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TAKE HEED

- a newsletter from GPU

INTERNAL REVENUE ON FILING JOINT INCOME TAX RETURNS OF GAYS

Washington - Joint income tax returns have been filed by a number of Gay couples around the country and apparently accepted by the Internal Revenue Service, even to the point that some have recieved refunds.

However, the IRS says that at the present time such returns are going through simply because much of the handling of tax forms has been computerized, and the computers are not set up to spot instances where a joint return carries two male or two female names.

"The form does not ask which member of the household is female and which is male," an IRS spokesman said, "so it might not be readily apparent on the face of the return."

"However, if the form were individually audited, that fact could be detected. Besides those forms which are audited because of some discrepancy picked up in initial processing, a certain number of returns are audited at random." He continued saying that the IRS does not at present have any policy on the legality of a married homosexual couple filing a joint return.

"It comes down to the point where we recognize a marriage if that marriage is recognized by the law of the state in which the tax-payers reside.

No state at present specifically recognizes homosexual marriages. Many state laws are vague on the sex of the partners, however, and two such states - Minnesota and Kentucky - are faced with court cases trying to force recognition of Gay unions.

"We don't have a ruling now, but if it ever came up, we would have to make a ruling," the IRS spokesman said. (taken from the ADVOCATE, June 9-22, 1971)

SOFTBALL IN MILWAUKEE

Sunday, June 6 saw Milw'k. Gays meeting at Lakeside Park for what may prove to be the first of a summer series of Softball.

Split into two teams by sex, The Kings and The Queens, the action started at 2PM. With everyone expecting the women to win, including most of the men's team, it was an amazing upset when the Queens won 12 - 10. (Some say that the men won because the Umpire was prejudiced because of his sex, but this reported really doubts that story)

All met afterwards at one of the bars, the Kings bought a keg of beer, and a good time was had by all, with more hangovers Monday than since the final battle of Troy.

There was talk of another game in early July, watch this newsletter for details.

SEX IN FINLAND

Under a newly adopted sex code, most restrictions on Gay sex have been lifted. In an unusual feature, it legalizes sex among consenting minors - as well as

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YEAR END REPORT
FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF GAY PEOPLE'S UNION
TO THE GREATER MILWAUKEE GAY COMMUNITY

Gay People's Union? What have they been doing?

THIS -

A series of films at the UW-M campus, including:

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THIS SPECIAL FREINDSHIP

LEATHER BOYS and SCORPIO RISING,

We've had three swimming parties at UW-M,

Last Nov. 1 we sponsored a free dance, the first public
gay dance in Milwaukee,

We publish a bi-weekly newsletter, distributed free to
the Milwaukee Gay Community,

We've had articles in Kaliedescope,

We've had representative on local TV and radio programs,

We've spoken both at UW-M, and various Colleges and
High Schools in the Eastern Wisconsin area,

We've been corresponding with Gay Groups from Boston to
Los Angeles,

We can boast an active membership of nearly 50,

Our telephone, 342-1722 is always available for counselling,
legal and medical referrals,

We have weekly meetings, rap sessions at 1155 N 21st at 8PM,

AND importantly, Gay People's Union is sponsoring a weekly
radio program, A GAY PERSPECTIVE on WZMF (98.3 FM) at
11:30 Sunday nights. To our knowlege, this is the first
and only such program of its kind in the United States.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, we have spent a year building Gay
Consciousness within our organization. People just
realizing their sexuality, at the same time realizing
that Gay IS Great, and people who've been out for a
long time realizing that there is more to being Gay
than Bars and Beaches and Juneau Park.

Next year we plan on

Opening an office in the UW-M Student Union,

And sponsoring even more movies, dances, and Gay fun!

COME OUT TO GAY PEOPLE'S UNION'S MONDAY NIGHT RAP & SOCIAL MEETING AT 1155 N 21ST STREET, AT 8PM. BUT REMEMBER, IT'LL BE YOUR HEAD, NOT YOUR BODY THAT WILL BE IMPORTANT.

WANT ADS

A call for "Baubles, bangles, and beads", household items, furniture, all those hideous old things that you can no longer live with but are too nice to throw out, is being made by Gay People's Union for a WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION to raise funds for our work. For more information, watch for our next newsletter.

WANTED - Business listings from businessmen who could appreciate our collective patronage. We want to keep a referral file to help Gay sisters and brothers. Contact GPU.

IDEAS wanted, along with suggestions, etc., for a Gay Camp-out weekend.

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adults - but provides penalties for adults that get it on with minors.

The new code is the result of an odd political compromise Communists and ultraconservatives, and was achieved at the price of an increase in the penalty for the religious crime of blasphemy from six months to twentyfour months.

GAY PRIDE WEEK IN CHICAGO

Gay Pride Celebration, June 20th thru 27th, in Chicago will include a boat cruise, dance, art fair, old fashioned picnic, conferences, and rap sessions, a parade, and FUN.

For further information and/or help in housing, write:

CHICAGO GAY PRIDE
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
171 West Elm
Chicago 60610

LLOYD BARBEE, ASSEMBLYMAN, ON THE SEX LAWS, AND HIS PROPOSALS

Assemblyman Lloyd Barbee discussed his proposed bill to repeal the existing sex laws of Wisconsin on a special hour-long GAY PERSPECTIVE radio program broadcast on June 6 on WZMF. Barbee's bill #600 repeals the laws which make all sex outside of marriage, and some sex within marriage criminal.

Barbee said that, "The state has no business proscribing sexual activities of parties who will consent to them. The state is not harmed by them. The idea of police snooping into bedrooms, and becoming peeping toms in parks, restrooms, and parked cars is very debasing, and a very bad use of public officials. The Vice Squad, in my mind, should be immediately abolished." The proposed law would also legalize "freelance" prostitution as well as abortion, pornography and polygamy (multiple marriages). Thus Lloyd Barbee has proposed a complete and sweeping change of legal thought about sex.