north Negev. American gays were to attend the planting ceremonies.

When they learned of the project, the New York Board of Rabbis

made secret approaches to the Israeli airline, El Al, in an attempt to have the reservations for the gay passengers cancelled. The orthodox rabbis also sent protests to Israeli members of Parliament and to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. They then organized a telephone and telegram campaign among U.S. and Israeli clergy.

Rabbi William Berkovitz, president of JNF, who was not one of the conspirators, announced that the plan to plant the memorial trees was "made out of decent motives in order to participate in the upbuilding of the Jewish state."

Moshe Samet, Israeli consul in New York for religious affairs, told the **New York Post**, "We are a free country. Anybody can come in and put up a tent," but then added: "Do you have to quote me? You'll get me in trouble with the rabbis."

NOBLE TO SPEAK

Detroit, MI—Elaine Noble, noted feminist/lesbian and former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) Convention in Southfield, north of Detroit, on November 9-11.

Noble's address, "the Political Power of Gay People," is set for 8 p.m. on November 10 at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus Multi-purpose Complex. All other MOHR Convention activities will take place at the Southridge Ramada Inn. The convention will mark the culmination of two years of activity by MOHR, a statewide and nonprofit coalition of human rights groups, gay organizations, and individuals. The Association for Suburban People, an organizational member of MOHR, will host the convention.

For further information, contact MOHR at 940 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48203; or phone (313) 863-7255.

ADA ENDORSES BILL

Washington, DC—Americans for Democratic Action, one of the nation's largest political/lobby groups, has called on the U.S. Senate to support legislation to prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. Such legislation will be introduced by Senator Paul Tsongas, as reported elsewhere in this issue.

The endorsement, part of a letter by ADA President Patsy T. Mink to members of the Senate, reads: "ADA strongly supports Senator Tsongas' efforts in this area and urges your co-sponsorship of the proposed fair employment legislation." Leon Shull, ADA's National Director, said that "ADA had consistently striven for the guarantee of civil liberties for all groups of American citizens. The right to employment based on ability is basic to freedom. It must be awarded to all American citizens."

As reported earlier in GPU NEWS, the Israeli Government sold out the gay delegates, forcing them to make a last-minute change of place for the convention (which **did** take place). The tree-planting was cancelled 48 hours before it was to have taken place.

DIGNITY RETREAT

Milwaukee, WI—Dignity/Milwaukee will sponsor the second Women's Retreat from November 9 through 11 at the Siena Center in Racine, Wisconsin. The two retreat leaders will be Ellen Barrett and Richard Woods. The Rev. Ellen Barrett is an Episcopal priest, historian, gay activist, and speaker. Her ministry is presently exercised at St. Mark's Parish in Berkeley, California. Father Richard Woods, O.P., is a Dominican priest, author of **Another Kind of Love: Homosexuality and Spirituality**. He has extensive experience with retreats, and 1974 has taught spiritual theology at Loyola University.



The Siena Center is located on the wooded shore of Lake Michigan, one half hour from Milwaukee and one hour from Chicago. The cost of the retreat is \$50.00, which includes all meals from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch, as well as lodging. Dignity/Milwaukee will also try to arrange transportation for those who have no car. For registration forms, map, and schedules, write: Dignity Women's Retreat, Box 597, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Washington, DC- Estimates of the number of people participating in the nation's first national gay march were varied. The U.S. Park Police set the number at 75,000, while march organizers estimated closer to 100,000. The marchers paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue and behind the White House under banners from almost every state. Large contingents from Texas and California stepped behind their own marching bands.

One congressman commented that the turnout of thousands of marchers shows that gay rights are "a matter of national concern." As the march was taking place, a coalition of right-wing christian fundamentalists staged a prayer session to protest it. "God did not create Adam and Steve, but Adam and Eve," said the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a TV evangelist from Virginia. He called homosexuality an "outright assault on the family."

The following day(Oct. 15), the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) organized meetings with their congressional representatives for those marchers who were able to remain. Estimates put the number of participants at about 2,000 persons.

Rep. Ted Weiss(D-NY) addressed the marchers at a mass rally held on the mall at the foot of the Washington Monument. Weiss announced that he had 50 co-sponsors for the bill which he introduced earlier this year to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to ban discrimination against gays.

There was a contingent of about 100 older men and women carrying banners identifying themselves as parents of gays. Other banners read: "We are everywhere", "Two, four, six, Eight: How do you know your kid is straight?", and "Closets are for clothes."

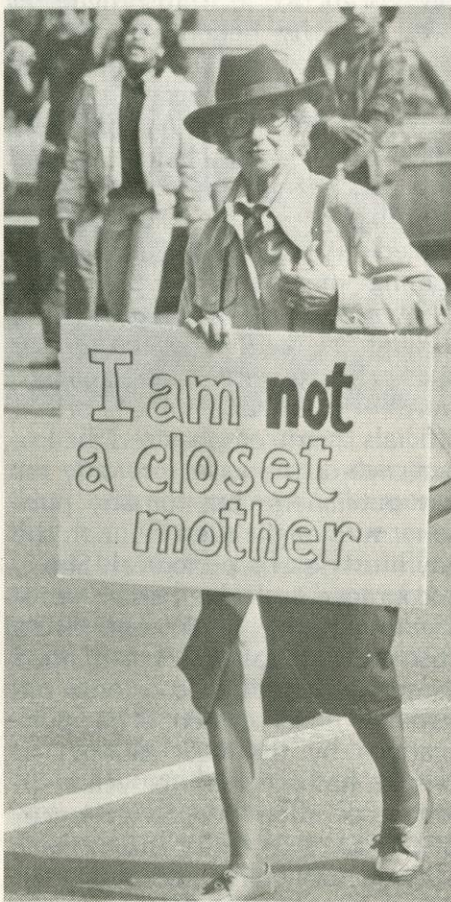
A rock band on the stage at the monument grounds entertained early arrivals. Arlie Scott, vice president of the National Organization for Women, told the crowd:

"Eat your heart out, Anita Bryant.. We are 20 million strong in this nation. We are moving from gay pride to gay politics."

Demonstrators and speakers



March photos by Mark Behar



urged President Carter to sign an executive order banning discrimination in the military, civil service, and among government contractors.

MILITARY BAN PROPOSED

Washington, DC—The Department of Defense has proposed a new set of regulations which would renew and strengthen existing prohibitions against gays desiring to join the Armed Forces. The proposed regulations, according to the Pentagon, were written in response to an apparent pro-gay ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals in the 1978 cases of USAF Sgt. Leonard Matlovich and Navy Ensign Lawrence Berg. The regulations, once approved, would be submitted to the Appeals Court as part of the Defense Department's official response to the court order requiring clarification of military policies on retention of gays in uniform.

There are few, if any, changes present in the new regulations insofar as they affect gays. "Marriage between personnel of the same sex" would be labelled "aberrant sexual act" for the first time, probably because of various media accounts of such events; and persons found "guilty" of such behavior would be involuntarily separated from the military, but with honorable discharges.

The regulations allow for no conditions under which gay persons could be retained in service. This is probably because the Appeals Court ruling last year was that the existing policies did permit such retention under certain circumstances, and that these circumstances were not spelled out.

Regulations which affect gays fall into one of two categories. The first category, "unsuitability", provides for involuntary separation with honorable discharge. The second category, "misconduct", provides for dishonorable discharge; and it includes "sodomy", "lewd and lascivious behavior", "indecent exposure", and "aggravated in-service homosexual acts"—as well as homosexual acts with children, or those involving coercion, fraud, or intimidation.

According to **The Blade**, the capital's gay newspaper, the Pentagon

must evaluate and respond to public comments before issuing these regulations as final. Among these comments are a blistering ten-page commentary by Dr. Franklin Kameny, as well as a shorter (but no less indignant) statement by the Gay Activists Alliance.

Kameny, particularly incensed

PRISON RULING

Washington, DC—A ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Barrington D. Parker has enabled the plaintiffs in the case of **National Gay Task Force et. al. v. Carlson** [Norman Carlson, Director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons] to present their arguments at trial. Carlson's attorney had made a motion, dismissed by Judge Parker, to prevent Counsel Margot Karle from proving at trial that the Federal Bureau of Prisons employs a uniform policy which denies prisoners access to gay publications. Karle is an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.

Both parties in the suit will be involved in fact-finding during the coming months. Attorney Karle will be seeking sworn testimony, through depositions, of the former and present wardens of Leavenworth Prison and other prison officials. Karle emphasized the importance of the case, not only for gay publishers, but for any publisher who might even mention the gay lifestyle in a periodical. She is encouraged by Judge Parker's preliminary ruling, and went on to describe him as a "fair-minded judge who carefully considers the issues." Harassment of gay publications by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons has occurred for years. In some federal prisons, for instance, GPU NEWS goes to subscribers without difficulty; whereas, in others, the publication has been systematically denied entrance. Where letters of refusal have been returned with subscription copies, GPU NEWS has been supplying these to the American Civil Liber-

ties Union Project on Prison Reform for several years as well. The trial is scheduled to begin on March 31, 1980.

by the Pentagon's decision to categorize homosexual marriages as "sexual acts", quipped: "Would you term a **heterosexual** marriage as a sexual **act**? The characterization shows that the Defense Department has its head in its crotch—and in everybody else's crotch."

GAY BIBLIO

New Orleans, LA—New Orleans author and bookstore owner Tom Horner has been commissioned by the American Theological Library Association to do a book-length bibliography on "Homosexuality and the Judaeo-Christian Tradition." The bibliography will be annotated and is to be published in 1980.

If readers know of any books or articles that they feel should go into the bibliography, they may notify the author at 600 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, LA 70116.

MAY 21 COMMITTEE

San Francisco, CA—The May 21 Defense Committee has been formed to assist the 29 persons who were arrested during the May 21 riot at San Francisco City Hall. The committee's two goals are to provide assistance in the legal defense of those arrested, and to protect the civil rights of gays.

Those arrested have been charged with felonies in many cases, and can (if convicted) be sentenced for up to ten years in prison. The **deadly** weapons which they are accused of carrying were, in many instances, slingshots.

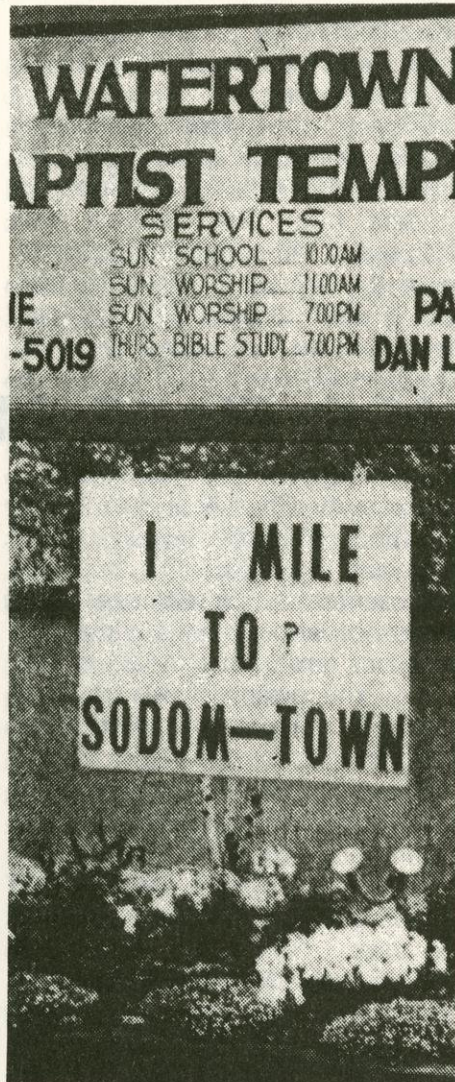
Donations to the Committee should be sent to: May 21 Defense Committee, 558 Capp Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

GAYLIB HITS WATERTOWN

Watertown, NY—Harassment, beatings, death threats, and fire bombs aimed at the newly formed Watertown Gay Task Force have made it the center of attention in this northern New York factory community of 30,000.

At the center of the opposition to WTGF is the Rev. Daniel Lovely, a self-professed Baptist minister who has placed a sign in front of his church proclaiming, "God Says Death to Homos." Lovely has published fliers which ask the citizens of Watertown: "Are we going to allow this kind of filth in our city? Are you ashamed of the many churches in town who have stood against the Bible by supporting this type of perversion and ordaining these Queers into what they say are God's ministries?" Lovely also quotes at tedious length the usual stuff from **Leviticus**. When three WGTF members attended services at Lovely's church and met with him, he agreed to debate the issue on television if arrangements could be made. He then invited the members to stay for coffee and cake, saying: "Go downstairs and have some cake and coffee, you can taste the arsenic in it."

Unlike Anita Bryant and other religious opponents to gay rights who have white-washed their campaigns of some of the obvious hate motifs, Lovely does not even pretend to love the homosexual "sinner". "They should be killed through governmental means," he announced in an interview published in the **Watertown Daily Times**, "There are a lot of people in Watertown that enjoy living in a non-christian world and it's got to be stopped." He then added: "I push on homosexual issues no more than I push on any sinful issue. I'm pushing also for the death of adultresses." When asked what his policies of death to sinners would do to the population of Watertown, Lovely calmly replied, "I say it would reduce the population by about 50%."



WGTF members pulled out of the debate with Lovely, charging that "with Mr. Lovely's statements that homosexuals should be executed, he has discredited himself to all but a small lunatic fringe of the population. We have better things to do than debate with a madman. We are still willing to discuss and debate at any time with any reasonable person or group."

WGTF members, with help from gay organizations in Syracuse, have moved to get legal advice to compel police to provide protection. Research is presently being completed on initiating a civil suit against the city for negligence and against Lovely for creating a climate of violence. The New York State Attorney General's Office has

put pressure on the Watertown Police to provide protection at all WGTF meetings, and they have been complying with their promise to provide protection both to the organization and to its more public members. In the meantime, a number of churches and clergymen in Watertown have formed a committee to combat the hate campaign of the Baptist minister. Paradoxically, some clergy who contend that homosexuality is sinful have joined the anti-Lovely forces in an "attempt to prevent further violence and hysteria."

Even more paradoxically, Lovely conceded in another television interview that his cause was a losing one, but insisted that his "principles" required that he push for the execution of gays. "This is a losing situation," he noted, "the position I have concerning fighting the homosexuals is a losing proposition. May I simply say that the sodomites will win."

BUSINESS STUDENTS

Palo Alto, CA—Gay students at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business have formed the Gay Business Students Association (GBSA). In addition to providing support for gay business students on campus, GBSA will also begin efforts to promote equal employment opportunities for gays in America's corporate headquarters.

In April, **Time** magazine noted that gay business students at Harvard were worried that going public would severely hurt their chances in the business world. GBSA is also beginning an outreach to gay business students and its own alumni across the country, with the promise that all correspondence will be kept in strictest confidence.

Correspondence or requests for information should be sent to: GBSA, Box 9606, Stanford, CA 94305.

SCGR DENIED APPROVAL

Clarksville, TN—Regents Chancellor Roy Nicks has ruled that formal recognition of a gay rights group at Austin Peay State University would increase criminal activity and endanger students with sexual identity problems. David Porteous, attorney for the State Board of Regents, has announced that Nicks will uphold the denial of recognition to the Student Coalition for Gay Rights (SCGR) issued earlier by APSU officials.

SCGR members first asked for recognition last fall after forming the group on campus. They were turned down by APSU Vice President of Student Affairs Charles Boehms, whose decision was later upheld by President Robert O. Riggs. Nicks decided against the SCGR appeal based on testimony during a May hearing on the appeal, even though most of the testimony recorded was in favor of recognition of SCGR.

"The so-called expert witness who said recognition of the coalition would lead to an increase in illegal activity was not an expert at all," said SCGR faculty advisor Glen Carter, an APSU assistant professor of sociology and social welfare. "All he could offer was his unsubstantiated opinion. . . , while we had expert witnesses and solid data that it would not. It's ironic that Chancellor Nicks would base his decision on that man's opinion instead of on our data and the letters we had from administrators at other colleges where groups like this have been recognized."

Carter said that Nicks' decision came as no real surprise. SCGR is appealing the decision to federal court, where Carter noted that they had an excellent chance for reversal, "because it's such an obvious violation of the First Amendment." A coalition attorney said the evidence at the appeal hearing "clearly does not support the Chancellor's findings," and went on to accuse school and regents'

officials of being "afraid to tell the community that they have to follow the Constitution."

Prior to the appeal to federal courts, one final appeal must be made to the APSU Committee on Student Life. The coalition will then seek a temporary injunction to force the school to recognize the group until a federal judge can hear the case and make a decision. The lawsuit is expected to take as

MCC FILES SUIT

San Diego, CA—Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego has filed a \$110,000 lawsuit against Mexican radio XEMO's business representatives for damages over the cancellation of MCC's planned religious program, "MCC of the Air." The program was to have reached millions of west coast listeners.

XEMO's "Voice of Inspiration to the Southwest" cancelled the program following publication of an article in **San Diego Union** which emphasized MCC's major outreach to gays. "Christians for Social Action," the MCC affiliate which had sponsored a major anti-Proposition-6 drive in San Diego, is the

NEW DC MARCH

Washington, DC—Right-wing fundamentalists, who claim to be the strongest new power in American politics, have called for 1 million fundamentalists to stage a national march on Washington on April 29, 1980. Two groups, "The Moral Majority" and "One Nation Under God," both from Virginia, are planning the march for the public condemnation of sex education, abortion, and gay rights. Representatives from the two groups are presently contacting other neo-fascist or fundamentalist organizations to obtain support and pledges of participation in the planned march and demonstrations.

long as three years, but SCGR members say that the legal precedents set in federal decisions in other states will support their case. Even without official recognition, SCGR will begin regular meetings this fall. The official recognition sought would permit them to use buildings and other facilities for meetings and other activities: the same rights accorded to campus fraternities and clubs.

legal sponsor for the MCC program. It and Pastor David Farrell are suing the James C. Gates Company of Los Angeles and Lucille Chase Company of San Diego, XEMO's U.S. representatives. Their contract included a two-week cancellation provision, rather than the two days notice given by the representatives.

The suit asks \$10,000 damages in expenses related to programming, and another \$100,000 in punitive damages for "acts done maliciously and oppressively." Christians for Social Action, in the meantime, has let bids throughout the region in search for a new broadcaster.

BOGUS WORKS

Inglewood, CA—The poetic works of black lesbian poet S. Diane Bogus will be issue this fall in three collections. WIM Publications announces reprints of **Woman In The Moon** (pbk., illustrated, \$6.00) and **I'm Off to See the Goddam Wizard, Alright** (pbk., \$4.00). Both works were previously published (1977 and 1971 respectively) by Soap Box Publishing, but had gone out of print. Additionally, a collector's edition of the poet's work, **Her Poems** (\$200.00, photographs, limited paper edition) is to be offered by WIM. For further information write: WIM Publications, Box 5037, Inglewood, CA 90310.

HATE CAMPAIGN HALTED

New York, NY—An ad hoc coalition of gay religious, atheist, and militant organizations organized by Fred Goldhaber, Vice Chairperson of the Media Committee of the Gay Activists Alliance, has won the support of WOR-TV, Channel 9, in New York City in its effort to fight the anti-gay bigotry of fundamentalist crusader James Robison. In a telephone conversation held in August, Robert Fennimore, WOR-TV's new General Manager, informed the organization that he had contacted Robison's crusade production company to inform that all attacks on gay persons would be

MAYOR FIRES SCOTT

San Francisco, CA—David Scott, an openly gay man who recently announced his candidacy for the office of mayor here, has been fired from his post as president of the Board of Appeals by the current mayor, his rival candidate, Dianne Feinstein.

Scott has filed suit in Superior Court to block the firing, claiming that his constitutional rights have been violated. Feinstein cited precedents set by former Mayor George Moscone, whose seat she assumed following his assassination, as justification for her firing Scott. Moscone had fired Harvey Milk when Milk, whom Moscone had appointed to head the Board of Appeals in 1976, announced his own candidacy for a seat in the California Assembly.

The 44-year-old Scott, a resident of San Francisco since 1960, is challenging Feinstein, who has been under fire by gay leaders, and Supervisor Quentin Kopp, a staunch conservative, who are the announced mayoral candidates. At a news conference where he announced his own candidacy, Scott said that Feinstein and Kopp "represent the ghost of politics past."

"bleeped" out of Robison's program (which he airs here on Sunday at 8 a.m.). Fennimore further stated that, "If Robison continues attacking homosexuals along these lines, he's going to be taken off the air."

Robison's August 12 program, dealing with "Satan's subtle attacks on the church," contained one such condemnation. As seen on WOR, the segment went, "There are some Christian congregations which are actually considering the ordaining into the ministry. . . (silence while Robison grimaced and pounded on the pulpit)." All of Robison's future shows will be pre-screened and edited.

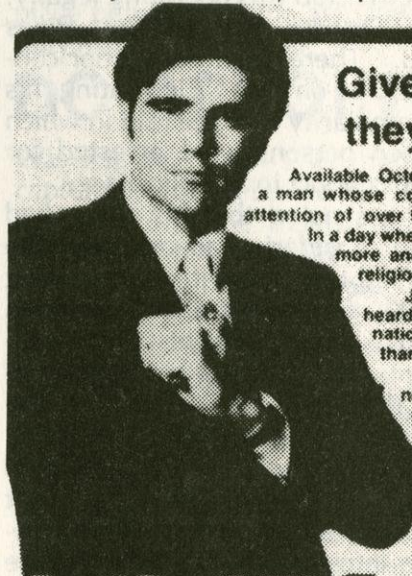
In addition to his weekly half-hour shows, the Robison crusade produced an hour-long "End of Outrage: Call To Arms" program in April which was virulently anti-gay. This is not Robison's first skirmish with broadcasting authorities. He was ousted from WFAA-TV in Dallas through legal action instituted by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

"What we have here is actually two major victories," explained

Goldhaber. "Not only have we put the brakes on the atrocious hate campaign of James Robison in the metropolitan area, but we've also gotten gay religious and gay atheist groups, which span the political spectrum from conservatism to radical militancy, to sit down and work together to defeat a common enemy." The ad hoc coalition consisted of the GAA, Dignity/NY, Gay Militant Atheists, Church of the Beloved Disciple, Gay Atheist League of America/NY, and the Metropolitan Community Church of New York.

ROBISON COLUMN

Dallas, TX—Television minister James Robison plans to begin a syndicated column as a new outlet for his fire-and-brimstone teaching. Robison, noted for his vindictive anti-gay sermons, has been either censored or dropped from a number of television station's line-ups. The ad for his new column appeared recently in **Editor and Publisher**, the trade magazine of the publishing business.



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OKLAHOMA, LAND OF FEAR

Oklahoma—In the spring of 1977, following the defeat of the gay rights ordinance in Miami, anti-gay and anti-feminist Senator Mary Helm proposed that the state legislature approve a resolution commending Anita Bryant, "their illustrious native daughter," for the stand she took "in support of those things and causes which make our homes and families the basic foundation of our great nation." The resolution passed unanimously; and, since then, gays and their organizations have been fighting an uphill battle against fear and oppression.

In February 1978 the Oklahoma legislature passed a piece of anti-gay legislation described by opponents as the nation's "most obnoxious piece of legislation." Taken for the most part from California's Briggs Initiative, what came to be known as the "Helm Bill" was lobbied fervently by Senator Helm. Ironically, although Helm was later unseated by Common Cause lobbyist Democrat Bernest Cain, gay rights advocates have yet to win a single victory in Oklahoma.

The gay community of the University of Oklahoma has been trying without success for eight years to win and maintain some form of campus recognition. To this date they are not recognized, have no place to meet on campus, no freedom to disperse information, and receive no school funding.

When the Helm Bill was passed, then-Senator Helm declared that it would help to "prevent the gay movement in Oklahoma from becoming as powerful as it has elsewhere."

Oklahoma's Organizing Committee to Overturn the Helm Bill (OCOHB) began a Constitutional challenge to the bill immediately after the defeat of the Briggs Initiative in California. The National Gay Task Force and the Lambda Defense Fund, both New York organi-

zations, responded that they were unable to assist OCOHB in its battle. Gay Rights Advocates (GRA) in California authorized a judicial appeal program in January of 1979.

With the assistance of GRA, OCOHB members filed their judicial challenge in July of 1979. The challenge asks for "declaratory and injunctive relief from the bill's statutes." The suit questions the bill's infringement on First Amendment freedoms of speech and association, and also claims that the Helm Bill denies the equal protection provided by the Fourteenth Amendment. The suit features six plaintiffs who are challenging under pseudonyms—for reasons similar to those used by teachers petitioning against the Briggs Initiative earlier in California.

LAPD RAID

Los Angeles, CA—LA police have raided the heterosexual club, Plato's Retreat West, for the second time in recent months, despite court and District Attorney rulings that the club was operating legally. L.A. District Attorney Burt Pines said, "There wasn't any prior consultation on this," indicating his unfamiliarity with the raid in which fifteen persons were arrested for lewd conduct in a public place.

Pines noted that his office had been considering action under the red light abatement act requiring 1,000 feet separation between adult entertainment establishments, but restated his legal opinion that any sexual activity in the club remains private and legal. Vice officers claimed that the raid was due to citizen complaints, but added that they were unable to provide information about the nature or number of any such complaints. Now where have we heard that before?

No charges were filed against the fifteen arrestees.

A spokesperson for OCOHB described the atmosphere facing any and every social reform or liberalism in Oklahoma as "throttling." First Okies tend to deny that any liberalism might be afoot, and then they pass laws designed to prevent liberal movements from developing.

LIBRARY AID

Philadelphia, PA—A pamphlet of tips for the non-librarian on how to get gay materials into libraries is now available from the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association. Entitled **Censored, Ignored, Overlooked, Too Expensive? How to Get Gay Materials Into Libraries**, the pamphlet explains library selection policies in a general way and tells what an individual or group may do to get a library to purchase more gay books and periodicals. There are also sections on what to do if the librarian refuses a request, on why gay books are sometimes kept where they must be asked for, and on donating materials to libraries.

The pamphlet costs \$1 prepaid, checks payable to "Barbara Gittings-GTF" at Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Bookstore and bulk order discounts are available.

LAW & ORDER

Scotland, UK—For all of its "law and order" promises, the Tory Government is refusing to enforce fully the criminal law in Scotland—much to the relief of Scottish gay men. In Scotland, the law still insists that sex between men is illegal (between men it is legal), whatever their ages or wherever it takes place.

It has been the past practice of Lord Advocates to refuse to enforce the law where both parties are over 21 and the sex takes place in private. James MacKay, the new Tory Lord Advocate has announced that he intends to follow that policy.

FINNISH GAYS TO U.N.

Geneva, Switzerland—SETA, the Finnish organization for sexual equality, has officially requested that the United Nations intervene over breaches of human rights for homosexuals. In the light of this request, the United Nations Human Rights Committee has agreed to consider whether to reject the annual report from the Finnish Government. IGA (the International Gay Association) is seeking the assistance of Sean McBride, winner of both the Nobel and Lenin Peace Prizes, who has declared his support for gay rights.

If Finland is censured, it will be because of a law, known as RL 20:9.2, which prohibits "public encouragement of lewd behavior between members of the same sex." The law has been used to censor all positive or factual statements about homosexuality. The Finnish Broadcasting Company was prosecuted in 1976 for mentioning in a news broadcast the American Psychiatric Association's decision to remove homosexuality from its list of disorders. This year, a TV program partly based on the same decision, was censored.

Negative publicity about homosexuality is not just permitted, but actively encouraged. SETA's report compares RL 20:9.2 to South African apartheid laws.

Although homosexuality has been decriminalized in Finland, both the legislative subcommittee of the Finnish Parliament and the Supreme Court have stated that homosexuals will not be accorded minority status, and that homosexuals "should be made to feel that their orientation is a pathological deviance" by legislative measure. Prominent academics in Finland and Sweden have condemned and protested the law.

The situation in Finland is as clear-cut as it is in the USSR, but better documented and more vulnerable to pressure from world opinion. The law, writes SETA, "has led to a denial of the right of

the public to obtain accurate empirical information with regard to homosexuality and to a lowering of professional standards similar to and equally as dangerous as Soviet abuse." SETA has campaigned for repeal of the law without success. Petitions have been submitted annually since 1977, and have been ignored. SETA's report to the U.N. goes on to say that the Finnish Government's treatment of gays "constitutes blatant minority discrimination, violation of human rights and official repression of a minority comparable to apartheid." With the backing of IGA, SETA is seeking international support. Citizens in all countries are asked to send letters of protest to their Finnish Ambassador or Consul.

OFFICER CONVICTED

San Francisco, CA—A jury of persons alleging to be heterosexuals has found San Francisco police officer Daniel Marr guilty of beating Peg's Place doorman Alene Levine in an altercation which took place between Levine and the off-duty Marr on March 30.

DC APPOINTMENTS

Washington, DC—The nation's capital is setting a record for bringing gays into the mainstream of civic and political life. Mayor Marion Barry has appointed three prominent gay persons to boards and commissions of the District of Columbia government in the past two months. The popular mayor, who was elected with gay support, is continuing his announced policy of "more direct and broader communications with his electorate." The appointments cover criminal justice, economic development, and human resources.

Judy Holmes, a feminist attorney, has been appointed to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Commis-

Tom Steel, Levine's attorney, commented: "No one here can remember another time in our city's history when a cop was convicted for beating up a lesbian. This is an important first in terms of making police accountable. . .but the only reason that they paid any attention to us is that the gay community united to place tremendous pressure on them."

Not only was testimony against Marr given by Levine and several patrons of the (woman's) bar, but one of Marr's own fellow-officers also came forward with damning testimony. Officer Gin told the jury that, following the violence outside the bar, he had heard Marr say to Levine, "I'm going to get you, bitch." Marr denied Gin's testimony. Marr was charged with two counts of battery and one count of disturbing the peace, and was found guilty on the first battery charge and the charge of disturbing the peace. Many complaints have been made against him in the past for harassment of the Bay Area lesbian community. "We hope that the numerous other complaints that have been made against him will be taken into consideration," said Steel.

sion. Donn Culver, the owner of several gay bars in Washington, was appointed to the Mayor's Overall Economic Development Advisory Committee. The Mayor has charged this committee with three goals: (1) keeping businesses from leaving D.C. and attracting new ones, (2) creation of new employment opportunities, and (3) increasing opportunities for minority and small businesses.

Ronald Balin, a gay political activist and businessman, has been appointed to the Council of Government's Citizen Advisory Committee on Human Relations. This committee deals with housing, health, police, fire, and hospitals.

REPEAL REVIEWED

St. Paul, MN—The gay-rights repeal vote passed by public referendum last year is currently being challenged in the Minnesota Supreme Court by St. Paul Citizens for Human Rights, the group which spearheaded the fight against the repeal initiative. CHR contends that the initiative referendum process was improperly used.

Issues involved in the judicial review are: whether the initiative process (originally intended to introduce new legislation) may be used to repeal existing laws; and whether inclusion of a discrimination clause on the same ballot was appropriate. The major underlying question is whether basic human rights, once granted, may be taken away by initiative.

According to Donald Hefferman, CHR attorney, the referendum allows citizens to appeal for a general election to repeal a law passed

PRAIRIE FUND

Urbana, IL—The Prairie Custody Action Loan Fund (CALF) has organized to raise funds for the legal costs of lesbian mother cases here. CALF is set up as a revolving fund and operates on a loan basis so that monies raised may be recycled and used by as many lesbian mothers as possible. CALF also collects information about local resources, attorneys, counselors, and others supportive of the rights of lesbian mothers.

CALF needs support. One local lesbian mother's case has already cost over \$8,000 in legal fees, these for pretrial work. One of CALF's fund-raising projects is the selling of T-shirts which read "Support Lesbian Mothers," with a graphic of two women and a child. Cost of the shirts is \$6 each, which includes post and handling.

To order T-shirts, or for more information on the organization, write: Prairie CALF, 802 West Illinois, #1, Urbana, IL 61801.

by the City Charter. The people, Hefferman noted, have 45 days in which to petition for repeal of a law. "Nobody," he added, "did that back in 1974 when the gay rights legislation was passed." He explained that it was not until January of 1978, when the religious "zealot" Charles Angwin appeared and started trying to repeal the ordinance, that the initiative process was begun; and the time limit for repeal had long since passed.

"One of the questions we have before the Supreme Court," Hefferman explained, "is, can you abolish the integrity of the initiative and referendum by using the initiative for a referendum when your time has passed on the referendum?"

CHR has already announced that, if the Minnesota Supreme Court should find the vote valid, it will take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. If the Minnesota Supreme Court voids the vote, then the gay rights law which has been repealed would be automatically reinstated.

ACHISON CHAIRS DRIVE

San Diego, CA—Fred Achison has been named chair of the Center for Social Services United Annual Appeal, a major fundraising drive in this city whose major target is the construction of a gay center this fall. The campaign will seek to raise approximately \$50,000 in its brief six-week drive, during which it will be contacting thousands of individuals and virtually all private foundations in the United States.

Achison commented: "If the drive is successful this year, next year it can truly be an integrated campaign, benefiting all local gay charities." Achison is also chair of the Ways and Means Committee and board member of the Gay Cen-

ter. He is the owner of a popular local gay pub, The Club, and has already sponsored more than a dozen fundraising campaigns this year.

The drive will begin on October 1 with a rally at the U.S. Grant Hotel for potential volunteers, donors, and well-wishers. The campaign goals are based on the agency's annual budget, now pending before its Board of Directors.

CARTER NAMES SCHROPP

Washington, DC—Jill Schropp of Seattle, WA, an open lesbian and former campaign manager of Citizens to Retain Fair Employment (a group which successfully fought the repeal of Seattle's gay rights ordinance), has been named by President Carter as a member of the newly reorganized National Advisory Committee on Women.

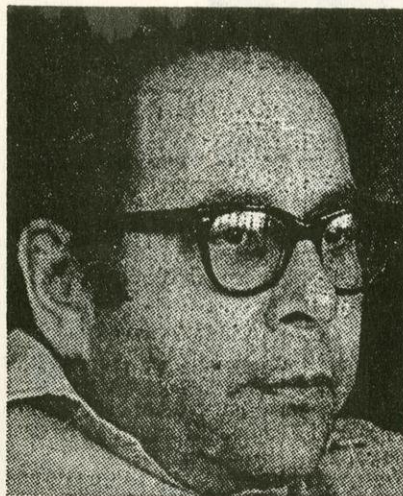
Schropp, currently a private real estate investor, is a former journalist and editor for newspapers in Duluth, MN. In 1975 she received a Bush Leadership fellowship for graduate study at Harvard University. In 1977 she became visiting research specialist at Battelle Memorial Institute in Seattle. She is presently working on a master's degree in public administration at the University of Washington.

National Gay Task Force (NGTF) Co-directors Charles Brydon and Jean O'Leary described Carter's appointment as a "positive sign that President Carter has again appointed a member of America's lesbian community to his Advisory Committee on Women," and went on to express confidence that "she will be an outstanding representative of the concerns of lesbians and all American women." O'Leary, a Carter appointee to the first such advisory committee, was one of those who resigned to protest against the firing of Bella Abzug.

STATUE PLANNED FOR NYC

New York, NY—Ten years after the police raid on the Stonewall in Greenwich Village, a raid which in part led to the gay-rights movement in the U.S., plans are under way to erect a statue as a gay-liberation monument in Sheridan Square. The sculptor, George Segal, known for his life-sized plaster figures, has agreed to do the work, which has been commissioned by Peter Putnam, a physicist and philanthropist of Housatonic (LA), for a reported \$60,000. Putnam had previously commissioned Segal's controversial monument to the students slain at Kent State University.

The projected monument has no city sponsorship, but would require approval from the Department of Parks, which has jurisdiction over Sheridan Square; the local Community Planning Board; and the city's Art Commission, which passes on works of art placed on city-owned property. Though his approval is not required, Henry Geldzahler, the city's Commissioner of



George Segal

Cultural Affairs and former curator of 20th-century art at the Metropolitan Museum, has been consulted by Putnam.

Geldzahler, who is himself an uncloseted gay, said, "It's something I'm neither going to push nor stop."

"I've lived in the art world for many years," Segal commented, "and I'm extremely sympathetic to the problems that gay people have."

SCIENCE SURVEY

Chapel Hill, NC—Michael Young and Larry White, cofounders of the Triangle Area Gay Scientists (an organization of students and professionals in the physical, biological, and mathematical sciences or engineering), are preparing an anthology of essays exploring the experience of gay persons who are students and professionals in the science. Concepts to be explored include the effect of sexual orientation on career choice and change, particular instances of conflict in the various fields, conditions for gay scientists in academia, government, and the private sector, homophobia and sexism in the sciences, interaction of gay scientists with the gay community, and the gay scientist's reaction to scientific research about gays.

The prospective essays will be authored by working and former scientists, as well as students. Con-

tributions should be based upon personal experiences as well as theoretical considerations illuminating the relationship of sexual orientation with the social, emotional, and professional realities of careers in the sciences.

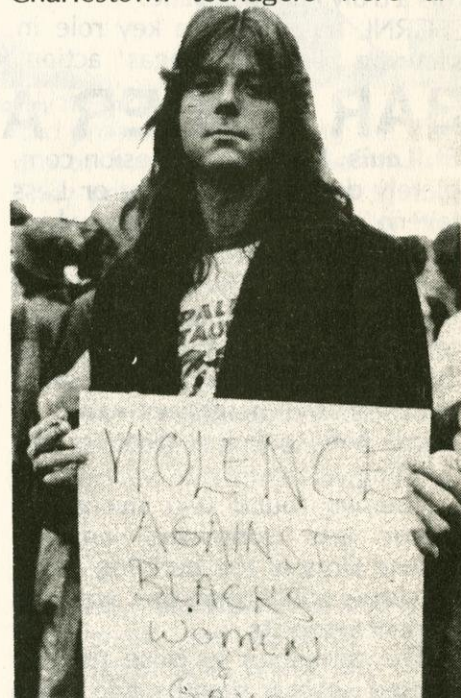
Potential contributors may contact Young and White at P.O. Box 1137, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, for a more detailed prospectus of the project. Please include an indication of scientific background and proposed area of contribution.

Young, a graduate student in neurobiology, and White, a former synthetic organic research chemist, have been working together for over two years organizing gay scientists in North Carolina, and are in contact with others throughout the U.S. and Canada. They edit an organizational newsletter, **Proceedings of the Triangle Area Gay Scientists**.

They are human beings first. I couldn't refuse to do it." Segal also confirmed that work has already begun on a proposal for submission to the Department of Parks.

BOSTON PROTEST

Boston, MA—More than 1,000 people gathered in Boston on Oct. 1 to carry a protest to Pope John Paul II on his arrival in the United States. The demonstration was sparked by the Sept. 28 shooting of Darryl Williams, 15, a black Jamaica Plain High School football player. Williams, the bullet still lodged in his neck, is paralyzed from the neck down. Three white Charlestown teenagers were ar-



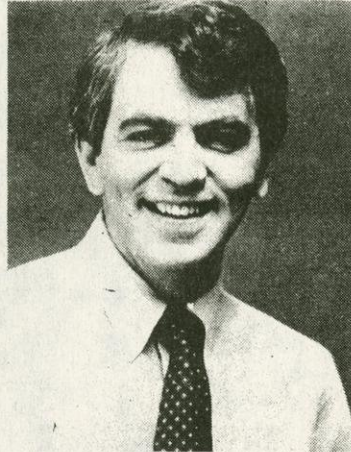
rested for the shooting, but they have been released on bail and personal recognizance. In an effort to shield the Pope from the demonstrators, many of whom were gays protesting the Vatican's anti-gay policies, secret service agents and police made a last-minute change in the Pontiff's motorcade route through Boston's South End. Photo courtesy of **Gay Community News**.

TSONGAS LETTER

Washington, DC—Senator Paul Tsongas (D-MA) has sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to all members of the Senate announcing his intention to introduce legislation to prohibit employment discrimination against gay persons. The purpose of the letter is to seek co-sponsors for the proposed legislation.

Gay Rights National Lobby Director Steve Endean expressed extreme pleasure at the development. "This marks the first time in history that a gay civil rights bill will be in the United States Senate. Because of the nature of the Senate, where each member represents an entire state, introduction of a Senate Gay Rights Bill should provide a major assist in making this a truly national issue."

GRNL has played a key role in securing Senator Tsongas' action,



Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-MA)

and will continue to work closely with him in securing additional sponsors and supporters. The timing of the actual introduction of the Senate bill has not yet been determined, but it is hoped that it will be introduced before the conclusion of this legislative year.

BAR UNDER ATTACK

St. Louis, MO—An explosion completely destroyed the Mor or Less tavern, a women's bar here, which has been under attack over the past three months. The bar exploded into flames around 2:30 a.m. September 11, just an hour and a half after closing. Two explosions were reported by neighbors—one of which blew out the front of the building.

Firemen found two five-gallon plastic gas containers on the second story of the building, leaving little doubt that this was the work of arsonists.

The campaign to close the bar started several months ago when the Meramec Heights Improvement Association initiated a "Protest Petition" against the bar's liquor license being renewed. If a "Protest Petition" is signed by more than 50% of the first floor tenants within a 200 yard radius of the bar or 50% of the property owners, a hearing before the Excise Commissioner is mandated. The group, with strong pressure from the Vice President of Equality

Savings and Loan, Richard C. Fellhauer, was able to get the required number of first floor tenants to sign. Fellhauer allegedly threatened tenants with loss of contracts and leases unless they signed.

At the August 22 hearing bar owner, Bonita Stevens, and Mary Anne Sedey, the bar's attorney, presented letters from five tenants who had originally signed, but now wished to have their names removed from the petition. The owner of a nearby restaurant stated that the allegations of harassment were true. Nevertheless, Excise Commissioner Arthur C. McLeod refused to allow the testimony and ruled against the bar.

The bar's licence was to have expired September 4, but a restraining order was granted by Circuit Court Judge Ivan Lee Holt, Jr., and a hearing was set in court.

Regardless of who lit the match, gay activists claim the police and neighborhood association are to blame. Gay groups in the city are meeting now to determine what action they will take next.

GAYS & FAMILY

Milwaukee, WI—In preparation for celebration of the year and decade of the family, Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, OSB, of Milwaukee appointed a commission to study the needs of the family and to develop a plan for pastoral care to the family. After six months of preparation the commission has released its first report, **Responding to Call**.

Even though quite short, this document sets the tone for what "family" means in its broadest context:

"While recognizing the value of the nuclear family the reality of present society has necessitated broadening of our concept and practice of family ministry to acknowledge other lifestyles, including, but not necessarily limited to, single parent families, childless couples, the widowed, the separated, sexual minorities, and single people."

Concluding statements further reflect the sincere belief that in order to grow, reconciliation must take place:

"It is our prayer. . . (that) all people will come to see the Church as the caring and loving community it is meant to be. It is our wish that the unchurched and lukewarm will see in our efforts a genuine desire to unite once again in the true spirit of Christian unity. It is our deep desire that parents and singles; divorced and widowed; the young and the aged; the heterosexual and the homosexual; the celibate and the married; the alcoholic and the drug addict; the rich and the poor will find in the Family of God the love, the encouragement, the acceptance and the hope we all need to live productive and fulfilling lives."

The document was released September 22, 1979 by the Archdiocesan commission for the Plan of Pastoral Action for Family Ministry.

SEX LAW GOES DOWN

Sacramento, CA—The California Supreme Court has issued a landmark ruling which strikes down the state's criminal statute 647(a) prohibiting the soliciting or engaging in "Lewd or dissolute conduct." The Court voted 6-1 to overturn the law. The ruling, written by Justice Matthew Tobrina, was contained in a 32-page brief released in September.

In the ruling the Court reviewed and analyzed all statutory interpretations applied to the subject in this century, and then overturned them all. The conduct prohibited was described as "lustful, lascivious, unchaste, wanton or loose in morals or conduct." "As construed by prior California decision," Judge Tobrina wrote, this interpretation "does not meet constitutional standards of specificity."

The case, *Don Barry Pryor vs. Los Angeles Municipal Court* (Supreme court # LA 30901), involved a San Francisco resident who, while on holiday in Los Angeles, solicited another man to engage in a sex act which was to be performed in private. The solicited man was an undercover vice officer, who then arrested Pryor.

Rather than merely throw out the law, which would have given the legislature a chance to rewrite it, the Court reconstrued the statute conform to constitutional standards. As now construed, no one may be charged unless the person knows or should know of the presence of persons who may be offended by the conduct; and the conduct itself is specifically limited to actual genital touching, or touching of buttocks or breasts for purposes of sexual arousal, gratification, annoyance, or offense.

"There is no way that a vice cop can qualify as an offended party under these guidelines," explained Attorney Thomas Coleman, who had petitioned the Court to overturn the statute. Coleman, age 31, has already had eight of his cases published by the appellate court

and has become a recognized expert in the area of sex law. He is the publisher of the prestigious **Sexualaw Reporter**, and maintains his offices in Hollywood.

The Court also ruled that all definitions used by lower court judges and prosecutors in past years were "subjective" and dependent upon the speaker's "social, moral, and cultural bias." The Justices soundly criticized lower courts, police,

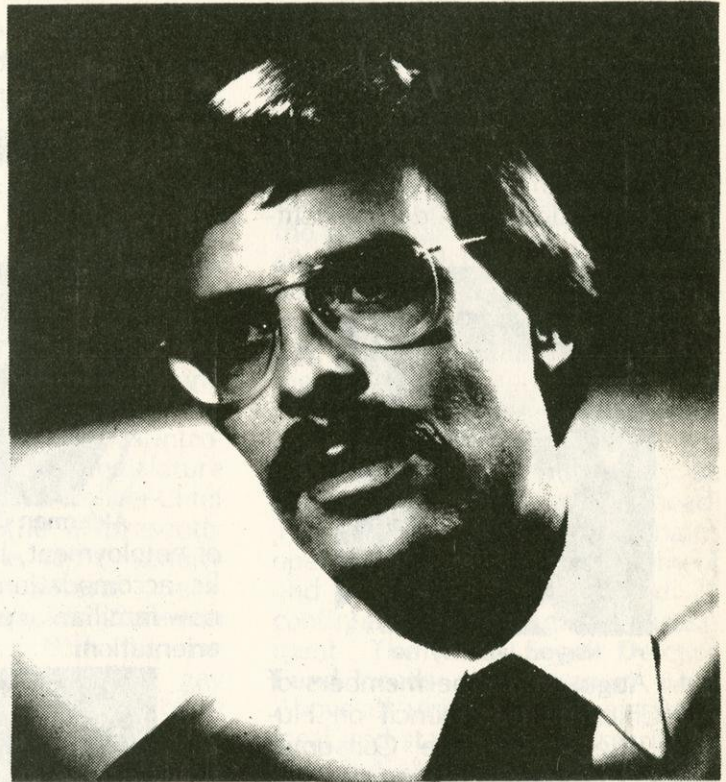
and prosecution for using the statute to harass homosexual males. They pointed out that the statute was a direct descendant of the archaic vagrancy laws which were "designedly drafted to grant police and prosecutors a vague and standardless discretion." The published decision closed with a reminder to lower courts and prosecutors that consensual acts are not within the purview of criminal law.

GAA TURMOIL

New York, NY—Three of the six members of the Executive Committee of the Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) have resigned their posts after GAA voted to terminate its membership in the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR). The withdrawal vote was, according to those who resigned, the culmination of a campaign for the Revolutionary Socialists League (RSL) and Gay Militant Atheists (GMA) to take over the organization.

The resigning officers claimed

that they had been the target of harassment and name-calling at meetings of GAA by RSL and GMA persons who were not even members of the organization. R. Paul Martin, who resigned both from the Executive Committee and as activities coordinator and chairperson of the Media Committee, commented: "We deeply regret having to take these measures, but our loyalty must be to the gay movement rather than to an organization whose honored name will be used to destroy that movement."



Attorney Thomas F. Coleman

CHICAGO DEFERS RIGHTS BILL

Chicago, IL—Action on a gay rights bill backed by Mayor Jane Byrne has been postponed by the City Council. The bill, in the form of amendments to the city's non-discrimination ordinances, had been introduced by Alderman Clifford Kelley.



Mayor Jane Byrne

In August the nine members of the Chicago City Council on Human Rights and the Consumer Sales Committee approved the amendments unanimously, and recommended that they be passed by the full City Council. Testifying at those committee hearings were two of the chief co-sponsors of gay rights legislation in the Illinois General Assembly: Rep. William Marowitz and Rep. Elroy Sandquist. At the same hearings Alderman Kelley, chairperson of the committee, announced that the legislation had the formal backing of Mayor Byrne.

The legislation would have amended all city ordinances regarding discrimination in the areas



Alderman Clifford Kelley

of employment, housing, and public accommodations by adding the now-familiar phrase, "sexual orientation."



Rep. William Marowitz

Postponement of the measure by the full City Council came after an opponent of the bill, Alderman Robert Shaw, filed a proposal for a city-wide referendum on the question. If the City Council should



Rep. Elroy Sandquist

agree to put the question to a referendum, it would appear on the general election ballot of November, 1980. The referendum item would read: "Shall the term 'sexual orientation' be included in the civil rights legislation of the city of Chicago?"

GAY TOURISM

New York, NY—City Comptroller Harrison Goldin has announced that New York should consider promoting its gay community as a tourist attraction—not for people to come "gawk at gays", but rather for gays to visit the city from other communities.

Commending the city's gays for courageous pioneering, Goldin told a group of gay businessmen: "Your role in the city's economic recovery is a large one. It might make sense—dollars and cents—to include the gay community in the national promotion of New York City."

EPISCOPAL ASSEMBLY

Denver, CO—The General Convention of the Episcopal Church concluded its sessions at the end of September in Denver. Just as the 1976 General Convention was faced with the divisive issue of the ordination of women to the priesthood, so this year's convention saw four hours of fierce debate and parliamentary battles on the issue of ordination of gays.

The final resolution states that homosexual persons may be admitted to the priesthood, provided that they are not sexually active. It be-

came the official church policy when it was approved by the House of Deputies: 77-18 among laypersons, and 70-29 among priests. The proposal originated in the House of Bishops.

The resolution reads: "Therefore, we believe that it is not appropriate for the church to ordain a practicing homosexual, or any person who is engaged in heterosexual relations outside of marriage." Since it was approved by both houses, the statement becomes official church policy, but it does

not carry the force of canon law.

In fact, as in the past, the church's bishops are likely to set their own standards despite the policy statement. Bishop Paul Moore, Jr., of New York, has already stated that the policies in his diocese would remain unchanged and that he would invoke the "conscience clause" in order to continue ordaining gays. It was Moore who, in 1977, ordained Ellen Barret, an open lesbian, to the priesthood, and provoked this year's fierce debate.

EDITORIAL

Some readers may be disappointed by the single-page coverage which we have given in this issue to the Gay March on Washington. Since we went to press only a few days after the march, our decision was to keep the news clean, concise, and without editorial comment. Assessing the political impact of the march, and sifting unconfirmed rumor from confirmed news, will take time in any case. Our own policy has always been that it is better to present the news **after** verification of its reliability; for, in the absence of a formal news service, accuracy is a continual problem for the gay press. We hope to offer analysis in later issues, and to look then to the impact of the march on both government and citizenry. Whatever may be the eventual results of those analyses, the march remains a joyous experience for the gay community itself: an expression of unity and purpose which our community sorely needs from time to time.

Our October issue offered news - again brief and without editorial embellishment - of the most recent police assault on the Club Milwaukee. Though none of the arrestees was charged after the raid, the District Attorney declared open season on the gay community for the police. District Attorney McCann and his minions revealed once again that they, like the bureaucracy of the Milwaukee Police Department, are completely out of touch with both social and political realities. **The Milwaukee Journal** (from which we have reprinted the accompanying cartoon) printed an entire page of letters from irate readers following the raid. They were not gay, but simply people disgusted with the squandering of tax dollars and finite police resources.

McCann, as one housewife observed, appears dead-set on making the Club Milwaukee "safe for the general public". Of course, any citizen trying to go to the Club may be mugged on the street

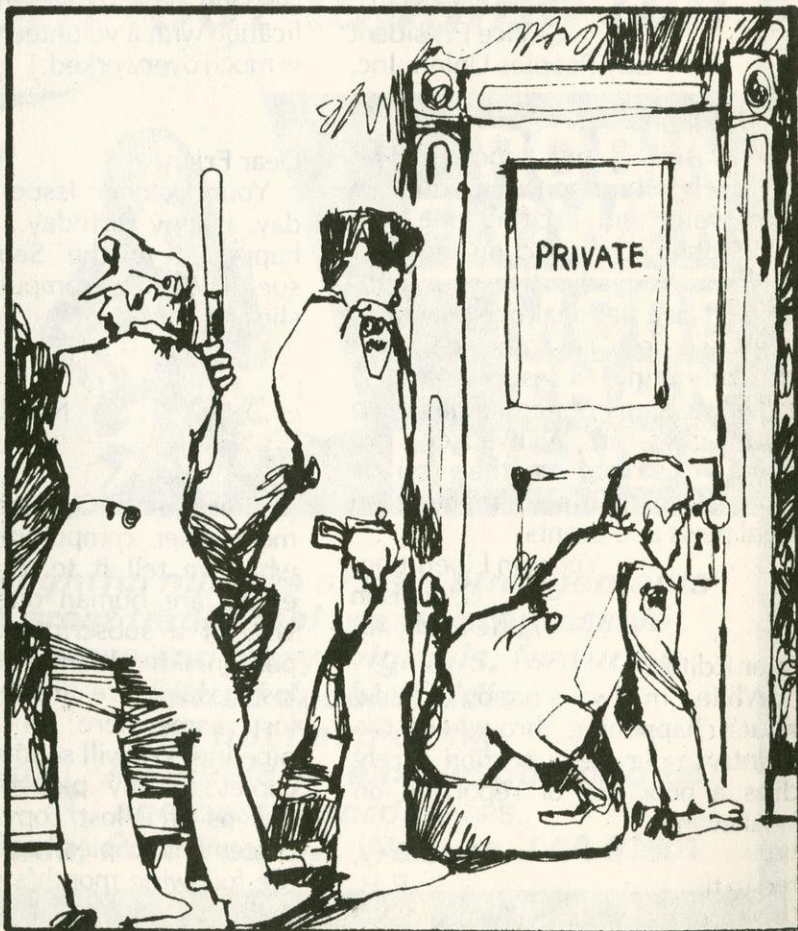
en route; but muggings and violent crimes are apparently low priority items for both the D.A. and the police. After all, these don't threaten "public morality" (whatever that is): just life and limb.

During October, minority citizens' groups requested that the Justice Department undertake an investigation of police discrimination against minorities, as well as police violence against blacks, and past cover-ups of police crimes. At the same time, a bill was introduced into the state legislature which would remove Police Chief Breier at age 70 (he is presently serving a lifetime term, senility notwithstanding). Several members of the Milwaukee Common Council bemoaned both the use of police power against the gay community **and** their own inability to exercise **any effect whatever** on police priorities. The noble intent of Wisconsin law was to

place the police outside political control, but its effect has been to place the misuse of police powers outside of any control. Milwaukee and the entire state have seen a dramatic rise in violent crime in the past year. The blind irresponsibility of both the District Attorney and the Milwaukee Police have made all citizens of Milwaukee, gay and nongay alike, their unwilling victims.

Legal challenges to unbridled police and prosecutorial power are being studied and will surely be undertaken in the months ahead. The Club Milwaukee remains open, and both its management and members are resolved to continue their fight against harassment. **The GPU Legal Defense Fund needs your support now.** Above all, write to your legislators, local and state, not necessarily as gays but as concerned citizens, to express your disgust and outrage.

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FEEDBACK

CBS Television Network
51 West 52nd St.
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Greetings:

Our organization commends the CBS executives and sponsors for presenting the segment on gay teens during the "30 Minutes" program seen here on WITI-TV-6 on Saturday, Oct. 13, 1979.

This forthright and honest treatment of a gay issue contrasts sharply with the way in which gays are at times portrayed in the media. The present degree of ignorance about gay people and their lifestyles is lessened somewhat by programming such as this.

We urge CBS to expand its coverage of the complex gay issues to a larger and more varied audience, while maintaining its standards of fairness and accuracy in portraying lesbian and gay lifestyles.

Yours Sincerely,
Paul J. De Marco
Vice President
Gay Peoples Union, Inc.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my renewal. I've generally found your magazine an interesting and exciting one. It's good to see serious fiction and book reviews. You advertise your publication as a national one, but your news section is somewhat disappointing in this respect. While I am always interested in knowing what gays in Milwaukee are doing, it strikes me that you do place a bit too much emphasis on local news and events.

Yours in Liberation,
G. Dodson
Little Rock, AR

Dear Editor:

While I'm always happy to know what's happening throughout the country, your news section surely does a poor job of reporting on local events.

Sincerely,
R.B.
Milwaukee, WI

[**Editor's note:** As the above two letters indicate, the best we can do is to make some of the people happy some of the time.]

Dear GPU News:

I've been subscribing to GPU News for the last two years, and find it consistently excellent. Thanks for the continuing good work.

Please send me a copy of your guidelines for writers.

Yours sincerely,
Robert Locke
Los Angeles, CA

[**Editor's note:** Any person who is considering submitting fiction, poetry, or other material should first request a copy of our guidelines. Unsolicited materials **must** be accompanied by return postage. Do allow us at least two months to respond. We are a nonprofit publication with a volunteer staff which is much overworked.]

Dear Friends:

Your October issue arrived today. Happy Birthday... BUT what happened to the September issue. Did your computer make a slip???

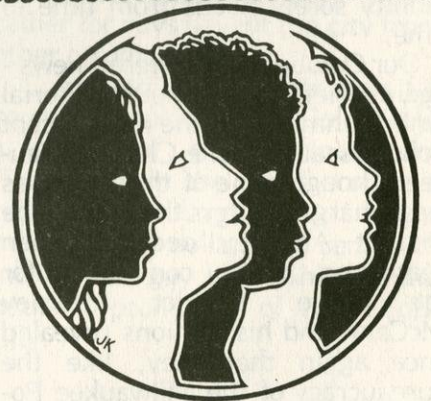
Cordially,
R.T.
New Orleans, LA

[**Editor's note:** Our computer, like most other computers, does just what we tell it to do, and most errors are human ones. Nondelivery of a subscription copy is a perennial problem. Usually such lost issues are mailed, but get lost somewhere in the postal pipeline. We will send replacement copies to any person who notifies us of a lost copy. These replacement copies are sent with the following month's subscription mailing.]

GPU News receives over 100 letters monthly from our readers, and we thank you all for writing to us. Some are answered by return mail(not always as promptly as we would like), and we try to publish as many as space permits.

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UPDATE CHICAGO

Mother Carol, proprietor of Carol's Speakeasy, Chicago's largest and most popular disco, was laid to rest with full gay honors and the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church early in October after a brief illness.

Richard Carroll (Mother Carol) Farnham succumbed to a liver ailment after one year of bringing the old "Den" in Old Town to life. Mother Carol really knew how to throw a party, and her patrons really loved her for it.

Richard was among other things a seminarian before coming out. "Carol's in Exile" was a bar which he founded, and which also enjoyed success. He loved to be gross, and dressed appropriately in outrageous garb, including drag.

Richard even was known to give the finger to police on the many occasions when they would invade the bar. Because of constant police harassment there was a long overdue demonstration last June 5th in front of Chicago's Civic Center. Again the gay community in Chicago was brought together.

Several hundred friends paid last respects at the funeral wake, which was followed by a memorial solemn mass celebrated by Father Michael of Dignity/Chicago in St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church.

Ira Jones

MINNEAPOLIS

Gay academics, students, social workers, and other interested persons in the area will participate in the Gay/Lesbian Academic Union Regional Conference on Nov. 9-11. Workshops are being sponsored by the University of Minnesota's Lesbian/Gay Community in coop-

eration with Mankato State University. The Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights is sponsoring the brunch on Nov. 11, which will feature Caryl Bentley and Senator Allan Spear as keynote speakers.

Registration fee is \$5 for all events but the brunch, and \$8 additional for the brunch. Sessions and workshops will be held at the Law School Building of the University of Minnesota's West Bank. Deadline for reservations is Nov. 5.

Housing registration forms and conference schedules are available directly from GLAU, c/o MCGR, Box 4226, St. Anthony Falls Sta., Minneapolis, MN 55414.

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SEX IN THE STREETS

by Thomas Vinew

In 1965 Britain's House of Lords put its stamp of approval on a bill introduced by the Earl of Arran to remove criminal penalties for homosexual conduct by consenting adult males in private. Two years later commons approved the famed Wolfenden Report, which began the gay revolution. The report of the committee under Sir John Wolfenden merely echoed the **Code Napoleon** of 1804 in its insistence that private sexual activity between consenting adults was none of the law's business. Even in England, John Stuart Mill had argued in the 1850s for the implementation of a similar attitude toward consensual activity. It is a significant commentary on Anglo-Saxon law that it took the British a century to learn that Mill was right in claiming that the French were right—perhaps not as significant, however, as the fact that the majority of U.S. legislators have yet to heed the lessons of the **Code Napoleon**, Mill, or the Wolfenden Committee.

In a recent BBC interview with Lord Wolfenden, the BBC questioner asked for his assessment of how far society had moved since the adoption of the proposed reforms. Lord Wolfenden's original reforms had been proposed with the expectation that, once homosexuality were decriminalized, the issue would be a dead one. He, like many of his liberal contemporaries, did not expect that gay liberation itself would become politicized. His remarks with respect to the present movement are worth quoting: "They may become pressure groups, but I think it is only fair to say that there comes a moment—and it is not for me to judge this outburst of gay liberation—when, if you are not careful, a pressure group becomes, if I may mix my metaphors, counter-productive; that is to say, you arouse so much antagonism by what you do that, in the end, you are worse off than you were before. . . I am sure it is a danger that all the gay groups and, I hope, their opponents will have in mind because there could be, I think, a backlash."

Several years ago a New York wit suggested that the crime that dare not speak its name had been unable to keep its mouth shut. In a series of articles published in August in the **San Francisco Chronicle**, Charles McCabe echoes similar judgements. "The homosexuals ought to pipe down. They are getting unpopular in circles where they had great support at

one time because they were social underdogs. The gay folk have won their real battle. They have neither the need nor the capacity for total conquest." It is important to realize that McCabe is no "Born-Again" fundamentalist, not a purveyor of fascist claptrap nor a reactionary. He was indeed one of the journalists in California who first waved the flag of liberalization, and the first writer in **any U.S. newspaper** to argue for the decriminalization of homosexuality. He agreed, more recently, with the majority of California journalists in decrying the Dan White verdict as a terrible miscarriage of justice.

McCabe's attitude toward the contemporary gay movement is typical in many respects of the disaffection of many liberals with the movement. Unlike many liberals, his analysis is more reasoned, more careful, and certainly not wholly wrong. His remark that, "like the wines of France, good causes tend to export the worst of their product", is certainly on target. Like the black liberation movement, the gay movement has had its responsible leaders (Dr. Frank Kameney, to mention only one) and organizations (too many to mention). Unlike the black movement, it has had more than its fair share of irresponsible leaders and organizations (also too many to mention).

Politicization, McCabe is surely correct in noting, threatens to cause gays to overlook the importance of gay liberation as a **social** (rather than a political) movement. But it is precisely at this juncture that McCabe's own position becomes somewhat muddled. I again let him speak for himself:

"The decision of a large section of the homosexual community to come out of the closet and into the streets, to become a political force intent on impressing its life-style on our social and political life, has utterly changed the life of the city. And I would not say for the better. . . Having won their legal battle to do their thing without being labeled criminals, the homosexuals continue to press politically for approval of their ways in addition to acceptance. This they will never get from the straight community, in my opinion."

This paragraph [actually, it is two paragraphs originally] offers the first of two important confusions which permeate McCabe's otherwise insightful analysis. This confusion results from obliterating the distinctions among three concepts: Tolerance, Accept-

ance, Approval. Gay persons traditionally encounter oppression of three kinds: persecution, discrimination, and tolerance. Persecution arises from the fact that homosexual behavior—even among consenting adults, even in private—is still illegal in most states.

Pace McCabe, California is the exception in this respect, not the rule. And, even where the laws are either nonexistent or existent but not enforced, the wide discretion allotted to police in such areas as "disturbing the peace" (whose peace?), "public misconduct" (public for whom?), etc., provide almost daily examples of ongoing persecution as legitimate fodder for the gay press.

Discrimination is another area where the Wolfenden recommendations and their implementation have provided little relief. Social discrimination against gays produces a variant of oppression which most nearly approximates economic oppression: exploitation. Perhaps, once again (and I have only McCabe's word for it), there is no discrimination in the idyllic life of San Franciscans. If so, then there is all the more reason for working harder elsewhere.

Finally, the most common form of oppression to which gays are exposed is neither outright persecution nor even discrimination, but rather the patronizing tolerance of self-proclaimed liberals—what Christopher Isherwood once called "annihilation by blandness". The difference between tolerance and acceptance is enormous. As Dennis Altman once

noted, tolerance is a gift extended by the superior to the inferior. "He or she is very tolerant," we say; and that remark immediately tells us more about the other person's social position than his/her views. Tolerance is vastly different from acceptance, for tolerance usually implies pity: acceptance amounts to the decision to accept the equal validity of a lifestyle.

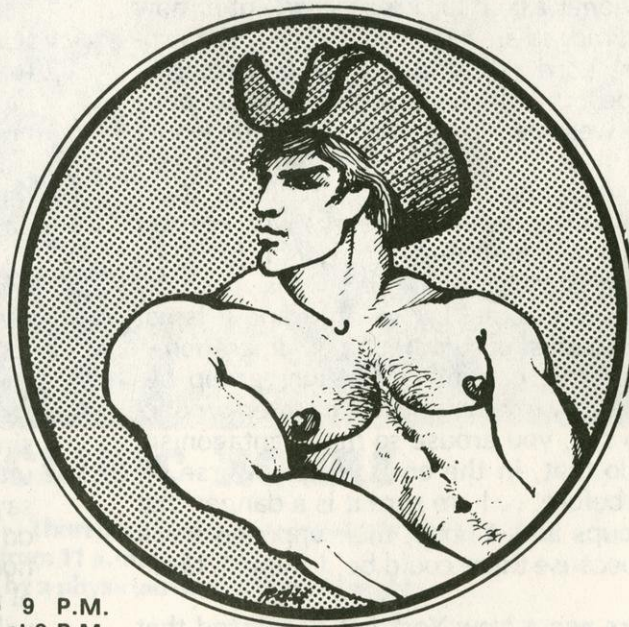
McCabe moves all too quickly from tolerance to what he calls "approval"; but to tolerate something is not to accept it, to accept it is not to approve it. Tolerance implies open hostility, acceptance implies a cessation, of hostility, but not being hostile to something is surely not the same thing as approving it. I for one do not approve of country-western music, eating one's salad before the main course, or the use of certain harmless drugs to enhance consciousness: I do not approve of these, but I certainly accept them. To say that I merely tolerated them would be to say that I considered those devoted to them to be in some way inferior.

So one may respond briefly to Mr. McCabe as follows. "You are certainly right in saying that gays want more than tolerance, but wrong in saying that we want approval. We care not one whit whether you (or just about anyone else, for that matter) approve our gayness. But we do insist that you accept it—not with patronization, pity, or tolerance—but with the realization that human life and human lifestyles are varied and rich in their alternatives. You are free to

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disapprove if you wish, but we don't want your tolerance."

There is a second confusion in McCabe's argument; and, once again, I'll let him speak for himself:

"Sex in private cannot be argued against, for either homosexual or hetero. Sex in public, whether as pornography or as public demonstration, is indefensible among dignified people. If **all** sex, homosexual, heterosexual, and neutral, would be left in the closet, we would have one less bit of folly to bedevil us."

The confusion here is between sex and sexuality; and, here as in the preceding confusion, there is an important half-truth in what McCabe has to offer—as far as I'm concerned at least. If by "sex" one means "sexual activity" [but **not** "sexuality"], then McCabe is right on the mark. For my money, if police tomorrow morning rounded up all of the bush queens in Juneau Park, together with the various and sundry types lurking in various public facilities, and kept them all in a permanent detention camp, this city and others like it would be much better places to live. I for one don't want to be bothered by people seeking sex in public, and am offended by people engaging in sex in public—homosex or heterosex, it makes no difference. I don't think that I'm a prude in this respect; but I do insist that, if privacy is to mean anything at all, then surely it ought to apply to human sexual encounter, whatever the type.

But sexuality is not sex, and I suspect that McCabe has more in his mind than just abolishing public displays of sexual activity. Indeed, few if any gay organizations or gay persons have made public sex a platform for reform. Perhaps some day getting an orgasm may be like getting a suntan: something acceptably in the public domain. Such a society will, I fear, have lost a great deal, but such a fear is a metaphysical one at best; since such a society does not now exist, and possibly (hopefully?) never may. In the meantime, what gays should be, and indeed are for the most part, demanding is equal treatment under the law. If sex in a park between two men is to be legally punished (as I have argued it should be), then sex in a park between a man and a woman should be no less punished. The same remark applies to sex in parked cars, whether it be in a gay or a straight version of "lover's lane" or at the local drive-in. Admittedly, the demarcation between public and private is more of a fine mist than a solid line; but, wherever that line is drawn, it should be drawn the same for all persons. To insist upon that is to insist, **morally insist**, upon acceptance, not just tolerance.

I suspect, however, that McCabe does not really want to put **sex** back in the closet, since except for a few misfits it never left the closet. What he really wants back in the closet is **sexuality**, and that is a different story entirely. Granted that no couple, gay or nongay, has the right (moral or legal) to thrust their sexual activity on the public, does a gay couple have

the right to hold hands or express mutual affection (affection is not sex) in public? Does a gay person have the right to bring his/her lover to an office party at which spouses are traditionally present? Does a gay couple have the right to establish a household (by purchase or rental) without social harassment from neighbors or economic harassment from landlord or mortgager? In brief, does a gay couple have the right to be treated **as a couple**? What is at issue here is not some semantic squabble about whether gays can be **married** or not.

The issue comes down to this. When a gay person resolves to share him/herself with another person as lover, **for however long a period** (only taxes last forever), does not that couple thereby created deserve recognition more than blind tolerance?—surely less than approval, for there are many couplings gay and nongay alike which I could hardly say merit approval. At least acceptance, however. To deny the gay persons this measure of respect is to intimate that their very sexuality must return to the closet, and to place an immense burden upon them. If that's what McCabe has in mind, then my only retort is a simple one: "It just ain't fair".

McCabe is surely right in noting that "sex forgotten is sex best served," and I for one have neither curiosity nor interest in the sexual activities of my dearest friends, be they gay or nongay. But sexuality forgotten is humanity ill served, for one's sexuality is a real and ever-present component of who s/he is. It cannot be shaved off, like whiskers are shaved before leaving for the office, only to find it returned when one returns home that night. For me to ignore my own sexuality is to try to live a lie. For you to ignore my sexuality is to treat me as one more physical object to be used as part of your environment. I don't insist on approval, but I do insist on more than tolerance; for I want to be seen as a person, not a thing.

I have gone out of my way to avoid the appearances of irate or frantic assault on Charles McCabe; for, as I noted earlier, he is not an enemy.

It is a sad commentary on the San Francisco gay community that, following the publication of McCabe's articles, the **San Francisco Chronicle** received many obscene phone calls from the gay community, McCabe received personal phone threats at his home, one gay organization threatened a sit-in at a saloon where he drinks, and Supervisor Harry Britt launched a personal assault on him. One can only hope that gays elsewhere, when faced with sympathetic criticism, can face it honestly and with dignity. Irrespective of one's "gut" reactions, there are surely strong reasons for doing so. Gays are and always will remain a minority. If the gay movement should lose the support of liberals in the face of honest misunderstandings on either side, then the movement would surely be doomed to eventual and well deserved extinction.

REVIEW

Je Suis EinAmericano by Tim Dlugos. Little Caesar Press, Los Angeles, CA: 1979, 33 pp., \$2.00.

Tiger Beat by Dennis Cooper. Little Caesar Press, Los Angeles, CA: 1979 (3rd Printing), 20 pp., \$1.00.

Lola by Wayne McNeill. Catalyst Press, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada: 1977, 5 pp., \$2.00.

Reviewed by Jim Jones, M.A.

When I was in high school, I hated poetry. It seemed either superfluous or inaccessible. All those lines ending in rhyming words seemed frilly like the lace on grandmother's doily. Many poems, especially those by the "modern" poets, seemed not to lend themselves to any kind of interpretation by a young person of my worldly inexperience.

It came as a distinct shock, therefore, to discover latent among my emotional buds a taste for poetry during my years in graduate school. In my shocked state, I took to bed with several volumes by Auden, Cummings, and Heine (to name a few) and arose a healthy reader of poetry. The ironies of fate are still alive, as now I find myself "teaching" poetry to high school students.

I have met many people, young and old, who swear they cannot enjoy a poem because they simply do not understand poems, they cannot "relate" to them. Poems often are not out to tell a story and this in large part forms the problem for many readers, having grown up with and fed on the lineal plots of television and movies. Poems express feelings and, it is trite, but true, to state, many people are not in touch with their feelings—how can they then comprehend someone else's? One does, however, encounter what we could term bad poetry, poems about feelings or ex-

periences so limited (the opposite of universal) that only the poet him/herself can identify or understand the meaning of the poem. Bad poetry also hides a mundane expression of the trivial in a smothering of exotic language, thus removing the poem even further from the experience of the reader.

These then are some of the problems I have encountered in reading poetry. For myself, I search first for the way in which a poet expresses his/her experience and then for just what that experience is. The order of these two elements seems to me to be what defines poetry as a distinct genre from the others in literature. Bearing these elements in mind, let us look then at some recent examples published by two small presses.

Little Caesar Press (3373 Overland Avenue, #2, Los Angeles, CA 90034) has published five chapbooks of poetry, two of which are reviewed here. Although Tim Dlugos is a more well-known poet,

his book is the less successful. **Je Suis EinAmericano** contains many well-written poems that make us examine the common-place in a new light or give us a sharp insight into a new situation. Dlugos' style tends to be the voice of a friend talking to you at night after supper, and he often uses a simple prose style within short paragraphs, as in the title poem or in "The Death of a President."

Dlugos sees the world with clear eyes and possesses the gift to express his vision in words strung together to create a picture others can see. Lines like the following conjure up images that leave an imprint on our minds: ". . . Our bodies/intersect like highways/with limited access and perfect spans/of attention." (from "Great Art").

"some of the people I know live in California/others are talking outside my room but/everyone, no matter how far the physical distance/is only a phone call away//I



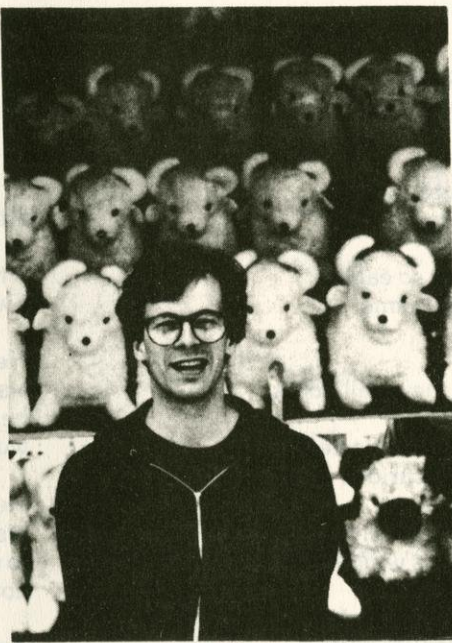
am happy when I remember that." (from "So Far").

The problem with this collection is that such word-pictures as the above are not plentiful and many of Dlugos' poems fail to draw the reader into their spheres of experience, they remain either inaccessible or simply uninteresting. I must stress, however, that this chapbook does contain many poems of truly striking simplicity and beauty. Considering the price of this publication, I would certainly recommend a reader purchase it and judge for him/herself. I personally found many likable pieces, my favorite being the fifth of six "Stanzas for Martina":

"Half of the flags are at halfmast./
The others are all the way up./This indicates the death of/a moderately famous person./I can't touch people I don't really know./I mean, can't really touch them./This is not an exclusively Catholic issue./I want to be tough./Okay, everyone has problems./Life is hard, and most of us/have lots more to go through./One smile on the street, though,/ & I take off. The sun can be/so strong it makes your head ache."

Tiger Beat by Dennis Cooper is simply, as a friend of mine says, the slickest thing since sliced bread. Does one have to be a lover of teen-age boys to be attracted to a book whose front cover is a picture of Leif Garrett and back cover one of Jimmy McNichol? I think not, and neither must one be attracted to such in order to be able to enjoy this celebration of fantasy and male youth. His fantasy about appearing on "The Dating Game" and winning a trip to Rio with David Cassidy stands out as my favorite among a collection of favorites. Cooper has the wonderful ability to dream for all of us and in telling us his dreams he lets us know what we've been thinking all along. His poems here range from thoughts on David Cassidy, John Kennedy, Jr., Dean Corll, and the Little Rascals to poems on old age and death. Cooper does it all in a voice whose

sounds are in turn humorous, sarcastic, sexual, sweet, soft, and sad. The poem "About Vince" is an example of the style he uses in many of the poems:



Tim Dlugos

"When he was younger/he was a beauty/so a friend and I/held beers to his mouth,/til his sense eloped/with our nonsense./We saw through his eyes/the room in his life,/enough for us both/to enter together,/hands on their railings/of his tan thighs./Friendly, relaxing/with him love came/like words to our lips,/and we were all smiles,/his tongue the warm/voice from his heart."

Catalyst Press (315 Blantyre Ave., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1N 2S6) has long enjoyed its well-deserved reputation as a publisher of high quality gay poetry. (It has in recent times expanded into

short stories and even published a diary of the 30s and 40s.) Wayne McNeill's chapbook, **Lola**, subtitled "Excerpts from the Notebooks of an Angelophile" is a delightful collection of bits and pieces and chance remarks concerning angels. (It was published in 1977, but I just received it a week ago—perhaps the angels had to read it first.) In the five pages of his work, McNeill has compacted a lifetime of observations, often humorous, always true, about angels, heavenly and otherwise:

"Poets tend to believe that all lovers are angels./This is known as **sentimentality**. Did you look for those perfect eyebrows? Those perfect wrists?//Hip visionary Jack Kerouac advises us to beware of angels/with no seats in their trousers./According to legend, my friend Janette was/fathered by an earthbound angel. She is said to have/kept her virginity intact for twelve long years. Then/on her eleventh birthday, (and not without a groan),/she gave in to her better half."

This is a book to brighten your day, especially if you've just spent the night with an angel or have spent it in **trying** to spend the night with an angel.

If I had read such pieces as those included in these three books during my formative years of force-fed rhyming odes in English class, I might have come to an appreciation of the elusive qualities of this genre earlier. These works display the style and content readers search for combining both in a highly enjoyable manner.

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SEA LIGHT

The sea was part of my heritage
I know all the old nautical traditions
Have heard of the phantom toffee-gobbler
Could give lessons on how to blow the man down
In a variety of interesting positions

Such a feast of sailors I had in my youth
Slim Jack-tar, lonely, easily seduced by
A lad of fifteen newly wise to the game
They were willing and docile and I was so eager
Hot to my hands, hard and urgent they came

One such I remember told me
How in the tropics in stifling heat, in the small hours
He stole sleepless on deck, lay naked
How the unknown man at his side turned voiceless to him
And they coupled all night under the incurious stars

Whenever I see a sailor now, I am back on Citadel Hill
Of an autumn twilight. Across the Hoe's windy arena
The matelots come. My lads do you still
Walk the Barbican, and wait in Devonport Park
Still relish the hand of a youth
on your trouser-leg's dark concertina?

Feed me no more crap about the corruption of minors
Kind Jack-tar, curly-bearded, susceptible
Was no match for a determined boy at night
Who was the spoiler, who the victim?
Who lost out in our mutual strangely innocent delight?

The men of the sea and ships were my friends
They gave me immeasurably more than I gave them
Not in coin, but in kind
They walked with a bell-bottomed swagger
into my darkened bedroom
And pulled up the blind

—Ivor C. Treby

RAPT BY THE TIMELESS MOMENT

Rapt by the timeless moment owed to love
Your heart thumps lustily against my chest
Head nuzzled in my neck:

So warmed by the loss of self to self we rest
Exhilarated yet half frightened at the shock
Of touching truth's bright edge without a glove

FIVE EMPTY CHAIRS

At a table across the way
in la Grande Brasserie Buffet Cornavin
sits a slim man in his early thirties
Swiss, with a good mouth and decent eyes.

He talks quietly with his four friends,
a smile sometimes lights the serious face;
he is a type for whom I fall so easily,
would still, if in my younger days.

He drinks a glass of wine, regards
his friends intently, but never looks across
to where I sit; no, not inquisitive,
not even a quick glance as they leave.

He dons his denim coat without haste,
collects the bill, and quietly gets up;
now where they sat are only five empty chairs,
four wine glasses, a coffee cup.

A WIDE SHORE

When under stress
Tenderness
Gives way to fear;
Here
Where
Your heart is,
Hurt as
You seem to be,
Come to me.

Friendship and trust
Past
Must
Unify
You and I;
All our affection,
Attraction,
Lives where
Love's war
Ends.

ON THE TRAIN TO LEIPZIG

On the train to Leipzig
The outh East German leans back his head
His eyes half-closed
Berlin Lichtenburg slides back into night
Gone now the platform filled with soldiers
Young rutting animals
Masticating like gum the mouths of girls

The German does not sleep
From time to time he shifts, and his eyes open
Even now in the dark window glass
He watches me write
His skin is honeycoloured
His hair all dark curls

He is 17, 18? Not more
A fine bronze stubble
Shades his chin and upper lip
A ring gleams gold on his finger

His light blue jersey is high at the neck
His jacket and trousers both dark cord
His thighs are heavy
But his feet small
His leather shoes the colour of pale earth
Have eight brass rings for laces

His eyes incurious reflect diverging lines of lights
Factories and sidings
On his wrist a heavy steel watch with three controls
Measures the setting and the ripening
He rides eternal masculine, a winter granary
A fire contained
A force in poise

Now close his eyes again
His square brown hands are interleaved
Protective at the groin
As if to guard his seed
And see, at last he dreams
Hands suddenly clenched

Is sleep your only enemy?
Lie easy youngling, lie back and rest
Tomorrow are new battles

Two hours we travelled companionably remote
Until at Bitterfield
He rose and stretched
And left

The bearded student dentist at my right
Studying his notes on prosthetic crowns
Has not the same attraction
Despite his jeans, his sandals
And brilliant orange socks

by Ivor C. Treby

TAVEERNE DE PUL, KERKSTRAAT

Beauty
out so unexpected
looking of a mirror's fluid grain
toward across the crowded bar
what other?

Hope's
land heart never faints
of of happiness ever found again
promise true love over the next horizon's sill
eternally fulfilled to one another

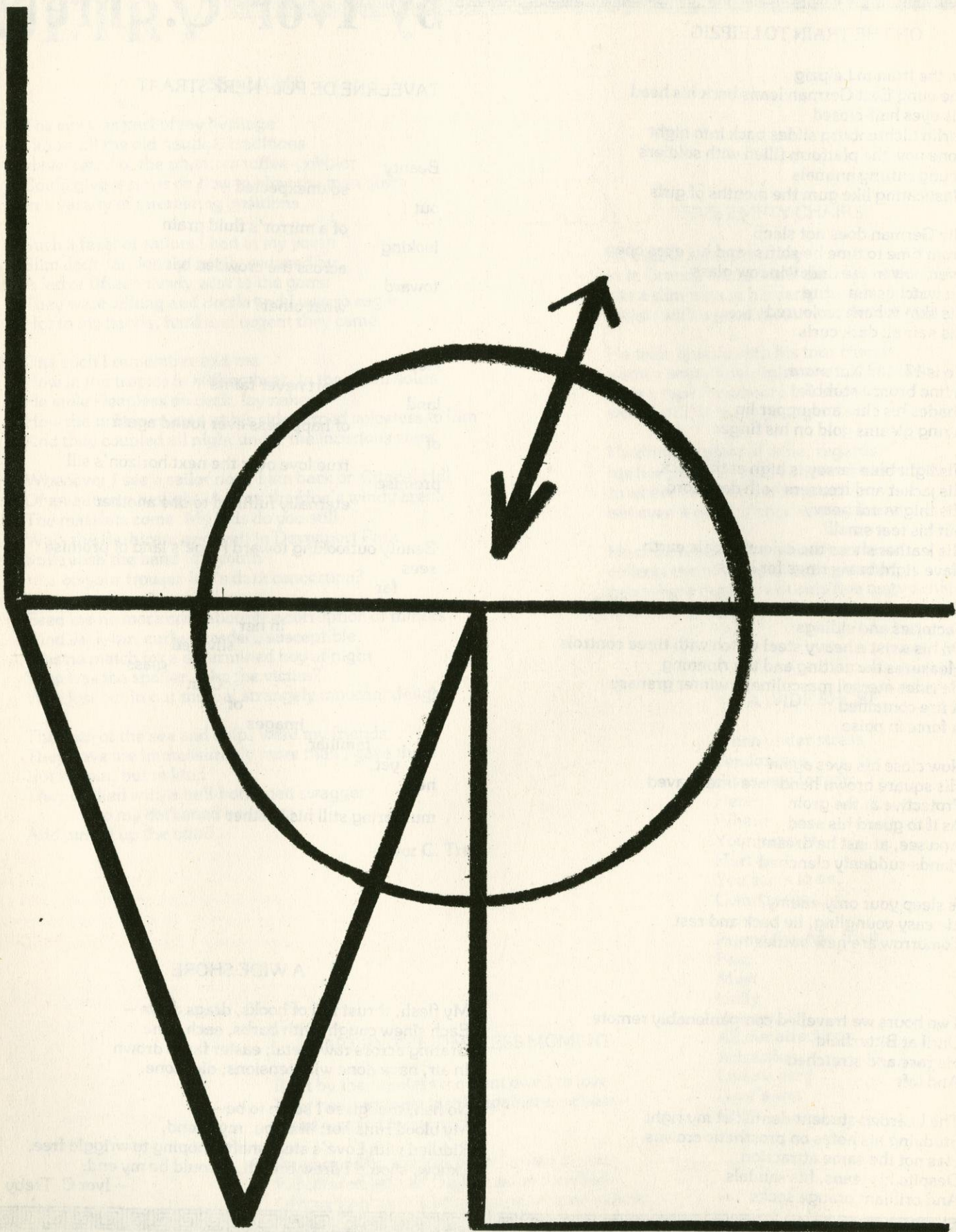
Beauty outlooking toward Hope's land of promise
sees far
multiplied in her
silvered glass
Cain
of
images
familiar
yet
new
murdering still his brother

A WIDE SHORE

My flesh, thrust full of hooks, drags down —
Each sinew caught with barbs, each bone
Grating across raw metal; easier far to drown
In air, have done with tensions, die alone.

No fish, though so I seem to be —
My blood runs hot; like you, my friend,
Riddled with Love's steel shafts, hoping to wriggle free,
I know, should I draw breath, 'twould be my end.

—Ivor C. Treby



PARADOXES

by gabriel lanci

"You are not handsome, you are not rich, but I love you just the same."

Harold was overweight. He was also bald. He tried to compensate for both by growing a beard. It accentuated his dark eyes. Harold thought he looked terrific. But he was still overweight. His stomach protruded over his belt. He bought a wide leather belt with a large buckle. When he tightened the belt, his flabby stomach merely fell out on both sides instead of the front. When he loosened the belt, the buckle divided the two lobelike formations of the stomach into sections, like a large pear.

Baggy shirts were no answer, nor were jackets.

Harold always wore form fitting T-shirts. He desired to be approached, propositioned, molested, carried off, loved, sodomized and brainwashed on every level possible. Tight T-shirts did not work. He was desperate.

Harold was a printer. Every lunch hour he spent on the sidewalk in front of the old loft building where his employer was housed, watching longingly certain types appealing to him pass by, sometimes pause—but not for him—and then pass on, unknown, untouched, unmoved by Harold: neither his presence nor his certainty.

He knew with a kind of religious fervor that it was his fatness—he could barely say the word—that caused this anguish in his life. If only he could be thin, and thus beautiful, the world would fall at his feet. People, especially those that were "his type," would stop in the street to proposition. . .

Harold had been a dieter for many years. All kinds of diets. Some you stuffed yourself with food—others you starved yourself thin, and still others were unappetizingly designed to produce certain chemical reactions in the body that would burn off the fat.

None of this worked fast enough for Harold. He

got depressed at his slow progress and went off on eating orgies, making the resulting condition worse than the first.

Finally, one day, Harold decided the anguish had become too much, and therefore the only solution for the problem had to be extraordinary—and quick! A medical doctor was sought for. Not another diet—this was a "Diet Doctor." He took a look at Harold and prescribed some livid yellow pills five times a day, pale pink pills three times a day, eight glasses of water, a small green salad, and a six ounce hamburger. That's all. No more, no less for eight weeks.

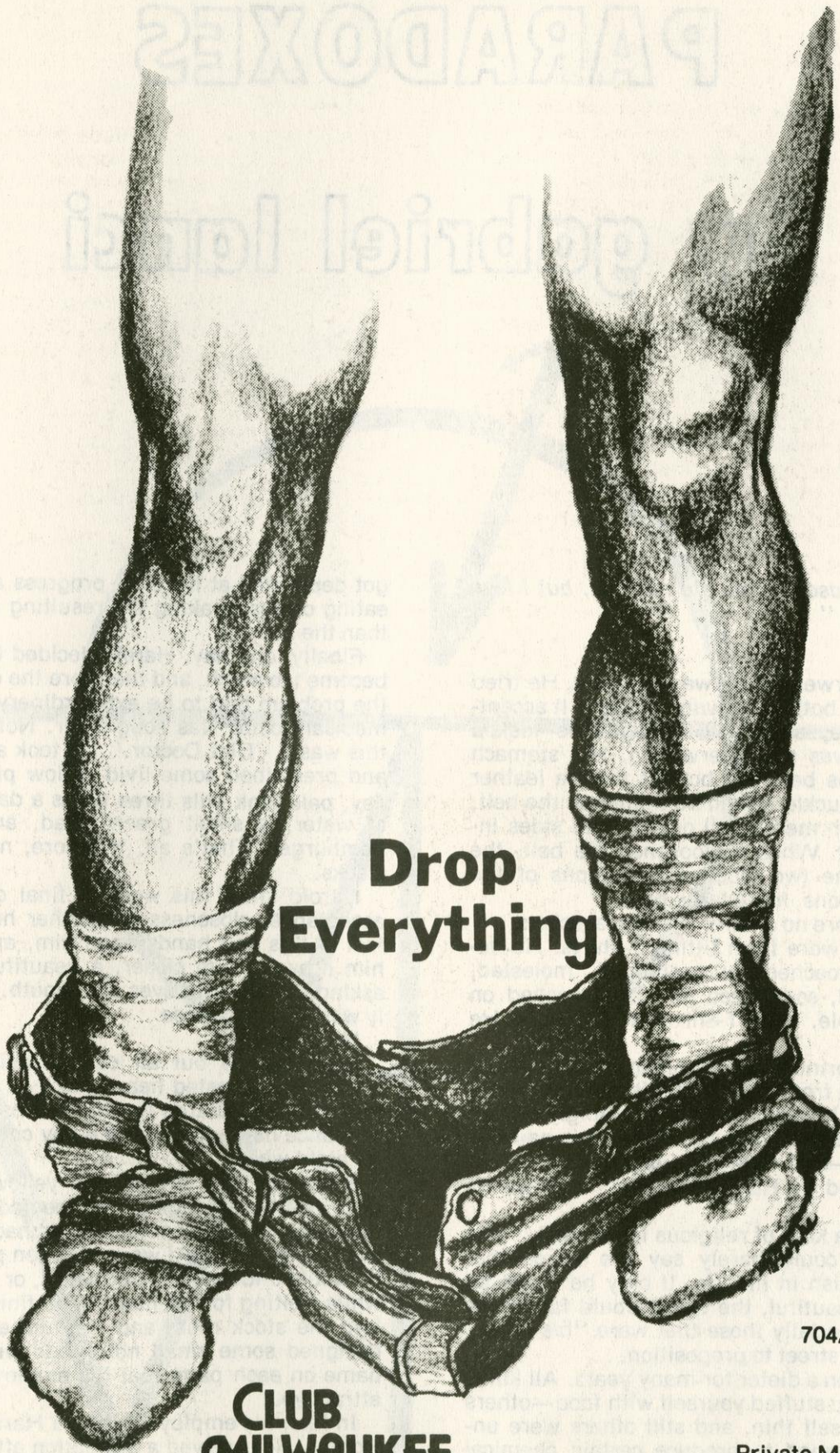
Harold knew this was his final chance for love, acceptance, closeness of another human body, the feel of lips and hands upon him, and arms around him drawing him closer, a beautiful face close up asking for him with eyes and mouth. Yes, it decidedly was his last chance.

He took it.

Harold drew out all of his savings to pay the doctor. He invested heavily in livid yellow and pale pink pills, (no charge for the glasses of water), and a six ounce hamburger once a day could be tolerated for eight weeks.

After the first day of livid yellow pills, Harold's body reacted strangely. He seemed warm and very nervous. He could not sit still, he had to move—to be physically active. At work between printing batches, he would undertake to cut pages, or fold for binding, while waiting for his machine to finish a run. He ran into the stock room and inventoried inks, he even designed some small note pads with the company name on each page that his employer thought very attractive.

In fact, his employer singled Harold out as a vital worker. He received a promotion after the first week of his diet. The second week Harold began to feel faint, he got dizzy spells. Once while looking into the



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mirror he noticed rings around his eyes, his cheeks looked sunken in. He thought, "I am becoming more attractive." He had his left ear lobe pierced and wore a small gold circle in it.

By the fifth week, the dizziness wore off, but the frantic activity never stopped. One day pausing to stretch after a particularly busy period, Harold reached upward. A co-worker called out, "Hey, Harold, your ass is hanging out!" And Harold looked down and saw his pants lying at his feet.

Oh beauty was arriving on the express track!

The seventh week, Harold could not tolerate food. He had a hard time eating a small salad; and an even more difficult time with a hamburger. By the eighth and final week, all food, even thoughts of food, made him nauseous. He still took the pills and water.

He bought new dungarees—a 27 inch waist without holding his breath or bulging the waistline! Harold used to think that a 32 inch waist would be a dream; but 27 inches was beyond his hopes. His face had become lean, his high cheek bones stood out above the heavy dark beard which now looked more lush against his face. His eyes were bright and sparkling in his dark skin (from many afternoons on the docks). Harold bought tighter T-shirts now. Some clung to his thin frame, forcing the nipples on his pectoral muscles to stand out. Others clung tighter to show the shape of his navel just above his narrow waistline.

Harold had reached the peak of attractiveness. He was ready for love, and everything else that could possibly happen. On the sidewalks at noontime he searched for others as attractive as he was. In the

bars, which he started going to frequently again, he looked carefully in all directions. He had suffered greatly for beauty, and he wanted his reward in like measure.

People who talked to him now, were still not what he had hoped for. They made pleasant conversation, some even bought him drinks, and told him he "looked good." Some even mentioned they lived nearby in case he wanted to drop over. He did a few times and was bored.

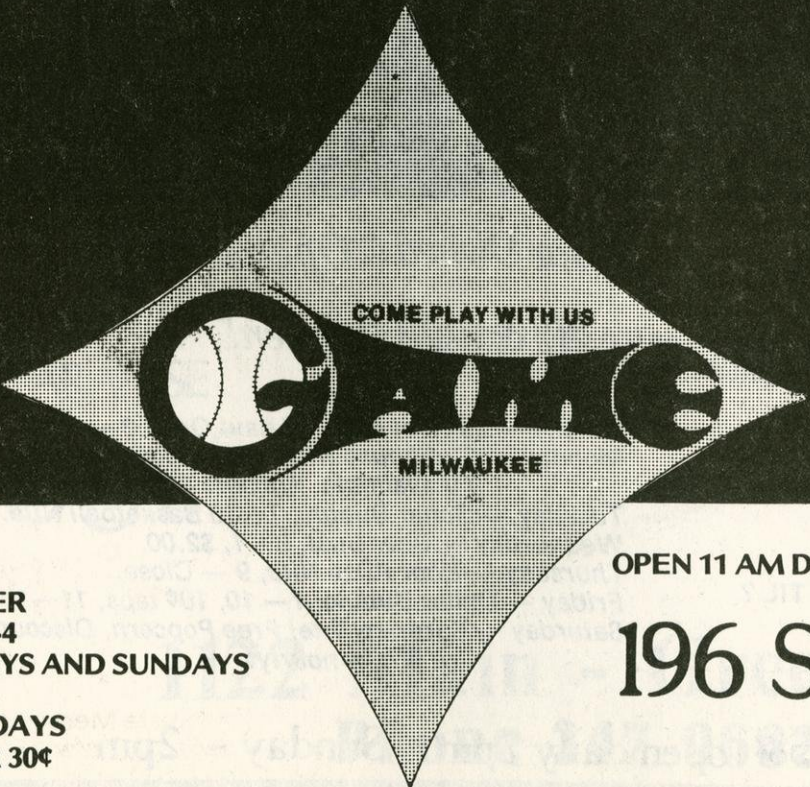
The right people did not seem to be around. The beautiful faces he used to watch on the sidewalks seemed to have gone someplace else these days.

Harold started eating nervously again. At one point he noticed his 27 inch dungarees were tight, he overlapped the sides. They must have shrunk in the wash, he thought. He'd have to buy a larger size next time.

II

"...and the third, the most inevitable name."

Roger and Allen owned a townhouse together on the upper eastside, one block from the park. They used to jog around the reservoir on the cinder track every morning—rain, shine, snow or whatever the seasons brought. It was part of their life—the one they had made together. They would not grow "old" they said, and become dumpy. It was a pledge that they had made to each other and themselves, to keep their minds alert and their bodies in the best physical



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Roger liked to watch his lover running beside him, the muscles in the heavy strong thighs stretching, the deep chest thrusting itself out, and the heavy rhythmic breathing that Allen always had going even in the final stretches of a run. Allen, however, used to take pride in circling ahead of Roger, putting a quarter mile or so between them, so that he could look back and enjoy Roger's long loping stride, and his dark hair streaming out behind the well-shaped head. They loved each other, quietly, separately and without thinking too much about it.

Allen was a patent attorney, working with the really big names in consumer products. Roger was an investment broker on Wall Street. He had just risen up the ladder and was taking his place among the firm's vice presidents. The two of them could not only afford a house uptown, but a life style that was more flamboyant and worldly. However, they both preferred a quiet, close existence with a few friends who were like family.

"It keeps you in touch with each other," Allen said when people asked about his retiring life style, "no outsider distractions. That's the way we began together, and we see no need to change it."

Roger, on the other hand, thought it made things more exciting and special when they ventured outside their quiet surroundings. Just stopping to talk to someone new became a whole new experience of calm self study and evaluation between them.

"They looked like they didn't believe it was that close," Roger said recently, after they had stopped

to give directions to a pair of tourists from the mid-west.

"I wonder what their concept of the city is?" Allen said. "They must think we live in all of it, every square inch, every day of our lives. No wonder they think New Yorkers strange."

"I think you're strange," Roger said, running a short distance from Allen. "You talk funny, too," he called back as Allen came after him.

One winter morning, on their early run around the reservoir, they first noticed the elegant little old woman bundled in black fur, escorting a large white French poodle, standing beside the pathway used to reach the cinder track. She stood under a bare, leafless tree with a small Tiffany shopping bag, out of which she drew handfuls of birdseed and scattered it on the hard, frozen ground. Birds sitting in the tree would flutter down a few at a time. The white poodle on a leash would stand alert watching, while the old woman chattered at the birds encouragingly in some foreign language that Allen and Roger could not make out from the distance.

"I wonder what language she's speaking," Roger said. "I can't make it out. She looks German or Austrian."

"What I caught sounded like French," Allen said. "Why don't we say hello tomorrow and find out what kind of accent she has."

When they passed by her on the path the next morning, both of them turned and said "Good morning." The woman looked surprised and then smiled and nodded.



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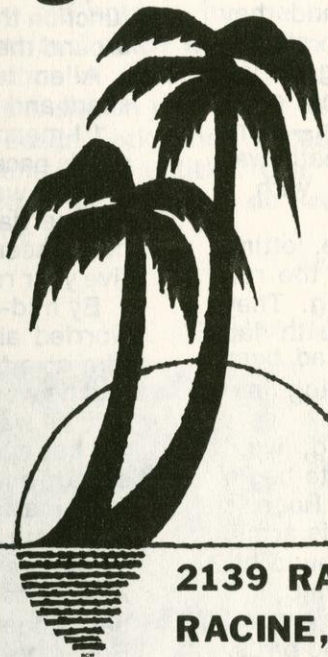
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They went on to the cinder track, and she began her bird feeding. When they finished the run she had gone.

"She probably doesn't understand English," Allen teased.

"More likely she thought we were muggers," Roger said.

The next morning, she was not there and they started their run slowly, almost lazily. Allen started to gain a few feet as he always did, but Roger challenged him, and Allen let go, Roger following, gaining on him, falling back and picking up again—gaining until he was alongside Allen. His breath was heavy and he tried to catch his breath with a violence.

Allen slowed down a little, easing the pace, letting Roger think he was gaining, slowly letting the run recede from a contest to a rhythmic pacing. They were winded, both of them, and the fourth lap around was pushing it beyond what they had been used to. Roger broke at the end, collapsing into Allen's arms, laughing.

"If we're going to do this kind of thing, we'd better take it on slowly. This is not the way to begin the day." Allen held Roger close to him as Roger's body, rippled with laughing, sagged into his arms. Roger eased himself up with Allen's arm around his shoulders, and reached over and ruffled his hair.

They came down the path with their arms around each other, and there she was, not feeding the birds, but watching them with a bright, delighted look on her face.

"Very, very good," she said, clapping her hands. "You do well together." Her accent was heavy and French. "Every morning I watch you from up there," she said, pointing to the upper floors of an elegant apartment building opposite the park. "And when I see you, I say 'It is time to get up and do something for the day.' You both make me feel so guilty." She pouted a little, something Roger thought was left over from a pampered childhood.

"Thank you," Roger said. Both Roger and Allen were still breathing heavily, and Roger laid his head on Allen's shoulder. He smiled, delighted at the old woman's charming, old-world poise.

"Now that it is no longer warm, I feel I must do something to be active. So, Jacques and I come down every day to feed the birds." She stopped with the inner sense older people have that they might be taxing their popularity with younger listeners.

Allen and Roger continued to smile at her and they still struggled to catch their breath.

"It is good," she paused to search for a word, "inspiring, you say, no? to see two brothers so happy and well together, instead of unfriendly as is in most families."

Roger made a small laugh like sound. He raised his head from Allen's shoulder. "He's not my brother," he said in a full voice; "He's my lover."

"Oh." The woman looked a little surprised. She smiled and said warmly, "That is very nice."

Allen started to walk away and took Roger with him. He removed his arm from around Roger's

shoulder.

"Why did you tell her that?"

"That you are my lover? Because you are, aren't you?"

"I don't want just everybody to know it. You don't know who she is. She could be the wife of some corporation president and might show up at a function that I'm at. Before you know it, it would get around that I'm gay—and there goes my career."

Allen turned and found Roger staring at him, silent and incredulous.

"I mean it," he said. "I'm serious." He quickened his pace and left Roger behind him.

They were silent through breakfast and dressing for the day. Roger was actually in shock. He had never seen Allen this way during any time of their five year relationship. It seemed like a bad dream.

By mid-morning Roger had recovered, but still he worried about Allen and his behavior. He phoned him at a time when he knew Allen's day was slow and he would have time to talk. Allen did not talk. He said he was busy and could call back. He never did.

That evening, Allen did not come home. He had called and left a message on their answering machine that said he had a business engagement. Roger ate alone and went to bed early.

Roger awoke when it was just barely light outside. Allen was not there. He had come in and gone to bed, Roger knew, for his place in bed was still warm. Roger got up and searched the house for him. He suddenly noticed Allen's jogging gear was gone. Roger dressed and went out to the park. A lone figure was circling the cinder track. Roger went up to the track and fell in with Allen's short paced run.

"I wondered what happened to you," Roger said. "I didn't hear you come in last night."

"It was late. You were asleep." Allen didn't look at him.

They moved together, the only sound was the rhythmic crunch of their shoes on the cinder path. Roger never took his eyes from Allen's face.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I don't know what I did to upset you, but I'm sorry."

"It's all right," Allen said, not turning his head.

"I love you," Roger said softly.

Allen didn't answer but turned to look at him. His face was not angry, but was calm and non-accusing.

They finished their run that way, not talking in the rhythmic pace Roger had brought with his presence. On the path out of the park they walked together slowly, not touching, not looking at each other.

"I've been thinking," Allen said quietly. "Perhaps we should sell the house."

Roger stopped short and looked up while Allen continued walking ahead.

"What for?"

Allen was a few feet away from him and turned towards him. "I just thought we might want to live someplace else." He was looking directly into Roger's eyes. "You might want to live by yourself for a while." He turned and continued walking.

Roger did not move. He stood watching Allen disappear down the path.

HERE & THERE

Pittsburgh, PA—The Lesbian-Feminist Clearinghouse has been established at the University of Pittsburgh for the purpose of disseminating articles and other materials of interest to feminists and researchers. To suggest articles for reprint, to submit review articles, or to offer to assist with editorial work, write to: Coralyn Fontaine, Lesbian-Feminist Clearinghouse, Women's Studies Program, 1012 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

Press Release

Portland, OR—Portland Town Council (PYC), the major gay rights civil organization here, had as its guest speaker at an August 15 dinner meeting Chief Bruce Baker of Portland's Police Department. Baker discussed relations between police and the gay community.

Gay Community News

Cambridge, MA—A gay man accused of disorderly conduct because he posted publicity for a Boston gay event has been found not guilty in Cambridge District Court. John P. Ward was the attorney representing the man on behalf of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD).

Gay Community News

San Francisco, CA— **Paragraph 2** was published in September, with six new stories about the lesbian and gay male experience, each illustrated by a black and white graphic. On sale at many liberation bookshops, the magazine may also be ordered (\$3.00 postpaid) from: The Antares Foundation, Box 14051, San Francisco, CA 94114. donations, which are still needed to help pay the printing costs and to insure future issues of this quarterly of gay fiction, are tax-deductible.

Press Release

Paris, France—Allen Ginsberg's lengthy **Gay Sunshine** interview, which deals with the poet's sexuality and politics, has been published in French translation in a collection of Ginsberg interviews. The translation is by Alan Jaubert and Susan Sacks, and appears in the anthology entitled **Om**, published by **Les Editions du Seuil** at 27, rue Jacob.

Arcadie

Washington, DC—Despite opposition from "pro-family" and anti-abortion lobbyists, Patricia Wald has won full Senate approval for a seat on the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Wald is considered a leading candidate to be the first woman nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court if President Carter has a chance to fill a vacancy.

The Blade

GAY MOMENTS IN ADVERTISING



REVIEW

David at Olivet by Wallace Hamilton, St. Martin's Press, New York, 1979, 202 pp., \$4.95 paperback, \$10 hardcover.

Reviewed by Stephen Hunt

What could be more stirring in early summer (apart from love itself) than a love story; a notable man's recollection of his passion for a father, and for that father's son—laid bare in beautiful language?

And if to readers of **David at Olivet** the characters and events are remembered as well, that is all to the good. For this is the story of David. The same psalmist who was beloved by Saul, king and warrior-hero. And David who became lovers with Jonathan, the king's son.

Who has not felt in his own growing boyhood some degree and depth of admiration tinged with love—perhaps turning into love—

for a glorious hero? David, of course, knows Saul. Saul sends for him. He goes.

An almost electric axis of attraction forms, from which David at length breaks away—fleeing feelings that have stormed up into a lover's quarrel. Calmed by the hills of home, David finds he cannot put assunder his surging hero-worship. He decides against false pride and for reunion. Saul and David reconcile—for they can little stand their lives apart, this great king and this handsome shepherd boy and singer of great songs.

Measure for yourself the language and feelings in **David at Olivet** in this passage, when Saul has suffered knowing that there is a part of David's soul he may not take, and David has suffered knowing that there is a part of himself he can no longer withhold:

"David felt his tensions begin to ebb, and as the rubbing continued with a steady pressure further down his spine, a lassitude seemed to envelop him. He felt as yielding as the sand.

'Saul,' he whispered.

'Yes?'

'Be with me. Inside me.'

David gasped with pain as he felt himself entered. But the pain was quickly gone as he was filled with flesh, and lassitude flowed back over him. Then, in throb after throb he received Saul's essence.

When the moment passed, David eased himself to his side. His head rested on one of Saul's arms. He pulled the other arm across his chest. He tightened his muscles to keep Saul within him. So David rested."

David matures and outgrows his love for a Saul besotting himself in battles and with wine. An even deeper love affair then develops, between David and Jonathan. Reappraising one another, they form a relationship that even at this distance in time, melts one with awe over their fusion of friendship and the bonds of love.

The events that ensue are by turns fascinating, wonderful, and

finally tragic.

Rather, the history of a lesser man than David, might not have risen above Jonathan's slaughter. But the older David, at bay on Mount Olivet, has an inner redoubt that provides him perspective on his life. Was not his greatest victory, in fact, one—twice taking the risk of **love**? Today he has but to face his own antagonistic son and battle with him to preserve the union of Israel and Judah.

Wallace Hamilton, commensurate with the facts as recorded, infuses this touching and credible narrative with the homosexual passion and interplay implicit in the first and second books of Samuel in Hebrew scriptures. Moreover, the veracity of feeling is not strained.

So one closes this good book with a renewed appreciation of why such biblical stories of ancient men and their doings remain a source of vivid interest and some support of faith—millenia later. David, Saul and Jonathan were alive to life and affirmed it.

At this very hour, the reader can visualize David playfully tugging on Saul's helmet at a rakish angle. Everything becomes understandable for us insofar as we sense his feelings and match them from our own experiences. The crowded times and rich historical events flow, living again, from the center of David's two radical and enduring loves.

Wallace Hamilton is the author of **Coming Out** and **Gay and Christopher**. We are fortunate, I think, that the editors of St. Martin's Press have included his third book, **David at Olivet**, in their on-going publishing program of fine literature for contemporary gay readers.

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The GPU Legal Defense Fund was established to support gays in their battle against oppression and harassment. The Fund has provided support and assistance, through Gay People's Union, Inc., to the victims of the recent police raids on gay clubs in Milwaukee. Police harassment continues. Your support is urgently needed now.

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HERE & THERE

Los Angeles, CA—The Gay Academic Union's sixth annual National Conference will be held at UCLA Nov. 23-24. The conference is co-sponsored by Whitman-Brooks Foundation and co-hosted by GAU-Los Angeles and the UCLA Student Union. Keynote speakers will be Charlotte Bunch and Malcolm Boyd. This year's GAU Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Awards Banquet. All events are open to the public. For registration forms and information, write: GAU-6, 856 Westmount #7, L.A., CA 90069; or call (213) 656-0258.

Press Release

NYC, NY, & Berkeley, CA—Several gay alumni of Cornell University are interested in starting an organization for gay Cornell alumni. Interested persons should contact either Art Leonard (Box 1899, Grand Central Sta., NYC, NY 10017) or Mark Schwartz (1314 Grove St., Berkeley, CA 94709).

Press Release

Tulsa, OK—A group of organizers from Anita Bryant Ministries scheduled a seminar on "counseling homosexuals" here, but local religious leaders were totally unresponsive. After contacting some of the 500 clergymen who did not respond to the original mailings, and learning that the clergy did not want any contact with their organization, the Bryant organizers cancelled the project.

Arizona Gay News

Buffalo, NY—**Gay Images**, a new literary magazine devoted to giving gay people "a creative voice about gay subjects," accepts short stories, poetry, and artwork. It is distributed free in the Buffalo area, and is published twice annually. For information write: **Gay Images**, c/o Tolstoy College, SUNYAB, 107 Townsend Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214.

Press Release

San Francisco, CA—Mayor Dianne Feinstein, after months of refusing to do so, has announced that, if elected, she will appoint a gay person to the S.F. Police Commission.

Bay Area Reporter

Carrollton, TX—A French teacher at Newman High School has been reinstated following a vote by the school board rejecting a recommendation that she resign because she is a lesbian.

Montrose Star

Juneau, AK—A recommendation by this city's Human Relations Commission that Juneau adopt a gay rights law has met with a lukewarm reception from many city officials, who claim that such a law is not needed.

Southeast Alaska Empire

Los Angeles, CA—The Southern California Women for Understanding honored lesbian activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon at its Lesbian Rights Dinner in September.

San Diego Update

Soledad, CA—Dan White has been moved to Soledad Prison to assure maximum security from attacks by other inmates. He was transferred to the protective housing unit of the maximum security prison in late September.

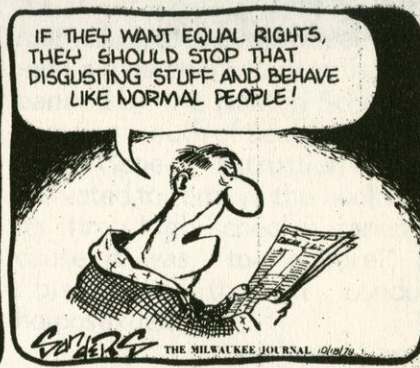
San Diego Update

Boston, MA—The **New England Journal of Medicine** has published a report which links cervical cancer in women to a virus contained in the male sperm. The risk of cervical cancer for women whose partners had not had vasectomies was four times greater than for women whose partners had been sterilized.

Hersay

Minneapolis, MN—It is legal for the Big Brother organization to ask whether you are gay if you seek to become a "big brother" to fatherless boys. So says the Minnesota Supreme Court, adding that the information can also be passed on to the boys' mothers.

San Diego Update



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THEATER - MINNEAPOLIS



The Out-and-About Theatre opened its presentation of **Ladies in Waiting** on October 4th, performances being held at the Playwrights' Center, 2301 East Franklin, in Minneapolis. The play, a drama about women in prison, is by Peter deAnda.

Originally produced by the Negro Ensemble Company in New

York, **Ladies in Waiting** is the story of a young white pacifist who is arrested for demonstrating against poor prison conditions, and finds herself incarcerated in the prison against which she was demonstrating. It is one of only a few prison plays where the newcomer (who believes that the world can be changed) makes a deep connection with

her cellmates and brings them to a higher level of consciousness of their oppression.

Heading the cast is Sally Winger as the demonstrator, with Kim Hines, Denise Ellis, and Faye Price as the prisoners, and Jan Artford as the prison matron. Sheila Reiser directs, with set and lighting by Jim Rust.

HERE & THERE

London, UK—The Electric Chairs have dumped transsexual lead singer Wayne County. The band said that too much attention was being paid to the famous sex change, and not enough to their music.

Gay News (London)

Norway—Support for Scottish and Northern Irish gay organizations' actions against the British Government has come from the Norwegian Foreign Ministry. The Ministry has asked the Norwegian delegation to the Council of Europe to report back on "legal discrimination" against homosexuals in general and on the Northern Ireland and Scotland cases.

Gay News (London)

Paris, France—Antenne 2, the French TV channel, has featured gays in its programming for the **Question de Temps** series. The first broadcast which went out on August 20, featured interviews with a social and geographical cross-section of French gays of all ages, with film of gay gatherings in Paris and Marseilles.

Gay News (London)

Tokyo, Japan—Of five Japanese national television networks, four began using anchorwomen in news programs which until this year had only anchormen. The networks, however, refuse to let the women report on politics or economics, since these topics are "too stiff for women."

National NOW Times

Phoenix, AZ—The annual Labor Day Weekend Luau was held here at the Connection Bar. The Annex Room of the bar was covered with 25 tons of sand, accompanied by fountains and tropical foliage. The Polynesians for a day enjoyed a buffet of roast meat, fish, and fruits.

Arizona Gay Times

Montreal, PQ—Two men who were ordered to leave a disco because they were dancing together have taken their case to the Quebec Human Rights Commission. The management of Le Zodiac told Alain Bouchard and Levi Berube to stop dancing together, and threatened to throw them out if they continued.

Body Politic

Tehran, Iran—The "justice" Minister in the government of the Ayatollah Khomeini, Asdollah, has accused a New Zealand gay rights organization of issuing a death threat against him. The New Zealand ambassador was negotiating the sale of New Zealand sheep when he learned of the threat. Reports that the Minister has gone into hiding are unconfirmed. The fate of the sheep has not been determined.

Body Politic

San Mateo, CA—The nursing staff at Mills Hospital here is still convulsed. One Saturday night in August, in came an emergency patient who had sprained his ankle while disco dancing at a local club. He was wearing gold lame slacks which were so tight that they had to be cut up the sides—revealing, among other things, a large salami Scotch-taped to his thigh.

San Francisco Chronicle

Washington, DC—The Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is going to start inspecting mechanical sexual devices, such as vibrators, to ensure that they meet "Performance and safety" standards. The FDA does not consider such inspections to be a high priority. "We normally wouldn't go out to check vibrators unless it happened to be a slow day," said one FDA official, who did not indicate just how they intended to make the performance tests.

Washington Star

Arlington, VA—A federal district judge sentenced 20-year-old Zola Humphries to a probated five-year prison term for stealing a \$199 government check to pay her utilities bill. Judge Owens, a Nixon appointee, told the mother of three young children that her probation would be revoked if she became pregnant during the probation period.

Hersay

Chicago, IL—A study of women inmates in the Cook County Women's Correctional Institution in Chicago has found that the major reason given by 132 women awaiting trial for manslaughter or murder of husbands or boyfriends was retaliation for, or defense against, physical abuse. Twenty-seven used knives and twenty-six used revolvers which had in many cases been used earlier to beat the women.

Big Mama Rag

Renton, WA—The self-help manual, **Our Bodies Ourselves**, one of the most popular books on women's health to come out of the women's movement to date, has been banned by the Renton School District (just south of Seattle). The district's General Instruction Committee voted to remove the books from its three high school libraries because it was "too mature" and "biased in that it condones homosexuality."

Northwest Passage

Washington, DC—The office of Sarah Weddington, President Carter's advisor for women's affairs, publishes an occasional newsletter called **White House News on Women**. The newsletter is published with the aid of the Inter-Departmental Task Force on Women, 1111 20th St., N.W., Suite 3050, Washington, DC 20036.

Press Release

LETTER FROM FOX RIVER VALLEY -anonymous-

Two recent Supreme Court decisions merit the attention of gays living in Northern Wisconsin. These decisions affect and concern gay people, males especially, because of police harassment and persecution directed towards them. Such police misconduct is a common situation in and around Appleton. The cases are "State of Delaware (petitioner) Vs. William J. Prouse, III," Number 77-1571 [argued January 12, 1979, decided March 27, 1979: found in the April 15, 1979, edition of **Supreme Court Reporter**, 1391-1403], and "Zackary Brown Vs. State of Texas," Number 77-6673 [argued February 21, 1979, decided June 25, 1979: found in the July 15, 1979, edition of **Supreme Court Reporter**.] Both cases involved violations of the Fourth Amendment, illegal search and seizure, random checks of driver's license and vehicle registration, and other cases of identification requests by police. The Court ruled that "merely looking suspicious. . . without probable cause for apprehension" did not constitute sufficient grounds for police activity of this sort.

I myself experienced just such an encounter in June of this year here in Appleton while I was attending a European soccer match (alone), and was requested by a police officer to produce identification. At least three other specific instances occurred this summer (June and July) involving the Winnebago County Police (Oshkosh), Brown County Police (Green Bay and DePere), and the Outagamie County Police (Appleton). All of these involved police violations of civil liberties and invasions of privacy. Two other similar cases occurred in Oshkosh earlier this year. One resulted in a Commission hearing and firing of a four-year-officer in Oshkosh, but this is the only one of the five cases which have resulted in any corrective action at all.

The recent police killing of Paul Hassler in Oshkosh provides some interesting insights into not only police misconduct in the area, but also into the general climate of public attitude and opinion. Allow me to quote rather extensively from the second day of reporting in the **Post-Crescent** (Wednesday, August 22, 1979) on the Hassler shoot-out:

"Paul's parents had been invited for dinner Monday [August 20], and Paul met them at a tavern. Judy [Paul's wife] said he and his father returned to the Hassler's apartment. Paul started the grill on the outside stairway landing, and Judy watched the fire, while Paul went inside to visit with his father.

"Judy said she heard Paul's father say something to Paul about the way he had shaken hands with a bartender at the tavern. His father said people might think that Paul was a homosexual.

"Paul, Judy said, replied: 'What's the matter, Dad? You think I'm a homosexual or something?' At this point, Paul's mother arrived, Judy said, but the argument continued.

"Paul, Judy said, was saying, 'I suppose you think I didn't kill all those gooks for you. I suppose you don't believe that all those problems are from Vietnam.' Then Paul tipped over the coffee table, and his father left. . . Paul continued to throw things around; the apartment. . . His mother then left, and the landlady below called the police.

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"A second round of gunfire by police apparently resulted in Hassler being hit, Wolff said. Seven or eight officers rushed up the stairs at this point. Shouts of 'We got him, we got him,' were heard.

"Both witnesses said they then heard one final crack, which they felt sure was a gunshot. His sister said Mike said at the time: 'I think he [Hassler] just killed himself.'

Four specific witnesses, including Hassler's wife, heard the final murderous gunblast after 7 or 8 policemen had already shot Hassler down and rushed up the stairway. The gunshot occurred after the shouts "We got him," and "He's down." It appears that, as with an animal which has been struck and injured by an auto on the highway the police "mercifully" killed Hassler with one final gunshot (to the head?). The day after the shooting, a detective visited Judy Hassler and said that the final shot occurred when "an officer's gun accidentally discharged." Judy Hassler later commented: "I don't hold anything against the police, but I kind of

feel they could have used teargas." She and her attorney plan on questioning that final shot. "I just don't want to know that some officer went up there and blew him away," she added.

Because of such a series of events in the Fox River Valley cities (Oshkosh, Appleton, Green Bay) and our tri-city or multiple-county area, I have contacted the Fox Valley Chapter of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union, written the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union in Milwaukee, and sent a small check (because of my limited income) to enroll as a member in the American Civil Liberties Union.

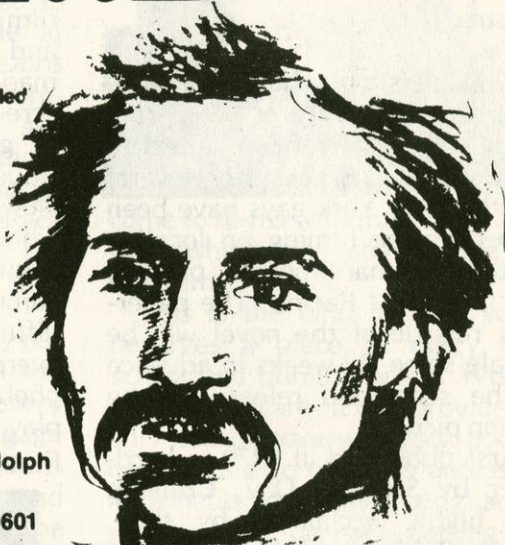
In view of my years of residence in the Fox River Valley area, and my lifetime of exposure to the residents here, you will have to prove to me that these Wisconsin cities are not inhospitable, intolerant, and outright hostile to gay and bisexual persons. This is obviously due to a prejudiced and bigoted citizenry, distinctly homophobic and augmented in their hate by "Born-Again Christians" and fundamentalists. The occasional (perhaps even frequent) anti-gay and Gestapo-like police tactics simply add to the arrogance and bigotry which is already here. The bigots do not reason, they act. Their hatred is personal, and their ignorance is voluntary.

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REVIEW

Cruising by Gerald Walker. NY: Bantam Books, 1980. Paperback reissue.

Cruising is a psychological thriller about a manhunt for the perpetrator of several random murders of New York City gays. For several months, New York gays have been protesting the filming on location of the Lorimar motion picture, which stars Al Pacino. The paperback reissue of the novel will be on sale some six weeks in advance of the scheduled release of the motion picture.

First published in 1970 in hardcover by Stein & Day, **Cruising** was highly acclaimed by the critics. **Publishers Week** called it "one hell of a realistic thriller." Alfred Kazin praised it as a "deeply imagined piece of contemporary horror," and Gore Vidal hailed it as "a brilliant and sadly unforgettable study of one of America's most persistent sexual nightmares."

Despite strong reviews, the novel was not a commercial success, and has been out of print and generally unavailable to readers for the past five years.

Among the novel's longtime admirers were members of Bantam's editorial and sales departments. When paperback rights became available this year, Bantam acquired the book in an auction conducted by the author's agent two weeks before the Lorimar film production began.

"We believe **Cruising** has been a book ahead of its time in its haunting, no-holds-barred look at a particularly violent and bizarre expression of homophobia," said Bantam Associate Editor Marilyn Abraham. "The novel's view of homophobia is certainly controversial and frequently misunderstood. But now that we're bringing the book back into print, everyone can read it and form his or her own opinion."

Gerald Walker, a native of New York, is cultural editor of **The New York Times Magazine**, where he

has worked for sixteen years.

Though the screenplay for the film was inspired by the novel, and though the producers have made every effort to keep the screen script from the scrutiny of gay organizations which continue to protest the filming in New York and the theme of the work, NCTF representatives did acquire a copy of the script this summer. It is alleged to be quite different from the novel, and overplays the violence and homophobia considerably. The screenplay was written by William Friedkin, who is also the director.

Walker's novel is a pessimistic exploration of homophobia, and also a look at the darker side of New York's gay life. It is a well-crafted tale, designed both to horrify and to raise questions, without indicating the author's answers or positions.

The novel, in short, is opaque as social commentary, but good fiction and well worth the reading. I suspect that, despite the protests in New York, through which both the film and book have received a great deal of advance publicity, the film will turn out to be similarly opaque.

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REVIEW

A Way of Love, A Way of Life by Frances Hanckel and John Cunningham. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, New York, 1979. 192 pages. \$7.95.

This book is aimed at young people, and offers a general perspective on what it means to be gay. Hanckel and Cunningham realized the need for such a book while working on a committee for the American Library Association Gay Task Force to identify books for young people which dealt with gay concerns. Ms. Hanckel works as a hospital administrator, and is presently at work on a project for young gays for the American Public Health Association. Mr. Cunningham is a librarian with considerable work experience on gay hotlines. The diversity of their interests come together here to produce a generally well rounded and comprehensive guide.

The book's twelve chapters are devoted respectively to: names people use for homosexuality, how to tell if you're gay, feeling bad and feeling good about being gay, how to meet other gays, family relationships and friendships, seeking help (from gay organizations), intimate relationships, a brief introduction to sexually-transmitted diseases, a historical sketch of gays from classical Greece to the present, gays and the law, brief autobiographical sketches of a dozen gay persons,

and a closing chapter which offers suggestions for further reading and information.

There are many photographs of gay women and men, designed to show them as normal people at work in a variety of occupations and preoccupations. A brief foreword on the importance of sex education (including material oriented toward gays) for adolescents is included written by Deryck Calderwood, Director of the Human Sexuality Program at New York University.

The book is most successful, not only in its range, but also in the attitudes which permeate its every chapter. The authors do not engage in sermonizing nor in pronouncements on ultimate rights and wrongs, preferring to alert the reader that only s/he can decide that. Their reassurances and candor, taken with the experiences of gay persons which they share throughout the book, are designed to help the reader to accept and to



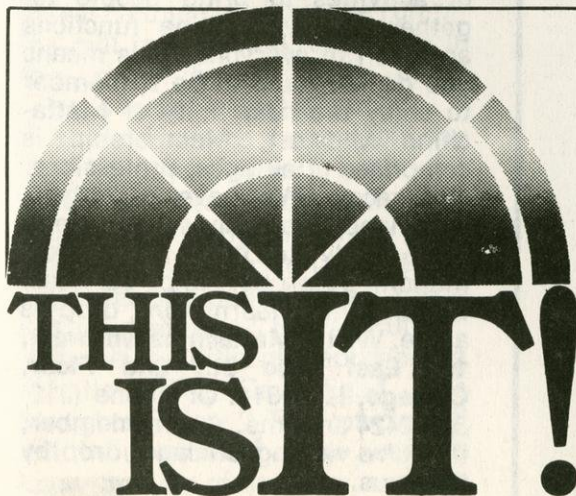
come to terms with the sexual identity which is comfortable to her/him.

This is the kind of book which deserves a place in every high school and public library. Written with loving care, it can provide not only self-discovery to gay adolescents, but also readably accessible information for any young adult, whether gay or not. Getting the book into print is, of course, only a part of the story: getting it where it belongs, on library shelves, is the other part. Readers of this review will be doing a service to their own communities by requesting the

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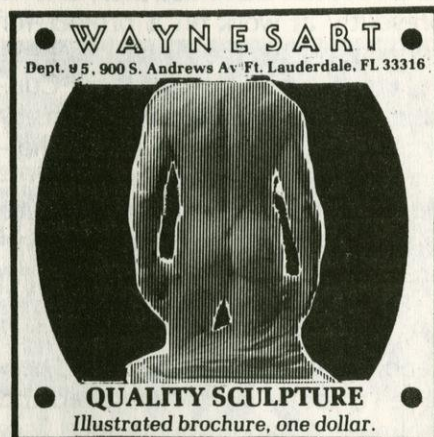
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acquisition department of their local (community or high school) libraries to order the book. Readers who have not undertaken this sort of community service before may wish to write for a pamphlet which provides information on getting such materials into local libraries. It is available from the Task Force on Gay Liberation, American Library Association, Box 2383, Philadelphia, Pa 19103.

Adolescents, whether gay or not, are willing and able to acquire factual information on what it means to be gay. Except for those who have been intellectually lobotomized by religious training, they do want honest answers.

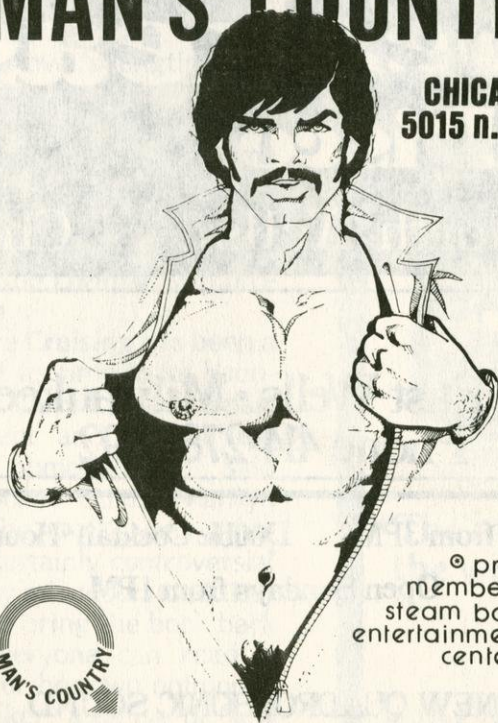


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REVIEW

A Day and A Night at the Baths by Michael Rumaker. Grey Fox Press, Bolinas, California, 1979. Hardcover, \$10.00, paper, \$4.00. [Distributed by The Subterranean company, Box 10233, Eugene, Or 97440. Published by Grey Fox Press, Box 159, Bolinas, CA 94924. All orders should be sent to the distributor.]

This novel is dedicated to the nine who died, and the many who were injured, at the fire which destroyed the Everard Baths on West 28th Street in Manhattan (May 25, 1977). The action (and action there is plenty of) takes place, one presumes, at the Everard, and the author-narrator is on his first visit to the any baths. "The baths," we are told, "had always nagged at me as some undone experience in my past gay life."

Within the gambit of 80 pages, the reader is taken through the complete gambit from the treatment of crabs and how to keep your keys from flopping and making noise on your wrist to how to determine whether the open cubicle door is a real invitation or not.

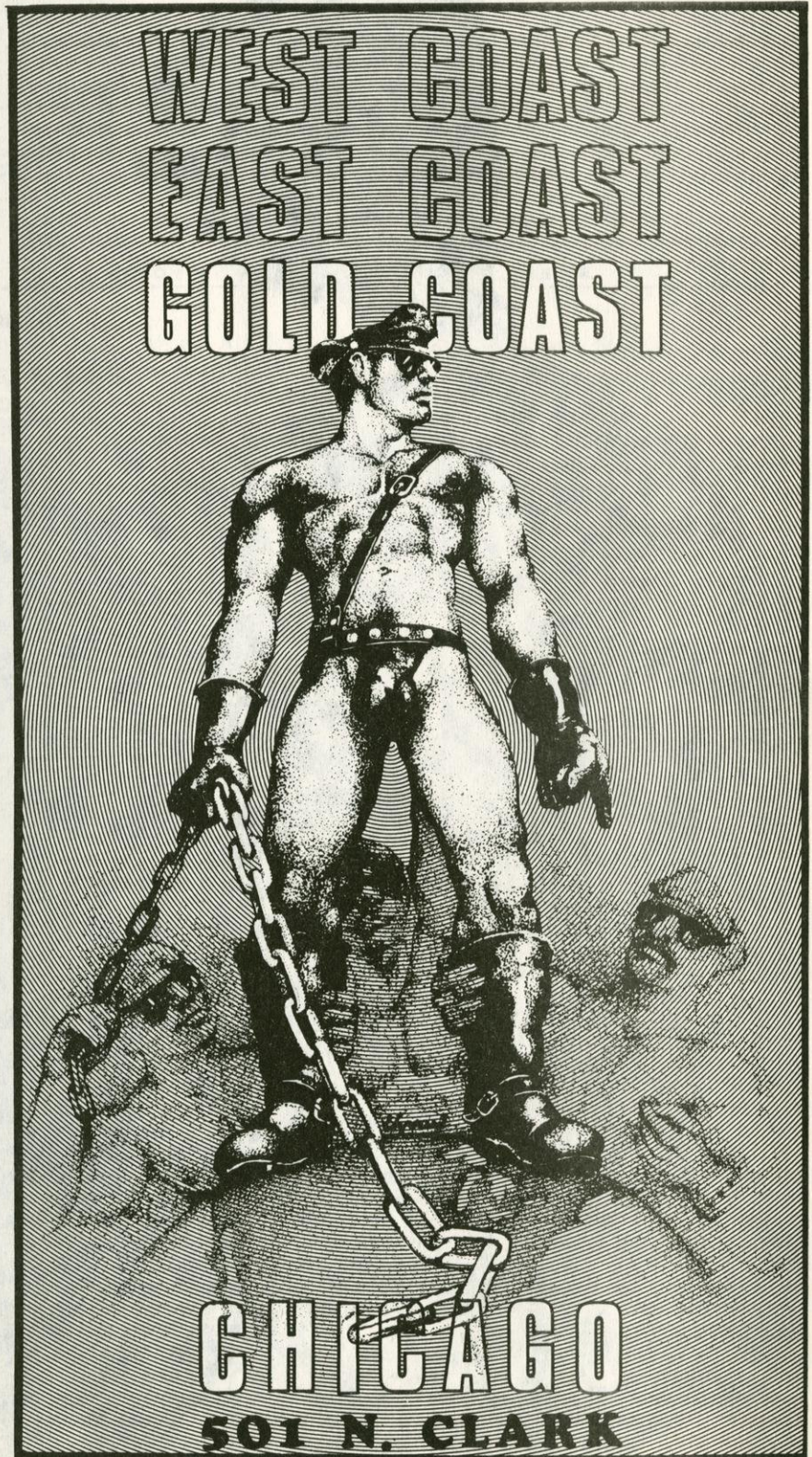
Had this story been a little shorter, it would have fit into the category dubbed "jagoff story" by gay editors (those who accept them for publication as well as those who don't). In all fairness, the writing is at least a thin cut above the run-of-the-mill jagoff story one finds in the run-of-the-mill pulp mag. What's missing most is humor.

It would be nice if one could say that, for those (few?) gays who have never been to the baths, the novel could provide at least a play-by-play intro. Unfortunately, **Playboy** magazine published an article last year entitled "Sex in Public" with the magnificently appropriate subtitle, "The Gays Lead, The Straights Follow." That article will tell the uninitiated all he needs to know by way of starters; and it's

much shorter than the novel, and does have the bits of humor one expects from **Playboy** writers.

Sex is not really a spectator sport anyway, so those gay men who are curious and who haven't been to the baths can buy a membership

for about the price of this book. Others (gay women, nongays) will find Rumaker's novel of some interest. Oh, yes, one other thing—the author never does get around to saying whether he had fun or not. I hope so.



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Any person, group or business who wishes to have a free announcement of an upcoming event should send copy before the 20th of any month for the next issue.



November 1

Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
 Little Jim's(Milwaukee) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
 Coalition for ERA(Madison), 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
 Counseling(Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.

November 2

Fox Valley Gay Assoc.(IL) Rap Session, 8 p.m., 1561 Junior Place, Elgin.

November 3

Dignity(Milwaukee) All-gay Roller Skating Party, Phone (414) 961-1965.

November 4

Gay Al-Anon(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Gay Alcoholics Anonymous(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
 MCC(Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.
 SIGHT(Kenosha) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Spiritualist Church, 6333 Sheridan Rd.
 Gay Men's Volleyball(Madison), 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Gym, 425 Henry Mall.
 GLAD TO BE GAY(Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
 Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.
 Mattachine(Chicago) Board Meeting, 12 noon, 100 E. Ohio St.

November 5

Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Business Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Gay Men's AA(Madison) 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

November 6

Gay VD Clinic(Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

November 7

United(Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582 for information.
 Gay AA(Chicago) Meeting, 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio Street.
 Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite.
 Mattachine(Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

November 8

Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
 Coalition for ERA(Madison), 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
 Counseling(Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.
 Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

November 9

Dignity(Milwaukee) Women's Retreat at Siena Center, Through Nov. 11, See news article in this issue.
 MOHR(Detroit) Convention, Elaine Noble keynote speaker, Through Nov. 11, For information write MOHR, 940 West McNichols, Detroit, MI 48203, or Phone (313) 863-7255.
 Fox Valley Gay Assoc.(IL) Rap Session, 8 p.m., 1720 Walnut St., St. Charles, IL.
 GAU(Minneapolis) Regional Conference, Registration, reception, and University

Lesbian Gay Film Festival, See UPDATE COLUMN THIS ISSUE.

Manhole(Green Bay) 3rd Anniversary Party, through Nov. 11, Friday complimentary champagne 9-10:30 p.m., disco, 207 South Washington St., Phone (414) 435-1495.

November 10

Dignity(Milwaukee) Women's Retreat at Siena Center, Through Nov. 11, See news article in this issue.

MOHR(Detroit) Convention, Through Nov. 11, See Nov. 9 Listing.

Manhole(Green Bay) 3rd Anniversary Party, Allison Brooks Show 8 p.m., Door prizes and disco. See listing for Nov. 9. GAU(Minneapolis) Regional Conference, Registration 9:30, Workshops 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30, Reception 5-7, Film festival 7-9 p.m., See UPDATE column page 19.

November 11

Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.

MCC(Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.

Dignity(Milwaukee) Women's Retreat at Siena Center, See news article in this issue.

Gay Al-Anon(Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.

Gay AA(Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.

SIGHT(Racine) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Unitarian Church, 625 College Ave.

GLAD TO BE GAY(Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.

Gay Men's Volleyball(Madison), 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Gym, 425 Henry Mall.

Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

MOHR(Detroit) Convention, See Listing for Nov. 9.

Manhole(Green Bay) 3rd Anniversary Party, Complimentary buffet 3-6 p.m., Beer bust 6-9 p.m., Door prizes and disco, See listing under Nov. 9.

GAU(Minneapolis) Regional Conference, Brunch with keynote speakers, See this issue's UPDATE column page 19.

November 12

Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.

Gay Men's AA(Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

November 13

Gay VD Clinic(Madison), 7:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

November 14

United(Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582 for information.

Gay AA(Chicago), 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite. Mattachine(Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

November 15

Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

Coalition for ERA(Madison), 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.

Counseling(Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.

Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

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Forum(Davenport, IA) on Attitudes towards Homosexuality, St. Ambrose College, For information contact Gays United of the Quad Cities(See Directory).

November 18

Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.

MCC(Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.



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 GLAD TO BE GAY(Madison) TV Program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
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 Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

November 19

Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
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November 19

Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Gay Men's AA(Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

November 20

Gay VD Clinic(Madison) 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

November 21

United(Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582 for information.
 Gay AA(Chicago), 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
 Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite.
 Mattachine(Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

November 22

Happy Thanksgiving!

Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
 Mattachine(Chicago) Thanksgiving Dinner, Contact Mattachine Midwest(See Directory) for information.
 Fox Valley Gay Assoc.(IL) Thanksgiving Dinner, Phone or write FVGA(See Directory) for information.

November 24

Dignity(Milwaukee) Traditional American Ethnic Supper, Contact Dignity(see Directory) for information.
 Fox Valley Gay Assoc.(IL) Cocktail and Disco Party, 8 p.m., 5628 Santa Cruz, Hanover Park, IL, \$1 admission for non-members.

November 25

Dignity(Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.
 MCC(Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 North Stowell.
 Gay Al-Anon(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Gay AA(Milwaukee), 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
 SIGHT(Racine) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Unitarian Church, 625 College Ave.
 GLAD TO BE GAY(Madison) TV Program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
 Gay Men's Volleyball(Madison), 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Gym, 425 Henry Mall.
 Gold Coast(Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m.

November 26

Gay People's Union(Milwaukee) Meeting,

8 p.m., Farwell Center.
 Gay Men's AA(Madison), 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

November 27

Gay VD Clinic(Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

November 28

United(Madison) Steering Group, Phone (608) 255-8582 for information.
 Gay AA(Chicago), 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
 Man's Country(Chicago) Movie Nite.

Mattachine(Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio Street.

November 29

Grapevine(Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
 Coalition for ERA(Madison), 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
 Counseling(Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 127 University Ave.
 Little Jim's(Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
 Mattachine(Chicago) Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 100 E. Ohio Street.

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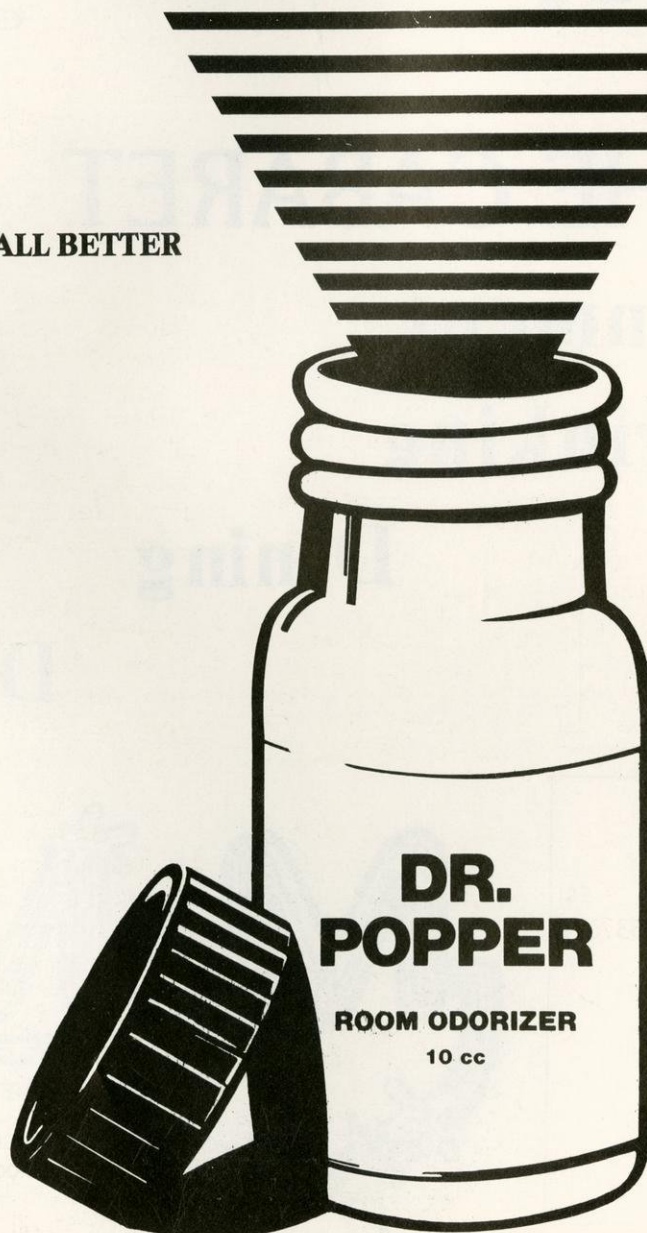
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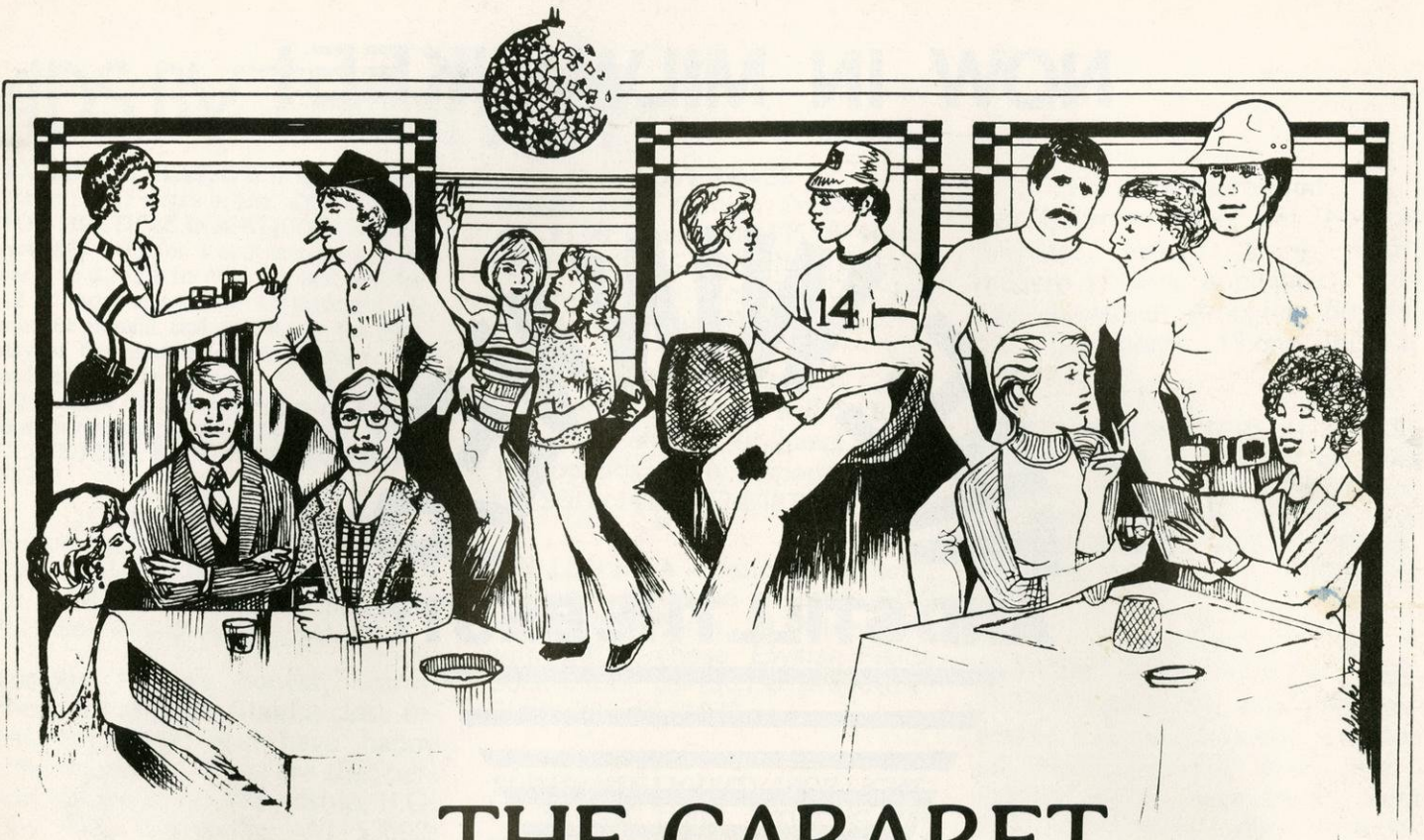
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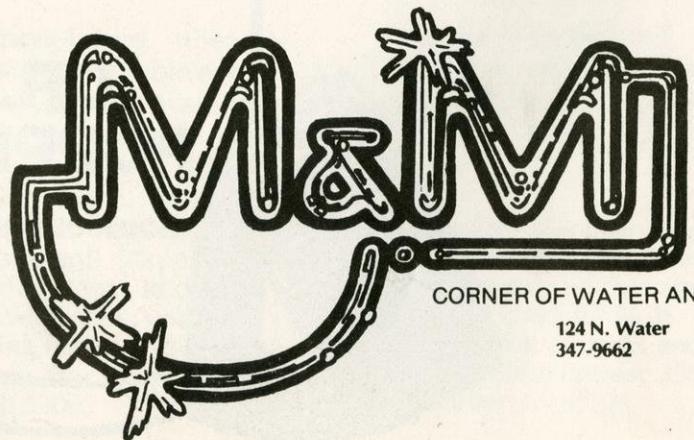
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